



*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



April 2024



Benefice Worship

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 Peter 1.3

- Sunday 7 April: The 2nd Sunday of Easter**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
- Sunday 14 April: The 3rd Sunday of Easter**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
followed by APCM
- Sunday 21 April: The 4th Sunday of Easter**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
followed by APCM
- Saturday 27 April**
2pm Pet Service, High Cross
- Sunday 28 April: The 5th Sunday of Easter**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
- Sunday 5 May: The 6th Sunday of Easter /Rogation Sunday**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross followed by
11.15am Rogation Day Walk, High Cross to Privett

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

(White) April 2024

Steep: All Saints', GU32 2DD | Stroud Church: GU32 1AT
High Cross: St Peter's, GU32 1EQ
Froxfield Green: St Peter-on-the Green, GU32 1DQ
Privett: Holy Trinity, GU34 3PE

Front Cover

The cover photo is an archive one of mine.

Caroline

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

(01730 is the telephone exchange unless otherwise stated)

Priest-in-Charge & Area Dean (Petersfield): The Revd Dr Susie Collingridge (624245); susie.collingridge@gmail.com

Assistant Curate: The Revd Sue Jones (624245); susan.jones1410@gmail.com

Retired Clergy (PtO): The Revd Joanna Farrell (828450)

Reader (PtO): Mrs Caroline Hilton (263460)

Lay Pastoral Assistant: Lindsay Clegg (827505)

Churchwardens:

Sara Greenaway (827541) and Rob Hollis (07368 515108)

Benefice Administrator:

AnneGrove www.steepfroxfield.com / steepfroxfieldprivett@gmail.com

Gift Aid (GA) and Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) Officers:

Ian Hughes (n.ianhughes@btinternet.com/828344) (GA); and Christine Stephens (Christine@tcfk-stephens.co.uk) (PGS)

Social media:

Website: <https://steepfroxfield.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/steepfroxfieldandprivettchurches>



Conker meeting some of the children in Class One, Froxfield School

Parish Magazine

All articles, news and for sale items: froxfield.parish@btinternet.com
Phone: Evenings & weekends: 827476 Editors: Caroline & Steve Dillon

Contact Details for Parish Clubs & Societies

Froxfield Village Hall: Contact: Angela Hiscock 01730 827 066 or enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Privett Village Hall: Secretary: Alex Raphael 01730 828461

www.PrivettVillageHall.co.uk

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club: Elizabeth Houghton-Connell 01730 828889

Darts Teams: Angela Hiscock: 01730 827066

Cricket Club: Kevin Hiscock: 01730 827066

Froxfield Choir: NICO JACKSON nicola.jackson2@btopenworld.com

Ladies Friendship Group: Ursela Legg 01730 828324

Alex Raphael Privett Village Hall tel.01730 828461

Froxfield Ringers: Teresa Brown: 828003 or 07799 831426

Country & Western: Viv Barnett 01730 268306

Parish Clerk: 07396722442. clerk@froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Froxfield Stores & Post Office: Howard & Charlotte 01730 827778
www.froxfieldstores.com

Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Defibrillator access code: C0147X

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

11 th	18 th	25 th	May 2 nd	9 th
Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling	Refuse Bin

Churchwarden's Month: Two Graveyards & A Messy Church



Most people know Sir John Betjeman as having been our treasured "Poet Laureate" , from 1972 until his death in 1984, writing poems like " Come friendly bombs and fall on Slough "; " A Shropshire Lad " and " In Westminster Abbey "

But in 1937, the Parishioners of a small village, then in Berkshire , knew something else- that Sir John was REALLY good at being Churchwarden of St Mary's Parish Church, Uffington . His love for the Churchyard was, I like to think, only surpassed by his passion for the fictitious Miss Joan Hunter Dunn, the tennis-playing object of his desire in " A Subalterns Song "

On morning in March 1937, I think its quite likely that John, as he was then was strolling around the churchyard in his home village and thought to himself " That grass needs cutting ! "

So it was for me, too, this morning, as I looked at the Churchyard at Holy Trinity, Privett, and I realised that " I had better get started on that churchyard again this year "

I hope that our Poet / Churchwarden, back then, could call upon the support of a 1930's Christopher Brockhurst to help with the mowing, and a pre-war Ian Hughes to pick up sticks, and build a bonfire , as I did today and I'm grateful for their help.

Here is a photo of Holy Trinity, Privett, churchyard, on 20 March, having been cut for the first time this year, with wild flowers lovingly preserved. If you would like to join me in working on Privett Churchyard, OR, on Froxfield High Cross churchyard, to create peaceful, respectful places like these churchyards can be, please contact me to join our small team of volunteers

HISTORY does not record whether Sir John ever attended a " Messy Church " Service back then in the 1930's, but if he didn't, he could have seen a perfect example of one, here in Froxfield Village Hall, on Saturday 9th March.

Churchwarden's Month continued



MESSY CHURCH is an umbrella national organisation, delivered locally by community groups, in halls, churches, and other shared facilities, which provides a welcoming, warm, lively environment, for anyone and everyone to come together , to meet, socialise, and hear more about Faith.

It is FUN, it is friendly, and attracts people of all ages. It is supported by our local Petersfield Deanery, and was run very successfully, some years ago, here in Froxfield.

Recently, it has been revived, and is now under the leadership of Revd Joanna Farrell and Mrs Katherine Matcham , who ran , with the help of Mrs Gilly Hollis, a new version of this fun event, in our village, where 40 children, plus their parents , grandparents , or carers, enjoyed 2 hours of making gifts for family members, singing some hymns, hearing an address from Rev Joanna, and eating cakes and drinking juice and squash .

The Parish of Froxfield with Privett would like to record its thanks to Mrs Matcham for all the hard work she put into this very successful event, which no doubt will not be the last!

And a future event at PVH for your diaries: there will be a **Quiz Night** on the evening of **Saturday 11 May** – full details will be available in the May Parish Magazine.

Froxfield Choir News

Duke Ellington – Sacred Concert at Holy Trinity, Privett on Saturday 15 June 2024



Fresh from the success of our latest concert in Lyminster, Froxfield Choir is now rehearsing for our annual summer concert in Privett. The March concert was our first away from home for some time. The summer concert is going to be another exciting departure from the norm, as we foray into the world of jazz, with Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert.

Ellington called this 'the most important thing I have ever done'. He said many times that he was not trying to compose a Mass. The critic Gary Giddins has characterised the work as Ellington bringing the Cotton Club revue to the church.

We will be singing alongside the brilliant Brass Breakout Jazz Orchestra. **Please save the date - Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Privett.** Tickets: £18 available from One Tree Books, Petersfield or Ticketsource.

We continue to encourage singers to join our amateur choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at Froxfield Village Hall between 7.45-9.30pm and newcomers are welcome to come along any week for a taster session. Please contact Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com for more details.

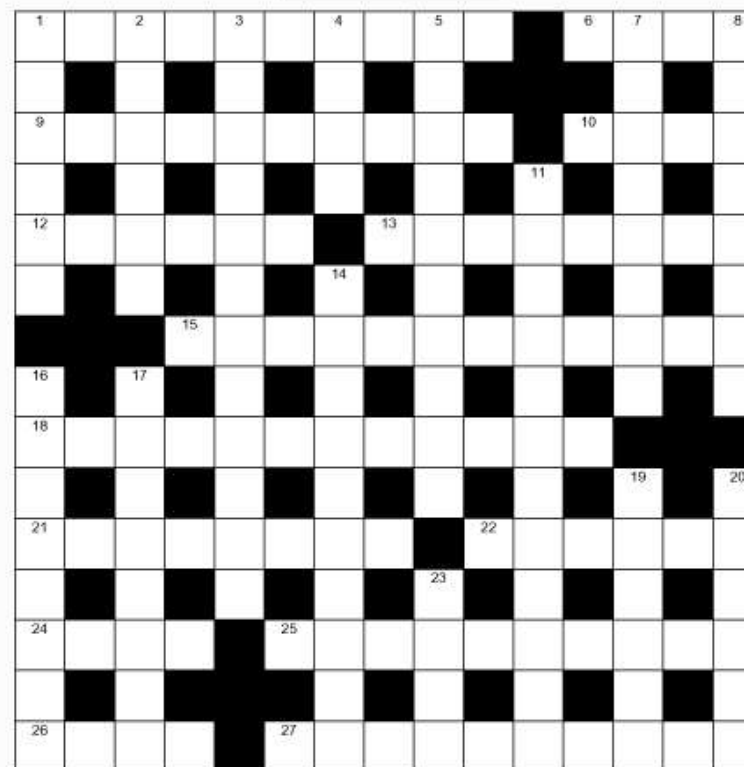
Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @Froxfield Choir and on our website www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

Thank you to The Trooper Inn

A goodly number of us had great fun and a rather brain taxing time at the February Trooper Inn Quiz - ooh those London Underground anagrams! Friends of Froxfield School (Fofs) are extremely grateful to be the recipients of the proceeds of the charity quiz. These fund will go towards our current fundraising project which is creating a spiritual garden within the school grounds. Many thanks to The Trooper and all the quizzers.

Jo Brown on behalf of Fofs

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Old-fashioned or outdated
- 6 Arm or leg
- 9 Temptation; charm
- 10 Terror
- 12 Congenital
- 13 Sets of implements kept in a bag or box and used for a particular purpose
- 15 By means of human intervention rather than naturally
- 18 Of food or drink, chilled
- 21 Part of the Atlantic Ocean, ----- Sea
- 22 Fruit
- 24 Girl's name
- 25 An elected member of a local government
- 26 Cumberbund; belt
- 27 Women who show people to their seats in a cinema or theatre

Down

- 1 A thorny tree or shrub bearing yellow or white flowers. Some varieties also produce gum arabic
- 2 In Greek mythology, they were pre-Olympian gods
- 3 One of the later stages in a sporting competition (7,5)
- 4 Bet, stake
- 5 Environmentally friendly, sustainable
- 7 Unfit for eating
- 8 Seen from above, an elevated prospect
- 11 'Trail vile tea' (anag).
- 14 Official detours
- 16 First year university students
- 17 Actions or remarks that cause outrage or offence
- 19 A portable platform used to move or store goods, as in warehouses
- 20 Sign of the zodiac
- 23 Formerly

Privett Village Hall – AGM & Curry and Pudding Night – Saturday 20 April



On Saturday 20 April the Privett Village Hall Trust holds its Annual General Meeting – followed by a Curry and Pudding Night. Here are the details of the evening:

The (pay) bar opens at 6.30pm. The AGM begins at 7.00pm and curry will be served as soon as the business of the AGM is concluded. The AGM includes receiving the Treasurer's Report & the Chairman's for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the election of the officers and committee members of the Trust for the coming year.

This year, by way of special business, there will be a resolution relating to the plans of the committee to change the constitution of the Trust by updating the provisions relating to the possible dissolution of the Trust (not that there are any plans to dissolve the Trust, far from it! – but grant-making bodies increasingly require charities such as the Trust to have dissolution provisions which accord with current best practice, so that those bodies can see that any grants they make will always be used for a charitable purpose). All are encouraged to attend, and Privett residents and others who have attended Privett Village Hall events are entitled to vote in any election.

The Village Hall is successful and vibrant, thanks to the hard work of an energetic committee. We welcome new committee members, and anyone who is interested in joining the committee should speak to the Chairman (Graham Flack: email: graham.flack@filmorehill.co.uk) for further information. Entry to the AGM is, of course, free. Those who stay for the Curry and Pudding Night are asked to reserve tickets in advance to ensure numbers are catered for – this is always a popular event and we want to be certain that there is plenty for all.

Tickets are £15 (with special terms for families – ask Gill), and can be reserved by contacting Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (email: araphael.enamels@gmail.com).

Do please come - not only to support PVH, but also to enjoy the renowned curries and puddings for which the cooks of Privett are deservedly famous!

Froxfield Village Hall Annual General Meeting



The AGM will be held on 24 April from 6.30pm at the Hall. This is a **public meeting**; the bar will be open and we would encourage you to attend. All existing Trustees resign their position and potential Trustees are asked to step forward for election to the committee. The current Chair will present a report and the

current Treasurer will present the 2023 Accounts.

It is critical to realise that without a functioning committee in place, the village hall cannot be run and in time, would have to close. If you, or someone you know would like to save the hall by becoming a Trustee, please contact Robert Shepherd on robertshepherd.parish@gmail.com. Following the AGM, those remaining Trustees will set out a course of action for the future of the hall, based upon the size and ability of the committee to function.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 13th April **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet people from your community over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake (donations to the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire) Queries to Susanna on 07743 690331



Wednesday 24th April **Village Hall AGM. Public meeting.** Bar open at 6.30pm and meeting commences at 7pm

Friday 19th April **Country Music Club** 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p each

May

Saturday 11th May **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet people from your community over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake (donations to the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire)

Froxfield Village Hall

Friday 17th May

Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p each.



The Future of Our Hall

As you will have read in previous editions, Froxfield Village Hall doesn't have enough engaged volunteer Trustees to keep running the hall into the future. The hall is also loss-making and needs the leadership and engagement of a

committee to make the necessary changes to keep the hall going.

That's why we recently sent out a survey to find out if this community wants to keep a Village Hall in Froxfield. Sadly only 64 (15%) of the 419 households in the Parish responded and whilst the sentiment was positive in relation to the perceived importance of the hall, this was not matched by enough volunteers to join the committee to run the hall.

A key message was that with the right number of people on an engaged committee and sufficient volunteers to help out with the odd event, volunteering would not be a burden and could even be fun!

General volunteers

On the positive side, we had 26 people say they are willing to create a pool of volunteers that could be called upon to help with any events the committee puts on (typically the Fireworks and 3 pop-up events) and with any other tasks that would help the hall, such as identifying Yoga teachers and letting them know of the venue and the local demand (39 people said they would attend a yoga class at the hall) to see if they would rent the hall and establish a regular class.

The Future of Our Hall continued



Committee Volunteers (Trustees)

Unfortunately, we only had 1 volunteer and 2 "maybe" responses, for committee roles. These roles are for a term of 1 year, as they step down at the AGM, but can stand for re-election. The committee only meets 4 times a year, so it really wouldn't be overly time-consuming. In the survey, we set out the 8 roles which we think would make the committee function well, by spreading the activities out into manageable roles:

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Website manager
- Marketing manager
- Bookings manager
- Committee Secretary
- Maintenance manager
- Grants and funding manager

If we can fill these committee roles with engaged volunteer Trustees, we can develop a plan for refurbishing the hall, reducing costs, increasing efficiency, advertising the venue and driving revenues, all to make it a successful hall for the whole community. The next challenge will be to return the hall to making a small surplus, to be able to restore reserves for future capital expenditure. This will be a challenge, but one that can be overcome with the necessary management team in place.

Solution To March Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Pampas, 4 Agnostic, 9 Relate, 10 Conflict, 12 Scrapbooks, 13 Slur, 14 Tea, 15 Satin stitch, 18 Calligraphs, 20 Air, 21 Wash, 22 Spreadable, 24 Drifters, 25 Finish, 26 Highways, 27 Beagle.

Down - 1 Parasitic, 2 Malaria, 3 Antipasti, 5 Glockenspiel, 6 Offa, 7 Triplet, 8 Cater, 11 Lost property, 16 Test drive, 17 Horseshoe, 19 Lasting, 20 Ambling, 21 Width, 23 Stew.



Wednesday 10th April

**Froxfield Village Hall
7.30pm**

A talk by Geoff Hawkins

“Ground Cover”

**Non-members are very
welcome £3**

www.fpgarden.club



Froxfield Parish Council

Planning Applications



SDNP/23/05154/HOUS 19-21 Alexanders Lane. Rear two-storey extension. Internal reconfiguration. Side pergola extension. Outbuilding demolition. New colonnade connecting programme with new vertical circulation. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it was at odds with: SD4, SD5, SD8.

SDNP/24/00598/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Merepond Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3PE. Fell three Sycamore trees on the north-east corner of site (see S1, S1A, S1B on plan). Fell Ash tree and Sycamore tree on boundary with Privett Centre (see A12 & 11A on plan). Fell Sycamore tree on southern boundary (see S22A on plan). It was agreed to OBJECT to S1, S1A and S1B, to SUPPORT the felling of A12 and 11A and to OBJECT to S22A.

SDNP/24/00634/HOUS North Lodge Broadhanger, King Lane. Replacement of existing detached garage with new garage & workshop, with home office space in roof. It was agreed to NOT TO OBJECT to the application.

The next meeting in April is the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING where parishioners can have their say and comment on the annual reports from the Parish Councillors. The whole village is welcome so join the Parish Councillors and other villagers on Thursday 4th April 2024 starting at 7.30, at Froxfield Village Hall.

Ladies Friendship Group's next meeting is on MONDAY 8TH APRIL, 7pm at Privett Village Hall with the topic of "Is there intelligence in the Village?"

A fee of £2.50 per person will be asked for on the night. All ladies welcome not only members.

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery



OUR MAJOR NEW PROGRAMME OF POTTERY WORKSHOPS for young people aged 11-17. Supported by The Murray Parish Trust, these country-wide workshops are intended to promote positive mental health and provide regular, long-term opportunities for young people in Hampshire to use creativity to build their well-being. The high-quality workshops are delivered by professional artist Jill Maguire. Every Saturday 10.30 - 12.30, until 1st June. (No session on 6/04). For more details and booking, please see www.hampshireculture.org.uk/stepping-stones.

ALLEN GALLERY FILM NIGHT

We will be presenting another movie in May - details tba. For further information of any of our events please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or see the website



CURTIS MUSEUM

PRE-LOVED DOLLS HOUSE ITEMS NEEDED

The pre-loved dolls house items range is very popular with collectors of all ages at Dolls House Day. With stock now low if you have any pre-loved items relating to dolls houses and would be happy to donate them to The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery for this year's Dolls House Weekend (27/28 July) please contact Caroline Taylor, carolineanntaylor@hotmail.co.uk. All profits from the sale of these items will contribute to supporting these venues

Clergy Corner



Daffodils fade, hot cross buns crumble away, and some of us have eaten enough chocolate to keep us going for weeks. Easter may be behind us...but it's never over!

Some events are not just 'one off'. When my daughter gets married later this year we hope it will be a wonderful day of celebration, with so many preparations going into making it a very special day. Yet when we crawl into our beds at the end of the night, it's not the end. For the couple that day will be just the start of a whole new chapter of life as 'Mr and Mrs'. Some things happen that change everything.

For Christians, Easter is like that too (but even more than a wedding!). Jesus rising from death one morning more than 2000 years ago was mind-blowing for his friends who had been utterly devastated at his death. But it was so much more than one incredible event in history. It also opens a new door for all of us. Easter shows that there are new hopes for us, and new dreams. Instead of dreading the end of this life on earth, our whole lives can be lived out knowing that death is not the end because Jesus is alive. He's not just for history, but is here for any one of us to know for ourselves. Now he has made a way for us to share his risen life. That changes everything, for always. Easter may be behind us...but it's never over!

And if you are the kind of person who can keep any of their chocolate beyond Easter Monday, the rest of us have much to learn from you!!

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS:

Vote for your representatives in the leadership of our churches, **Celebrate** good things that have been done and **look ahead** to what's to come.

There are elections (and re-elections) for Church Wardens at each of the short **Parishioners' Meetings**, when all resident parishioners and church Electoral Roll members can vote.

These are each followed by an **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**, when we review the year, and PCC members are elected by those on the church Electoral Rolls.

Clergy Corner Continued

Steep (including Stroud) – **Sunday 14th April** 11am (following the 10am service) at All Saints Church.

Froxfield with Privett– **Sunday 21st April** 11am (following the 10am service) at St Peter's Church, High Cross.

Heartfelt thanks go to all outgoing and continuing post-holders and PCC members for the time, energy, service and hard work that you have devoted to your roles in the past year and beyond.

With warmest wishes, Susie Priest in Charge of Steep and Froxfield with Privett
Revd. Dr. Susie Collingridge

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

ALLEN GALLERY

EXHIBITIONS

Echoes of Iceland - this group of four professional textile artists presented a most interesting and popular exhibition in 2023. They are returning to the Gallery in April - watch the website for dates.

TALKS

George Wither, Bentworth poet - a loveable idiot?

A talk by **Barrie Lees**. George Wither was born and bred in Bentworth. He had a penchant for upsetting people with his writings, and was jailed 4 times as a result. He also surrendered Farnham Castle to the Royalists without a shot being fired. Truly an interesting subject!

Thursday 11th April at 7.30. FREE



On Tuesday 13th February the Club held a Rose Pruning Workshop in Pippa Chapman's

Garden in Froxfield. Gillian Taylor was a brilliant tutor giving everyone the benefit of her expertise in all things to do with roses, particularly pruning which can be tricky, and a good time was had by all!

By the time you read this note, we will have held one of our major events of the year, the Spring Show which is always an amazing occasion with the scent of beautiful spring flowers filling Privett Village Hall. More news on the Show in the next Parish Magazine.

On Wednesday 20th March at Froxfield Village Hall we held a talk by Nick Gilbert of Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery who are based in Romsey. The Hall was packed with members and visitors and we all learned so much from Nick, who is an amazing speaker and is obviously a very experienced Dahlia grower and growing Dahlias (which were once considered old fashioned and not really the flowers to grow) are now very fashionable and THE thing to grow! We are lucky that his nursery is relatively close to us and I think a lot of us made a mental note to go and visit his Dahlia field at the end of August and beginning of September which is the best time to see them.

On Wednesday 10th April we are holding our last talk of the season at Froxfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Geoff Hawkins, who we know to be exceptionally knowledgeable and entertaining as he has spoken to us in the past. His subject will be "Ground Cover", which as we all know can be very useful to cover difficult areas where nothing else will grow and is also a good way of keeping the weeds in check! No doubt Geoff will offer other ideas as well! We look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Kinloch



And a future event at PVH for your diaries: there will be a **Quiz Night** on the evening of **Saturday 11 May** – full details will be available in the May Parish Magazine.



Today is Tuesday and I now have a new regular appointment in my diary for Tuesday afternoons.

My dog Conker and I visit the school and listen to children read! Conker - a rather handsome, black and tan, Cocker Spaniel has become a Therapy Dog and is registered as one of the Pets As Therapy organisation's Therapy Pets.

Therapy Pets are assessed by an independent assessor on behalf of Pets As Therapy (Conker and I met our assessor at the Long Barn in Arelesford, she needed to see how he behaved in a busy, noisy environment) and following a long list of detailed questions, we both passed muster and Conker and I proudly sport our Pets As Therapy identities - for me a badge and he a smart yellow bandana and bright blue embroidered lead whenever he's 'on duty' in Froxfield school.

It's such a pleasure being in the school with Conker - the children are thrilled to see him and call out to him as we pass them in the playground - and he really seems to enjoy quietly 'listening' to the readers we meet. The thinking behind the Read 2 Dogs programme is that the dog's presence encourages an anxious reader to relax and studies have shown that a person's heart rate and blood pressure lowers when they are around dogs and that a dog's presence releases happy hormones in a person, thus reducing the stress levels that trigger anxiety.

As ever it is a privilege to visit the school and be with the children and we both appreciate the warm welcome we receive.

Froxfield School continued

We school governors sometimes get invited to occasions when Froxfield school children are performing in public. Last evening my husband and I were in the audience at the Festival Hall to see the Youth Concert as part of this year's Petersfield Musical Festival. Both Rob and I were very impressed by the glorious singing of the huge children's choir - which is made up of children from eight local schools - and by the amazing playing by so many talented young musicians who made up the Petersfield Area Schools String orchestra, the Combined School's Wind Band and the Combined School's Jazz Band.

It was a real joy to sense the enthusiasm with which all the children in the Combined Schools Choir sang - what a great opportunity it is for those young folk to participate in such a professionally mounted production and to observe and hear such wonderful music played by people only a little older than themselves. I came away feeling so optimistic for the future of the arts - certainly here in Petersfield anyway!

However these events can't take place without the dedication of all the teachers who both teach the singers and the musicians as well as organise everyone to get to rehearsals and the performances. On stage last night I could see a number of teachers accompanying their school's children - and in particular I could see Lou Romans - the Headteacher of Steep school and of course our very own Vickie Farrow the Headteacher at Froxfield School. I know just how busy Mrs Farrow is - especially as the term nears its end - so I would like to thank her on behalf of all the children from Froxfield for the extra mile she always goes to on their behalf.

Inside cover back page: Gilly Hollis says 'This is a photo of children with my dog who is now a therapy in dog in the school'

**Gilly Hollis
Chair of Governors**