



Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



September 2024



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High Summer in High Cross

(Wonderful Sunflower pedestal arrangement by Teresa Brown)



Open Garden in July at Marveen Smith's garden
Photo of Marveen and Sue Kinlochan

Benefice Worship

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
1 Peter 2.24

- Sunday 1 September: The 14th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Froxfield Green
10am Benefice Pet Service, Steep
- Sunday 8 September: The 15th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
- Sunday 15 September: The 16th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
- Sunday 22 September: The 17th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green
- Sunday 29 September: The 18th Sunday after Trinity**
10am Benefice Communion, Steep

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

For further information, request our
weekly emailed news sheet at
steepfroxfeldprivett@gmail.com,
or visit our website www.steepfroxfeld.com

Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 14th September from 10.30 to 12 noon at Froxfield Village Hall. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. All are welcome! Children 16 and under to be accompanied by an adult please.

Any queries to Susanna on 07743 690331

September 2024
(Green)

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

Privett Harvest Supper – Saturday 28 September



The Harvest Supper at Privett is always very popular, and deservedly so: it is everything a village Harvest Supper should be – a lavish spread of local produce, home-cooked food, locally-brewed beer, and convivial company. If

we can re-tune the Village Hall piano, we may have a short musical interlude – even a sing-along - between courses.

Come and join this traditional celebration of the harvest and village life, and catch up with friends after the summer at **Privett Village Hall** on **Saturday 28 September** at **7 pm**.

Prices remain as they have been since 2017, at remarkably good value: tickets are £10 per head (with special terms for families – ask Gill), and can be booked with Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or with Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: araphael.enamels@googlemail.com). There will be a pay bar for beer, wine and soft drinks. Please buy or book your tickets in good time so that we know how many to cater for.

At PVH we are very grateful for all your support in coming along to the events we organise – over the coming months we are planning Film Nights, Christmas Wreath-making, a village walk, a Quiz and a Curry Night. If you have an idea for an event or occasion which you would like to see at PVH, please mention it to Gill or to Alex.

Solution to August Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Abbreviated, 8 Calculation, 11 Ruhr, 12 Name, 13 Acquire, 15 Gum tree, 16 Sabre, 17 Need, 18 AWOL, 19 Serfs, 21 Utopian, 22 Furlong, 23 Hake, 26 Otis, 27 Sagittarius, 28 The Escapist.

Down - 2 Boar, Rectors, 4 Vale, 5 Antique, 6 Eton, 7 Dreadnought, 8 Cheque books, 9 Narrowboats, 10 Genealogist, 14 Eaten, 15 Gruff, 19 Saltire, 20 Suntrap, 24 Each, 25 Otic, 26 Ours.

West Meon Music Festival 2024

Thursday 12th September, 7:30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Opening Concert

Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor K478, **Dvorak** Four Romantic Pieces, **Schubert** String Quartet in G major D887 The Primrose Piano Quartet, Tom Aldren-violin

Friday 13th September, 7:30pm (70mins). St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Russian Romantics

Arensky Quartet in A Minor Op.35, **Lyapunov** Piano Sextet Op.63
The Primrose Piano Quartet, Tom Aldren-violin, Will Duerden-double bass

Friday 13th September, 9pm (50mins). St John the Evangelist, West Meon
American Road Trip

A lighthearted whistle-stop musical tour of the United States. Includes music by:
Ives, Copland, Adams, Corigliano, Feldman and **Gershwin** Rhapsody in Blue.

Saturday 14th September, 11:30am. All Saints, East Meon

Red Priest present *Truly Madly Baroque!*

A stunning programme of truly baroque classics exploring themes of love, joy and madness. Arranged and performed with Red Priest's trademark energy, virtuosity and creativity.

Saturday 14th September, 3pm. Church of our Lady, Warnford

Purcell Three Fantasias, **Mozart** Divertimento for String Trio K563
The Primrose String Trio

Saturday 14th September, 7:30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
Viennese Romantics

Schubert Violin Sonata in A major D574, **Beethoven** Cello Sonata Op.69,
Brahms Piano Quartet in G minor Op.25
The Primrose Piano Quartet

Saturday 14th September, 9:30pm. The Thomas Lord

Free pub concert featuring Jazz & Latin by East of Meon
With collection in aid of The Elizabeth Foundation

Sunday 15th September, 11:30am. St John the Evangelist, West Meon

Gabrielé Sutkutė Piano Recital

Rameau Suite in D major, **Brahms** Two Rhapsodies Op.79,
Debussy Estampes, **Prokofiev** Sonata No.4 Op.29

Sunday 15th September, 3.30pm. St John the Evangelist, West Meon
German Romantics

Emilie Mayer Notturmo, **Felix Mendelssohn** Viola Sonata, **Fanny Mendelssohn**
Fantasia H238, **Robert Schumann** 4 Fantasiestücke Op.12, Piano Quartet Op.47
The Primrose Piano Quartet

For full details and Box Office, visit:

www.westmeonmusic.co.uk


COACH HOUSE
PIANOS



West Meon Music Festival: Rising stars and romantics

The West Meon Music Festival (12th–15th September) brings an opportunity to hear one of today's most exciting young pianists. Lithuanian Gabrielé Sutkutė is the winner of 20 International piano competitions including 1st Prize at the Chappell Medal Piano Competition in 2023 and 2nd Prize and the Audience Prize at the Birmingham International Piano Competition in 2022. She was also the recipient of the prestigious Mills Williams Junior Fellowship in 2022/23.

“We are thrilled to have Gabrielé this year,” says the festival’s musical director, Andrew Fuller, who is the cellist of the festival’s founders, the Primrose Piano Quartet. “She really is a really talented and wonderful performer.”

On Sunday 15th September at 11.30am Gabrielé will be performing works by Rameau, Brahms, Debussy and Prokofiev at West Meon’s St John’s Church on the final morning of the four-day festival.

This year’s festival theme is definitely: “Romantic” with concerts featuring nineteenth century German, Viennese and Russian Romantic music by such composers as Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Schumann as well as both Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn.

Earlier music is not forgotten with *Truly Madly Baroque* by Red Priest at All Saints, East Meon at 11.30am on the 14th September. Red Priest has been thrilling audiences with its original take on baroque music for more than 25 years. On Saturday afternoon Purcell and Mozart are not forgotten either with the Primrose’s strings performing at Warnford’s Church of Our Lady.

Jazz enthusiasts will also want to be at The Thomas Lord in West Meon from 9.30pm on 14th September when local band East of Meon will be performing in aid of The Elizabeth Foundation, a Cosham-based charity that supports pre-school deaf children.

Full details and tickets are available at www.westmeonmusic.co.uk.



West Meon Music Festival

12th-15th September 2024



The Primrose Piano Quartet
and Guests

www.westmeonmusic.co.uk

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Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery (01420 82802)



OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday

Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery



Funding success for the Allen Gallery

Announcement from Hampshire Cultural Trust -
*We're thrilled that the second phase of our ambitious project to transform the **Allen Gallery** into a thriving community, heritage and cultural hub can now forge ahead this autumn, after we **successfully secured £1.78 million** from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, as well as an additional £85,000 from East Hampshire District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy. This project has been in the making since 2018, and six years later, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and staff from across the trust, and with the backing of our fantastic funders, our plans will soon be turned into reality – we can't wait to get started!*

Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery continued

September in the Gallery

Ukrainian Season of Photography and Artworks.

"Unbowed: Ukrainian Stories" the Photography of Natalia Sharomova

13-20 September in the Main Gallery. Natalia fled Ukraine with her two children. She says *"This photo project is about gentle and resolute women. These are not only our stories. I believe they can support and inspire others not to give up, even if you have lost everything."*

In the Cafe area - **Olga Borysova -Watercolour views of Alton** and the surrounding area.

FREE entry, artworks for sale, photography not for sale.

"Genesis of Creation" - Paintings, graphics, ceramic and mosaics by **Olga Borysova, Mariya Borysova and Irina Borisova**. Irina is a professional Ukrainian-American artist.

21 Sept - 01 October in the Main Gallery.

FREE entry, all artworks for sale.

In the Cafe area - Olga Borysova - Watercolours as above.

Documentary -"20 Days in Mariupol"

Saturday 14th September, opens 6.30 for 7pm. (The licence fee to show this has been kindly met by Giles Lock MD of Top Print - many thanks).

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The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery will be holding their AGM on Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm. Followed by a Garden Party in the Allen Gallery Garden. Visitors welcome. Donations invited.

Privett Village Hall - Cheese and Wine Evening: Saturday 11 January

A Cheese and Wine Evening will be held at Privett Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 11 January.

There will be some entertainment and Ian Hughes will introduce a project that will aim to create a record of the current and recent Privett community.

In Privett Village Hall there are two photographs of the villagers, the first taken in 1977 (at the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in the village) and the second taken in 2000 (to mark the millennium). It is intended to take another village photograph at the Barbeque in July 2020.

The object of the project is to note the names, relationships and addresses of those in the photographs. It would also be interesting to record occupations and personal details of why people moved to the area and what current residents of the village think of life in Privett in the early 21st century.

Any information will be retained solely for the purposes of historical record and subject to the approval of each individual whose details are recorded.

There will be a charge for the evening of £10 per head, to include a glass of wine. Soft drinks will also be available, and cheese will be provided by a local quality supplier. It would help with catering if you could inform us if you intend to come: Gill Cheung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or from Bridget Kindler (tel. 828214; email: bridgetkindler@hotmail.co.uk).

Cover

This fine gentleman is Mr Bond and resides in Privett. He was awarded Champion at Privett Fete and Dog Show. He is a rather lovely English Pointer. Thanks go to Tidda Dobbs for the photo

Fiona Holroyde's Useful local numbers:



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The Swan Surgery, Swan Street, Petersfield, GU32 3AB Tel: 01730 264 546 / 01730 264 011

The Grange Surgery, The Causeway, Petersfield GU31 4JR Tel: 01730 267722

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Taro Leisure Centre, Penns, Place, Petersfield GU31 4EX Tel: 01730 263 996

Festival Hall

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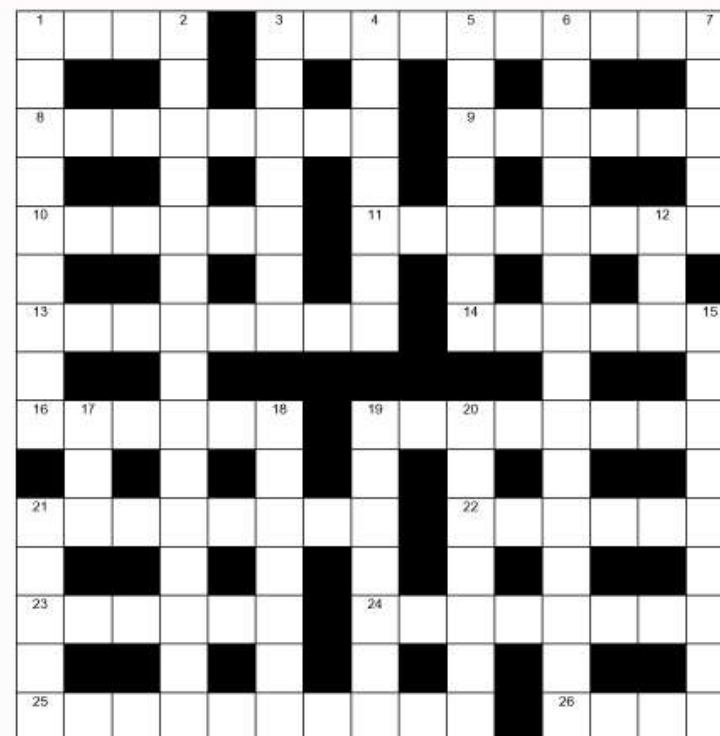
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Feel concern for; attach importance to
- 3 Horologist
- 8 Done in a spirit of friendship
- 9 Vouchers, e.g. book or gift
- 10 Insight, sense
- 11 A keeper and trainer of hawks etc.
- 13 Kidnapped
- 14 Gesture expressing respect or homage
- 16 Seats
- 19 In bullfighting, horse riders who goad the bull with a lance
- 21 The administration of a drug to induce calm or sleep
- 22 The fruit of trees of the genus Prunus
- 23 Chemical element, atomic number 88
- 24 Competes, strives; asserts, maintains
- 25 Fussy
- 26 Ergo; therefore

Down

- 1 Early form of bus
- 2 Exclusion from the sacraments of a church or the church itself
- 3 Principal members of a government or a cupboard or case
- 4 Given too much to eat
- 5 Vessels with a spout and handle for boiling water in
- 6 'Women lacked gent' (anag).
- 7 Part of a staircase
- 12 Newt
- 15 Writers of short literary compositions
- 17 Colour or shade
- 18 Relating to earthquakes or tremors
- 19 Flamboyant confidence of style or manner
- 20 Native of London's East End
- 21 A thick, sweet liquid made from dissolving sugar in boiling water

Privett Church Fête and Fun Dog Show – Sunday 11 August

The very best of weather blessed the Privett Church Fête and Fun Dog Show held on the afternoon of Sunday 11 August, and a large crowd came to visit the stalls, enjoy the games and raffle, have tea, cake and Pimms, and, of course enter their dogs in the far-from-serious (but fiercely competitive) dog show. Seeing all the proud dogs wearing rosettes (and their even prouder owners) walking around the Fête, there was something for every sort of dog, and plenty of awards for the judge, Angie Trenchard, to present.

The stalls, festooned with bunting, flowed from the churchyard into the church, and in the bright sunshine everyone enjoyed the refreshments in the shade of the old yews or, even cooler, in the church itself, where Councillor Drew donned an apron to serve tea. On the stall of delicious home-made cakes – well, quite literally, they went like hot cakes! On the Garden Club stall the plants stood firm, but it was the helpers who wilted in the heat, and sizzling (even racy) books were in demand on the book stall. People queued in the burning sun to buy tickets for the classy Raffle prizes – fortunately if you wished to try your hand at bell-ringing you could do so in the shade, and the children, of course, were impervious to the heat as they made crowns for themselves and competed to blow the biggest bubbles, all sparkling in the sunshine.

The purpose of the Fête was to have fun and to raise funds for work on the church bell-tower: Privett Church is held and maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity which owns for the nation churches of special architectural merit where those churches are no longer used as a parish church. The CCT has identified that rainwater is entering the bell-chamber and over time will degrade the wooden structure supporting the wonderful set of eight bells in the tower (which were impressively pealing to welcome people to the Fête). The CCT will pay for the necessary work to deal with this, but has asked the village if it can raise some funds to contribute to the costs.

Privett Church Fête continued

The Fête raised in the order of £1,400, which is a great result, and thanks are most certainly due to Teresa Brown, who inspired and organised the Fête, and the large team of hard-working volunteers who made it all possible.

It is not too late to make a contribution – get in touch with Teresa at: teresa.mbrown2011@hotmail.com.

Two German ladies (visiting Petersfield as part of the “twinning” with the town of Warendorf in north Germany) came along to see something of English village life – well, what they experienced was the quintessence of an English village at summer recreation, thoroughly at ease and enjoying itself (what, you may think, did they make of “Splat the Rat”?!), and all to a good purpose, in a beautifully maintained churchyard and in the shade of a magnificent English church building.

Froxfield Choir

New term starts Thursday 5th September



After the success of our summer concert in June and a well-deserved summer break, Froxfield Choir returns to rehearsals in High Cross village hall on Thursday 5th September at 7.45pm. We will be rehearsing for our next concert on Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm, at St Peter's Church, High Cross, when we will be performing Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and Haydn's Little Organ Mass.

Another date for your diaries is the popular Privett carol service. Please note that this year it'll be on a Saturday, 21st December at 6.30pm.

We continue to encourage and welcome new members to our amateur choir, particularly tenors and basses. We sing a mixed repertoire - ancient and modern, secular and non-secular. If you'd like to come along to a rehearsal and see if you'd like to join us, please contact Lesley Howe at lhowe58@gmail.com who can provide you with more details. We're a friendly bunch and we'd love to see you. If you're unsure of your voice part we will help guide you, and nothing is set in stone.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @Froxfield Choir and on our website <https://froxfeldchoir.co.uk>

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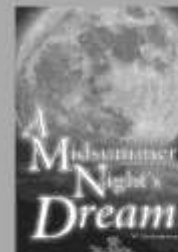
Pre Theatre Supper

Wednesday 11th September, 5.30pm

Join us for a 2 course harvest inspired supper created by Sage and Season before walking across to the beautiful Holy Trinity Church for the performance of **A Midsummer Nights Dream**

Enjoy sharing plates showcasing the best that the season has to offer incorporating home grown and local produce.

£25 per person including welcome drink, main course and dessert.



Secure your tickets (£15) for the performance by visiting www.thisismytheatre.com or email teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com

To book your place at the table email hello@theprivettcentre or call 07711068887



One of the Garden Club's major events, our annual Open Garden, took place on the afternoon of Saturday 27th July at Marveen and Graham Flack's beautiful garden at Filmore Hill Farmhouse in Privett.

The garden was looking splendid in the summer sunshine, with tables decorated with vases of sweet peas where people were sitting either with tea and cake or Pimms! It was another super

Garden Club event which was exceptionally well attended. Everyone commented on the animal sculptures made by local craftswoman Holly Hickmore, who has a studio West Meon, that were exhibited in the garden, and were amazing! Arcadia was the huge horse's head exhibited in the meadow and the deer which were in the garden behind the house. Our thanks to Marveen and Graham for allowing us to use their garden for this event - it was a lovely summer garden party.

On Thursday 1st August, on an extremely hot afternoon, we had an outing to Bramdean House in Bramdean, which is a famous local garden, particularly known for its mirror image herbaceous borders. The event was very well attended by members who were greeted by the owner and served tea and cake as he gave an introductory talk to them. The garden was looking lovely in the summer sunshine!

The Garden Club were also pleased to participate in the Privett Church Fete on Sunday 11th August. We had a Plant and Garden Bric-a-Brac Stall in yet another successful Privett Church event.

Our Summer Show at Froxfield Village Hall on Saturday 31st August will have taken place by the time you read this article - more on the Show in next month's magazine.



Important notice:

If you still wish to continue to receive a monthly **printed** copy of the Parish Magazine, please complete the form below and deliver it, along with a cheque payable to PCC Froxfield with Privett for £15 (or cash), to: Howard Bevis, Froxfield Stores and Post Office,. 13 Dellfield, Froxfield, Petersfield, GU32 1EH as he has kindly offered to take in the forms

Please note that all orders and payments must be received before 1st December 2024, 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.

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Want to help?

Froxfield Village Hall is an important hub for the community, but the reality is that we will lose our hall soon, if we don't get volunteers to join the committee. The hall needs an active committee to start raising funds for maintenance. The limited

volunteers we have are trying to find ways to save the hall, but we need the community to give up some time to help. Perhaps you could spend a few hours a month to research and apply for grants, or you could organise a fundraising event to be run at the hall. With a few more volunteers it could be a rewarding role to fill, keeping a hall open, that we can be proud of and serving our community. Given the lack of volunteers on the committee and the dwindling reserves, the Trustees are now having to research what would be involved in closing the hall.

Upcoming Events

September

Saturday 14th

Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet people from your community over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake (all donations to the PCC)

Friday 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 for 80p each

October

Saturday 12th

Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet people from your community over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake (all donations to the PCC)

Friday 18th

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

Flowers at Froxfield's St Peter's High Cross Church

I would like to thank all the 13 members of the dedicated team of flower arrangers who ensure that there are flowers every week in the porch and at the altar in our pretty church in High Cross.

Having fresh flowers in the church is always greatly appreciated by the members of our congregation, reminding us of the glories and beauty of God's creation and they definitely help to enhance our worship.

On special occasions such as Harvest Festival (this year it will be on October 6), Easter and Christmas, the team goes out of their way to fill the church with a wonderful array of flowers – do come and see (and smell) how lovely St Peter's is on these 'High Days and Holy Days'.

If you feel you'd like to join the team we are always happy to welcome new members – you can be on the regular rota or just join in for the special occasions – please contact Gilly Hollis: 07730559248.

See picture inside front cover as well

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	Oct 3 rd
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling	Refuse Bin	Recycling



With still two and a bit weeks to go before the start of the new school year as I write this piece, I can't reflect as usual on the past month's activities in Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool – hopefully all the children and the staff are still enjoying their Summer break and even getting away to have a holiday with their families.

However, I am only too well aware of what the beginning of the upcoming school year in September will mean to many children and parents. I have three grandchildren, one of whom will be entering year 6 this September in his Primary school in Surrey and the youngest, my granddaughter who has just turned 4, will be starting in Reception at her local Primary school in London. For all the oldest and the youngest children in primary schools across the land the beginning of the school year marks a special milestone in the education.

Children going into Year 6 know that suddenly they are the oldest pupils in the school and in Froxfield School this brings with it extra opportunities to show how responsible they can be with being chosen to be prefects and House Sports Captains and 2 very trusted individuals are given the special role of managing the music and the candles in the church for each of the three a week collective worship services. I have observed the pride which the new year 6 children show in their new roles of responsibility and I believe this is just another way in which our school helps to prepare the children to live fruitful and fulfilling lives as active members of their communities.

For children about to join their BIG school in Reception it is also a very important moment in their lives – I'm sure many of us can remember that first day in school and know that it can be both exciting and daunting – for parents as well as the children!

At Froxfield School, the new children coming into the Reception class have had visits to the school and of course a number of them will be coming directly from our excellent preschool so they will be familiar with the building and with their teacher Mrs Ingham Thomas and her class teaching assistant, Mrs Haines. However, despite all the preparation there will still be changes for these small folk to adapt to such as: wearing uniform: changing for PE; remembering to take their book bag home; going to church 3 times a week – and lining up to cross the road in silence (the whole school really does stay silent as they come into church – it's most impressive!)

But above all I know that for all the children coming to Froxfield CE Primary School, either for the first time or returning for another year their time at Froxfield school will be fruitful, fun and set firm foundations for their future as they grow into productive citizens hopefully living out the school's values of Love, Courage and Respect.

Gillian Hollis Chair of Governors



The old railway line between Hemplands Lane and the bridge adjoining Sages Lane was filled in and planted with trees many years ago and is now regularly used for walking. This is a private path and access is permitted by us. To confirm this status, the path will be closed for one day on 10th September 2024. Any queries please call the Estate Office on 01730 828233.