Christmas Fayre

Froxfield Village Hall

Sunday 29th November 2026

2:00p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Gift Stalls Bottle Tombola

Indoor Games

Children's Crafts Raffle

Santa' Grotto Surprise!

Mulled Wine – Mince Pies – Teas and Cakes

Live Music by local artists

Candlelit Carols in the Church – 4:30p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



November 2026



The Altar Table Display

Arranged by Year 6 girls

Editors Note:

No bin calendar this month as EHDC have yet to update there calendar.

We are bin calendar 14 if you want to check when they do

Froxfield Village Hall Update

The hall has settled back into its autumn routine, pre-school every weekday, keep fit and yoga classes a few evenings each week and occasional birthday parties.

At the end of September, we ran our Quiz Night fundraiser which was very successful, raising nearly £250 towards the costs of keeping the hall going. A big thankyou to Teresa Brown for organising this and to all those who turned up to support the event. By the time you read this we will have just had our annual Bonfire Night and hopefully this will also have been successful.

The autumn working party went ahead as usual in early October, and since the weather was still quite warm, the opportunity was taken by members of the garden club to replant the window boxes ready for the winter.



NOVEMBER The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett in the Diocese of Portsmouth **2026**

Benefice Worship

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Sunday, Steep
8.30am Holy Communion**, Steep**
10am Benefice TenAM Together with Baptism, **Steep**

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said)**, Stroud**
10.40am Service of Remembrance**, Froxfield Green**
10.45am Service of Remembrance**, Steep**

Wednesday 11th November
Act of Remembrance at Steep War Memorial

Sunday 15th November
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said)**, Steep**
10am Parish Communion**, High Cross**

Sunday 22nd November
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said)**, Stroud**
10am Parish Communion, **Steep**
11am Morning Prayer,(BCP), **Froxfield Green**

Sunday 29th November 1st Sunday of Advent (P)
10.00am Advent Benefice Communion**, High Cross**
4.30pm Candlelit Carols *after Christmas Fair*, **High Cross**

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.
For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at **steepfroxfieldprivett@gmail.com.**
or visit our website **www.steepfroxfield.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 Village Hall Update

Coming up we have the Christmas Fayre booked in the hall for Sunday 29th November, a good opportunity for a social and perhaps buy a few gifts.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

November	
Sun 1st	Bonfire Night at the village hall.
Sat 14th	Drop In, tea, cake and a chat, 10:30 to 12 noon
Fri 20th	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
Sun 29th	Christmas Fayre

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:

December 12th

January 9th

Is there more to life than this?

Try a Taster Evening to discover Alpha, before a 7 week course starting in January, when we will unpack the basics of the Christian faith together.

- Start with pudding and coffee
- Watch a talk
- Share your thoughts
- Meet new people

No pressure, no judgement, no charge!

Venue: Hawkley Village Hall GU33 6LY

Date: Monday 7th December

Time: 7.30 – 9.00pm

Everyone welcome whatever your belief

Let us know if you're thinking of coming:

robinandmuffy@gmail.com



A Ceremony of Carols
by Benjamin Britten
and Winter Suite by Michael Orchard

St Peter's, High Cross, GU32 1EQ

Saturday 5th December 2026 at 7.30pm

Tickets £18 (£12 students) from

TicketSource, One Tree Books or on the door

www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

A curated Wine Tasting at Privett Village Hall - Saturday 21 November

Privett Village Hall invites you to a rather special Wine Tasting on Saturday 21 November, beginning at 6.00pm, provided by West Meon Wine Society (who provided an excellent Wine Tasting evening at PVH a couple of years ago featuring wines to drink with the Christmas feast).

On this occasion the theme of the wine tasting is *"Nightmare in the Vineyard".* The world of viticulture is undergoing radical reassessment as climate change affects vineyards in Europe and beyond. It might surprise us that vineyards have appeared in Sussex, Hampshire and elsewhere in England, but change over the centuries is not unknown – we are told that in Roman Britain there were vineyards as far north as York. – what is surprising is that in a short time English vineyards have developed thriving and world-class wines.

During the evening we shall be tasting 2 red wines, 2 white wines, a rosé wine, and a sparkling wine, all from vineyards (including vineyards local to us) which are forward-thinking in adapting to the "nightmare" of change stalking the wine industry. With an illustrated talk we will learn about these far-ranging changes now taking place in wine-growing regions, as well as having an expert introduction and "tasting notes" to each of the wines to be tasted.
A simple "Ploughman's" will be served to accompany the tastings.
Tickets for this interesting evening are £15 per head. *It is essential that we know in advance (by Wednesday 18 November latest) how many will be coming along.* 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

The first half of the Autumn term has finished and the half term holiday is about to start – a welcome break for the children and the staff and an opportunity to draw a deep breath before the excitement and busyness of the run up to Christmas. There's the carol service to prepare for, the reverse advent calendar to organise and the Nativity Service to rehearse as well as all the usual lessons and learning to be planned and taught.

But first let's reflect on the half term just gone. Most recently the children in class 2 led the whole school and their parents in a wonderful celebration harvest service. As ever with Froxfield school children, the singing was a joy and the speakers from class 2 performed their words with confidence and aplomb.

The church was decorated with the lovely flowers from the parish service and the altar arrangement was especially impressive as it had been decorated by 7 girls from class 6 who had brought a wonderful range of vegetables and fruit – including a large marrow that one girl had grown herself! (see picture on page 1)

The school children and their parents also brought very generous gifts of non - perishable goods for the Petersfield Food Bank and together with the gifts from the parish I was able to deliver 22 full shopping bags to the Food Bank – the volunteers there were so grateful as they told me that the need in Petersfield continues to increase.

Mrs Farrow has agreed that along with the congregation and the parish, the school will once again participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal for the Food Bank.

Froxfield School continued

For each day of Advent the children will be given the chance to donate Christmas goodies – encouraging the children – and all of us – to consider the needs of others at this especially pressurised time of year for families and individuals struggling financially.

The Advent Carrier bags will be arranged at the back of High Cross Church from Sunday 29th (Advent Sunday) until Friday 18th December. The gifts will be taken regularly to the Food Bank so that the Christmas food parcels can be made up in good time.

Froxfield school is a very sporty school and at this time of year is involved in both Football and Cross Country events. Recently the children from Key Stage 2 competed against 13 other local schools in the Portsdown Hill Cross County League and the footballers attended an Under 9 and an Under 11 football tournament at Bedales. This is a very popular occasion as the children are treated to a delicious after match tea! Thank you Bedales.

4 Children from Year 6 represented the school at the interschool quiz competition at Churchers School – it was great fun and all the children involved had a lovely time. What a fun way to help young folk develop their confidence as well as skills of co-operation and working in a team.

In science class 1 are learning about seasons and have learned that it is now Autumn. The children have been taught that during Autumn some animals hide away from the cold and hibernate. Graham Bowring 'the hedgehog man' - the founder of the Saint Francis Animal Care Hedgehog Rescue Centre, came to visit class 1. Graham brought two rescue hedgehogs with him - Harry and Henry. The children had a unique opportunity to meet real hedgehogs and Graham was able to tell the children about hedgehog hibernation, their nocturnal habitats, and how to protect Britain's declining hedgehog populations.

I happened to be in school the day that Graham Bowring had visited and I was impressed by the delight the children had in telling me about Harry and Henry Hedgehog and how they were all spiny and rolled up into a ball. What a lovely opportunity the children had – what a lovely school Froxfield Is!

Gillian Hollis, Chair of Governors



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 of 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. Could you please make it easier for Howard, by putting it in an envelope with your name on the front?

I wish to order a printed copy of the PARISH MAGAZINE in 2027

Please put your money and form in a sealed envelope with your name on it

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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.

Christmas Wreaths and Table Decorations at Privett



Once again at Privett Village Hall we are holding a seasonal and popular event, a morning where you can make your Christmas wreath or table decoration with assistance from those who know how to do it! It will be held on **Saturday 12 December**, from **10.00 am**.

Wreath holders and greenery will be provided, but if you want to include any special decorations (such as candles or baubles) bring them along. If your garden has interesting foliage, bring that, too, to share with the group. And don't forget to bring your secateurs and snip scissors.

The cost is £20, and coffee, a light lunch and mulled wine are included.

Last year we had more people wanting to come than we had room for, so please book your tickets early:

> ***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 or Vanessa Christie (email: vanessachristie54@icloud.com).***

So that the right wreath holders can be ordered, let ***Vanessa*** know if you would like moss and wire; oasis and a wreath ring; ivy or willow; or anything else you have in mind to form the basis of your wreath.

SOLUTION TO OCTOBER 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.

Church News



October has been a busy month in the church catering for all needs including those of our animals!

The month started with the flurry of activity as a number of ladies made their contribution to the annual Harvest Festival display of autumn flowers together with generous contributions for the Petersfield Food Bank – the church looked absolutely beautiful – sincere thanks to all those who helped create these beautiful displays. The service on Sunday 5th was very well attended and it was good to see a few new faces. Froxfield School were also appreciative of the displays to which they added contributions at their service later that week.

The Pet Service was held at high Cross on the 18th. With an increase in the number of people there. We were delighted to welcome some new dogs to the village together with their well-behaved owners, also recently moved into the village. There was a waggy mother and grown-up pup reunion, they clearly recognised each other. Sadly, there were no ponies, tortoise or children this year.

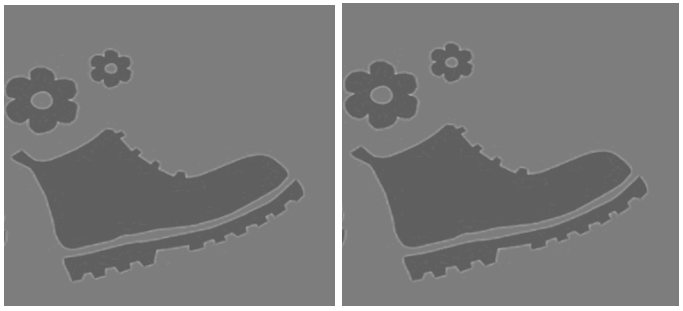
The end October brings us to the time of Remembrance. Hopefully you will have seen notification of the service of Remembering and Thanksgiving for loved ones who have died which will have been held at St Peter's, High Cross on Saturday 31st October.

The annual Service of Remembrance and wreath laying will be at St Peter's, Froxfield Green on Sunday 8 November – please note the earlier start time of **10.40 am**

The beautiful flowers were also appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended the funeral at High Cross for Jean Barnett. As many of you know, Jean, together with her husband Reg, were residents of High Cross for many, many years and played an important and enormous part in village life especially in connection with the Village Hall and the cricket, football and darts teams. Amongst other attributes Jean was renowned for her delicious sandwich and cake making! Granddaughter Kimberley gave a heartfelt and moving eulogy which summed up Jean's life very well. She will be greatly missed by her large family and all who knew her.

Church News continued

On a final note, we would like to send Jan (Cole) all our very best wishes for her new life in Petersfield together with a huge thank you for her enormous contribution to both our churches but especially to St Peter's, Froxfield Green. Apart from being a very regular worshipper, Jan has provided endless flowers from her wonderful garden and arranged innumerable displays in both churches. She has also been ever present at the Froxfield Green Morning Prayer service on the 4th Sunday of the month frequently providing us with coffee and delicious biscuits! Many of us will long remember the fantastic breakfasts following the Dawn Easter Services. All that before her dedicated commitment to the locking and unlocking of the church. A HUGE thank you Jan – we all very much hope we see you 'up the hill' on many occasions in the future.



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednedsay of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 2nd December

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

Froxfield Privett GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday 11th November

Froxfield Village Hall 7.30pm

A talk by Andrew Hunt, Head Gardener

'Kingston Lacy through the Seasons'

Non-members are very welcome £ 5

www.fpgarden.club

Alton u3a

learn, laugh, live

Group spaces still available

Our new annual programme of events for 2026-27 started in September, and we have over 85 different interest groups to choose from such as Art, Dance and Fitness, Games, History, Music and Wellbeing. We also arrange excursions, classical concerts, monthly films and talks, plus a coffee morning and weekend activities. Over 60 of our groups have spaces available for you to join. Please see our website for full details. 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.

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

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.

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Clergy Corner: Remembering



You know that feeling when you walk downstairs for something, and your mind goes completely blank?

I stand forlornly at the bottom of the stairs, trying desperately to think of what it was I came here for.
I scour my brain, trying to think carefully through the options. I even search mental filing cabinets in an attempt to recall it.

But no, absolutely nothing comes to mind!

In the end I turn and retrace my steps - I return to the place where I had the idea of what I needed to do, and gradually I finally remember why I was there.

There's something about going back, about taking our minds back to an important time - it can help clear our thoughts. It can help us retrieve the power of a moment.

That can be a positive or a negative thing. A blessing or a curse, if you like.

It can grow our gratitude by remembering the good, or it can bind us in a loop of a grudge, a trauma or a fear.

At its best Remembrance helps us grow into better, bigger-hearted people.
It turns us away from running carelessly into serious situations of conflict.
Us and our leaders too.

No wonder that out of the grim misery of war, our forebears created War Memorials, and ceremonies of Remembrance. They wanted to make sure we would never forget.

Clergy Corner: continued

Thanks to them we have dates set aside to Remember with sombre gratitude, to Remember with the determination to build a future that is better than what went before.

We set aside times to take ourselves back, to allow ourselves to Remember those who did all they could to make the world a better place, for those who came after them.
Those who died, those whose lives were forever changed because they were sure that what they were doing was for peace.

We are their future, and whatever we think about armed conflict, may we allow ourselves the time and the space in this season of Remembering to set our hearts on peace.

On Saturday 31st October we have our annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering when we remember and to honour those close to us who have died. The service is at 4pm at St Peter's High Cross.

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November. Our communities gather to recall the names of those who paid the ultimate price in war. These are at Froxfield Green (10.40am) and Steep Church (10.45am). Everyone is welcome.

Steep also has an outdoor ceremony at its Village war memorial at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

By the end of November, we're already gathering speed towards remembering very much happier things - do look out for events, celebrations and services remembering Jesus' birth at Christmas. Why not make these part of your Advent and Christmas season? There's a reason why Jesus was called the Prince of Peace!

With my prayers and every blessing,
Susie , Vicar,
Steep and Froxfield with Privett

CURTIS MUSEUM continued

Museum Community Partnership, Friends of the Curtis Museum, Hampshire County Council and the Alton Assembly Rooms, alongside operator Hampshire Cultural Trust. This group meets regularly to support the development of a long-term plan for the future of the Curtis Museum.
The JMC launched a community survey in September, which has gathered just under 600 responses, sharing local views on the importance and potential of the Museum. The results will be available by the time you read this. Thank you to everyone who took part.
A consultation workshop was set up in mid September, bringing together councillors for the town, local groups, organisations and residents to consider the future of the Curtis Museum. Informed by initial results from the survey, the workshop developed a wide range of potential ideas to make the Museum more attractive to visitors, more relevant to the local community and to increase funding.
We look forward to keeping you updated as our work progresses.

ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

For younger visitors-
Ancient Romans vs Ancient Britons
We're travelling back 2000 years to the Roman invasion of Southern Britain. Our resident Roman, Marcus, and our resident Briton, Cedric, are recruiting. Choose your side and train with them if you have what it takes.
Continues throughout the Autumn term.

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

TALK organised by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery -
The Importance of Mediaeval Women, Part 2.
Continuing Caroline Stapleton's fascinating talk.
Thursday 12th November. 7 for 7.30pm in **Room 7, Alton Community Centre**.
Free to Friends, £2 for guests. Tea/coffee provided.

CURTIS MUSEUM

OPENING TIMES
Tuesday to Saturday
10am – 4.30pm

01420 82802
www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

ALLEN GALLERY UPDATE

The Allen Gallery in Alton has been closed for redevelopment since December 2025 and will reopen in early 2027 with revitalised galleries, a welcoming community space and fresh ways to experience the nationally and internationally important ceramics collection. The project has included behind-the-scenes work to repair and restore a significant number of objects to ensure they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

As part of the project, Hampshire Cultural Trust is pleased to offer a range of ***volunteer roles*** *at the gallery, from welcoming visitors to the venue and supporting cafe and front desk operations, to offering guided tours of the collections or helping with community workshops and events. To find out more about these roles please email alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk.*

This major redevelopment is managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust and made possible with support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, as well as East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council.

CURTIS MUSEUM UPDATE

Over the summer Alton Town Council and East Hampshire District Council have confirmed interim funding support for the Curtis Museum, our town's dedicated local history museum. The venue was placed at risk of closure following a significant cut in funding to its operator, Hampshire Cultural Trust. A community campaign, led by the Curtis Museum Community Partnership, was the catalyst for conversations which ultimately secured £30k of interim funding for the Museum.

The Parish and Village School "Reverse Advent Calendar" this December

Once again, in the run up to Christmas, the parish and the village school are setting up in the church a Reverse Advent Calendar in order to provide festive food and also essentials for the PACT Foodbank in Petersfield – the Foodbank relies on a boost in donations at Christmas time, when household budgets in some families are especially under pressure.

Just a quick reminder of how it works: in a reverse of the usual idea of an Advent Calendar (opening a "window" in the calendar for each day of December and taking a gift) you bring a gift and put it in the calendar for that day. The "calendar" in this instance is a display in the church of carrier bags, each marked with a day of the month and the particular gift for that day – Christmas food plus essentials for everyday life and staple items to help stock up the Foodbank for the "leaner" months of January and February.

From the end of November the 21 large bags will be set out at the back of the church (the church is open every day from 8.30am to 5pm), and you can bring your gifts whenever it suits you. In December's Parish Magazine we will list the days of the month and the gifts for each day, but there is no rule about this – come when you can and all the bags will remain available throughout the month. Please note that the bags will be emptied very regularly to reduce the risk of theft.

Some may prefer to make a cash donation to the work of the PACT Foodbank, and in December's Parish Magazine we will give details of how you can do that by cheque or online – cash donations enable the Foodbank to give out vouchers to be spent in the market on fresh fruit and vegetables.

The PACT Foodbank has been really grateful in past years for all the donations received from our Reverse Advent Calendar. We are sure that they will be just as grateful this year, and in advance we thank you for your thoughtfulness, care and generosity.

Rob Hollis – for the Parish Church **Edward Sadler – for the School**



"We've always had a bit of a problem stopping the boats."

Yet another wonderful cartoon by Nick Newman, Daphne Newman's son, who writes for The Sunday Times and Private Eye.
(we have literally just heard that Daphne has died, so will provide any funeral arrangements as and when we hear them. RIP Daphne).



Carols on the Green

Monday 21st December at 6:30 p.m.

Let's make the village sparkle with song this Christmas!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone along to Carols on the Green again this year. It's always such a wonderful event with our local musicians and delicious homemade refreshments.

This **special family event** is partly held outside (please wrap up warmly) , and we are lucky to have **live local musicians** to accompany us.

We start in the church on the Green at 6:30

After we have sung a few Christmas Carols, we gather on the Green for the lights switch on. Houses around the Green will each have an exterior tree and there will be a tree at the centre of the Green.

Once the lights are on, we will sing a few more Christmas Carols (weather permitting) and then we will repair to Green Farm Stud (a short hop and a step away) for light refreshment provided by local residents.

The event lasts about 45 minutes and during the singing there is a collection in aid of the churches in Froxfield.

In the event of inclement weather, we will use the church at Froxfield Green.

We look forward very much to seeing you,

With every wish for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous year for all in 2026

Suzanne Tong PCC of Froxfield with Privett

Petersfield: 260430 Email: TongVenthams@gmail.com

P.S. If there are any musicians out there who would like to join them and play, please do get in touch OR simply turn up on the night! The more the merrier!!

Froxfield Privett GARDEN CLUB

Our new year commenced on Tuesday 13th October when we held our AGM at Privett Village Hall following a very good year for the Garden Club during the 2025/6 season.

We had some changes to the Committee to vote upon, as Elizabeth Houghton-Connell, our Chairman was stepping down after a very successful few years of running the Club.

Teresa Brown, our Treasurer, and Marion Gimson and Tidda Dobbs, who were longstanding Committee members, were also stepping down. They will all be sadly missed. However, we warmly welcomed Shuna Mackillop-Hall as our new Chairman, Francesca Viggiani as our new Treasurer and Tricia Ross as a new Committee member.

After the AGM we had a very interesting talk from Kevin Hobbs, who was speaking about 'The Story of Trees and how they changed the way we live'.

Kevin has over thirty years experience in horticulture and provided a fascinating insight into their origins and how trees have reacted to the changes in climate and the impact of the demands of our society and diseases has had on certain species.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November at Froxfield Village Hall at7.30pm. The speaker for the evening is Andrew Hunt, who is Head Gardener at Kingston
Lacy, the National Trust property in Dorset, which is home to a beautiful garden where

Snowdrops are a particular speciality. We are looking forward to his presentation andhope to see you there.

Sue Kinloch

POPPY COLLECTION IN FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT – 2026



Poppy collection in Froxfield and Privett started on 23 October, using the "hub system" that has been in place these last few years. These hubs are at:

Froxfield Drive – Kate Adams hosts the hub.

Froxfield Green – Jane de Halpert hosts 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 have about 7 static hubs within easy reach of residents for all to contribute to the Poppy Collection.

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

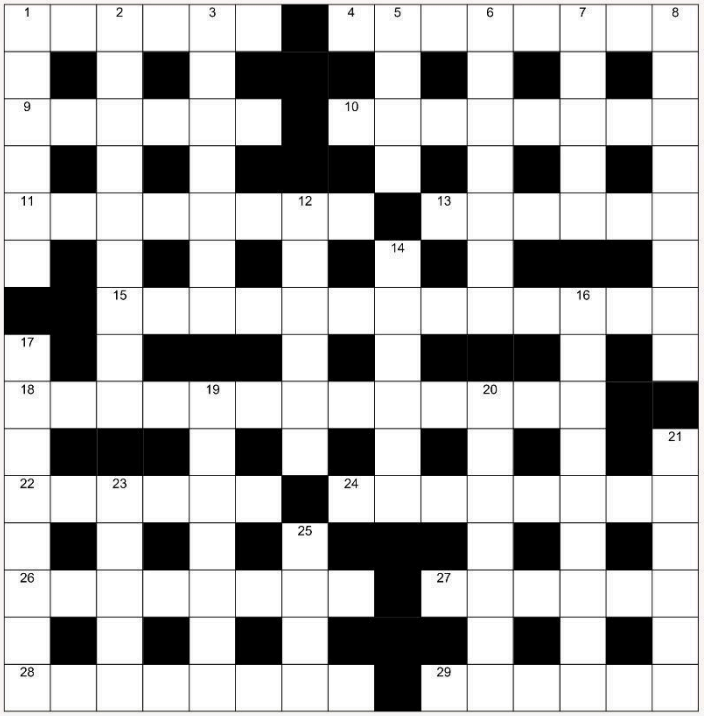
Many thanks for your support.

Jeremy de Halpert and Michael Farrell

Cover

This month's cover is an archive photo, probably taken by Tidda Dobbs. So, thank you Tidda! If anyone has any good flora and fauna photos they would like used for the covers, please send them in. We do try to make them seasonal.

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

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