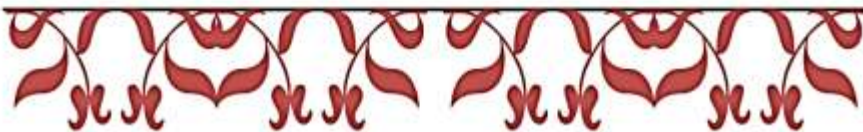




## *Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine*



*December 2023*



**Froxfield and Privett Parish Information**

### Parish Magazine

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### Cover

With thanks to Tidda Dobbs for our cover picture. Tidda says 'The original hangs on the north wall of High Cross church. Can't remember who painted it. Cards were made of it a few years ago of which I have a copy'. If you know who painted it, do let us know

## Clergy Corner

Dear Friends

I am delighted to be writing approaching my first Christmas as Priest in Charge (Vicar) of Steep and Froxfield with Privett. I've been connected with the parishes for a few years, happily working alongside Revd John Owen, and this is the start of a new chapter.

December might be the end of the year (and exactly *where* has 2023 gone??), but it's all about new beginnings in Church life. As Advent Calendars are cracked open, the countdown starts. Advent means 'beginning' or 'arrival' after all.

My favourite Advent Calendar was given to my eldest daughter when she was young. It starts with a wooden board painted with a simple colourful landscape scene. There are 24 peg-holes, each with a number. Each morning we dig through a bag to find the little figure painted with the day's date and plug it onto the picture in its right spot. One day there's a sheep, then a shepherd, an angel or a donkey. The anticipation builds as we look for the next character and remember the story of the first Christmas together. We find Joseph, Mary and finally the baby, Jesus. By Christmas Day, instead of just an empty shell of wrapping where chocolate used to be, this Advent Calendar has built up into a full nativity scene with all the characters in the stable, with a big yellow star overhead.

The picture is complete when we place Jesus safely in his manger-bed, surrounded by everyone who has rushed to discover who has been born. Glorious angels singing from the rooftops, shepherds venturing in from their outdoor life, more used to lambs than babies. There are even wise travellers drawn by a star to find themselves worshipping a king nestled in a throne of hay, not in the golden palace they were expecting.

And here is God. In this simple cowshed is where heaven touches earth. This baby is where God reaches down to bring his love to every one of us, to show that we are not forgotten, that none of us is too unimportant, or grand, or too young, or too far gone, or too anything-at-all for God. As the tiny new-born opens his eyes and takes his first breath, we realise that God remembers every one of us, knows us completely, and loves us fully.

This new beginning was worth waiting for.

## Clergy Corner continued

To celebrate the wonder of Christmas we are planning some lovely Christmas celebrations in the coming weeks. There are Carol Services at all our churches to enjoy, the children's Christmas Eve Crib Service and Midnight Communion as well as celebrations in Steep and Froxfield on Christmas morning for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you to come and worship together.

Finally, thank you to everyone for such a very warm welcome to me in this new role – it was wonderful to be surrounded by so many friendly faces at my licensing service at High Cross in October, and I am loving getting to know more people better, now that I'm living in the Vicarage. If you see me around please stop and say hello, or send me a note/email!

With warmest wishes, Susie

Revd Dr Susie Collingridge, Priest in Charge/Vicar

### More details about the Reverse Advent Calendar



In November's Magazine we explained the plans for the Reverse Advent Calendar which, for December, is a joint project by Froxfield School and the village to provide contributions to the PACT Foodbank in Petersfield. In summary, for each day in December to 21 December you can leave a gift of food, toiletries, etc in marked bags at the back of the church for the Foodbank – reversing the normal Advent Calendar by giving rather than receiving. The church is open every day from 8.30am to 5.00pm, and you can drop off your gifts at any time. Gifts will be removed from the church on a regular basis and taken directly to the Foodbank.

Each day in December up to 21 December has a designated gift (the children from the school have specified each of these daily gifts):

Dec 1	<i>Terry's chocolate orange</i>	12th	<i>Toothpaste/toothbrush</i>
Dec 2	<i>Biscuits</i>	13th	<i>Tinned fruit</i>
Dec 3	<i>Festive chocolates</i>	14th	<i>Bubble bath</i>
Dec 4	<i>Stollen</i>	15th	<i>Tin custard/crumble mix</i>
Dec 5	<i>Yule Log</i>	16th	<i>Jar of coffee</i>

## Reverse Advent Calendar continued

Dec 6	<i>Christmas Fruit cake/Christmas pudding</i>	17th	<i>Jar pasta sauce/tinned tomatoes</i>
Dec 7	<i>Christmas crackers</i>	18th	<i>Drinking chocolate</i>
Dec 8	<i>Biscuits for cheese</i>	19th	<i>Jar of honey</i>
Dec 9	<i>Mince pies/apple pies</i>	20th	<i>Shampoo/shower gel</i>
Dec 10	<i>Jam/chocolate spread</i>	21st	<i>Tin of soup</i>
Dec 11	<i>Tinned beans/sweetcorn/spaghetti</i>		

Don't worry if you "miss" a particular date – the bags will remain in the church for several more days after their specified date, so come when you can.

You will see from the list that the first nine days are devoted to Christmas food and treats – it will then be available in the Foodbank in good time for the Christmas Hampers which they are preparing this year. The remaining gifts – tinned goods and toiletries – will be available for the Foodbank later in January, when their stocks are normally low after Christmas.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation instead to the Foodbank, this can be done by online banking, and the relevant details are as follows:

PACT Foodbank (Business) Sort code: 60-16-26 Account No.: 80199240

Reference: Froxfield RAC

Thank you in advance for your generosity – and more importantly, you will have the grateful thanks of those who, for yet another difficult Christmas, will have no choice but to use the services of the PACT Foodbank.

**Rob Hollis – Churchwarden**  
**Edward Sadler – School Governor**



At our November we were treated to an inspiring presentation by Maggie Tran who is the Head Gardener at Bramdean House. Maggie started her gardening career in a minor capacity working for Brighton and Hove Council and progressed rapidly through a wide spectrum of roles that included working for the RHS and being involved in a horticultural exchange project with the USA. She was appointed Head Gardener at Bramdean House in 2018 with the mandate to restore the gardens to their former glory. We look forward to enjoying the results of her restoration project when she gives us a guided tour of the garden on Thursday 1st August next year.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December at Privett Village Hall at 7.30pm. **Please note our new starting time.** Our speaker for the evening is Carol Watson and she will be talking to us on her "Wildflower Hotspots". As she has spoken to us before, we know Carol is a marvellous photographer who has travelled the world taking photographs to share with us all. Do come along and join us and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine to get into the Christmas spirit!

**Sue Kinloch**



**The Parish Council, Froxfield & Privett Village Halls and the School have agreed to put the magazine on their websites.**

The website addresses are as follows:

Froxfield CE School: <https://froxford.hants.sch.uk/>

Privett Village Hall: <http://www.privettvillagehall.co.uk>

Froxfield Village Hall: <https://www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk/>

Parish Council: <https://froxfordandprivett.org.uk/>

**Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine: new subscription arrangements for January 2024 onwards- from the PCC**



The editors and the church have recently been discussing how to make the Parish Magazine available to everyone who would like to read it.

We are pleased to announce that, from the January 2024 edition, the monthly Parish Magazine will be available for everyone to access online free of charge!

The Magazine will continue to be edited by local residents Caroline and Steve Dillon, and it will continue to provide interesting reports of recent community events, and important information about forthcoming events in the parish.

The links to the Online Magazine will be made from the church website [www.steepfroxford.com](http://www.steepfroxford.com) and we anticipate other suitable community websites will also carry the link.

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**I wish to order a printed copy of the PARISH MAGAZINE in 2024**

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

My current distributor is: (If Known)

I enclose my £15 annual subscription for 2024 in the form of either a

\*Cheque

(Made payable to PCC Froxfield with Privett)

\*Cash

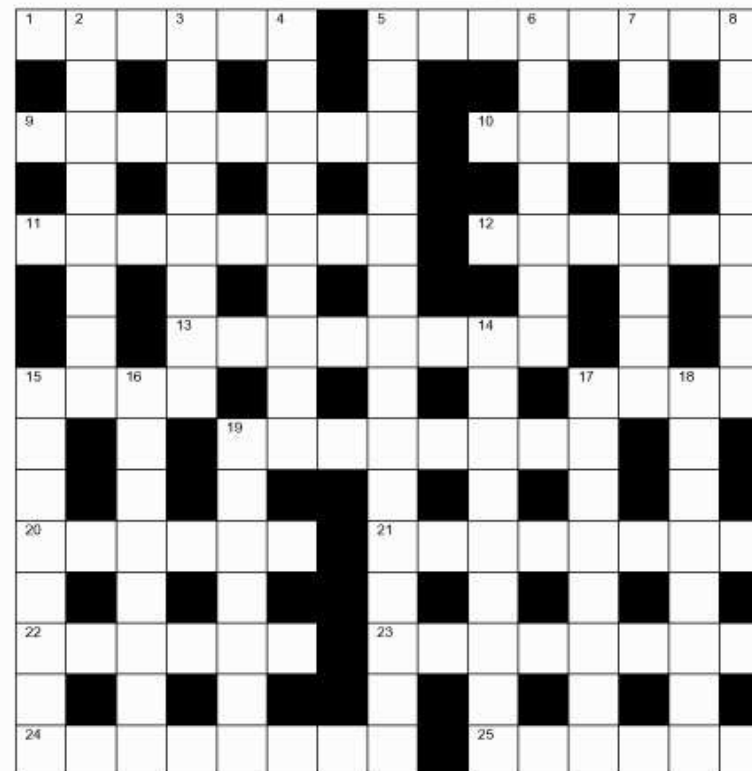
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The subscription will start with the January issue and run for 12 months



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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Across**

- 1 Free from danger; most secure
- 5 Become smaller, reduce
- 9 The part of an airport where passengers reach their destination
- 10 Have aptitude for, talented
- 11 A Shetland Isle famous for its multicoloured woollen sweaters (4,4)
- 12 Be unlike or dissimilar; disagree
- 13 Pigs' feet
- 15 Arthur - - - -, the only African American tennis champion to win at Wimbledon
- 17 Tots up
- 19 Slopes leading down into water, used for launching and landing ships and boats
- 20 Pulled, dragged
- 21 Extrovert
- 22 Towards the top of a slope
- 23 A popular team sport
- 24 An oil-based paint finish that dries with a slight sheen

- 25 Withdraw formally from membership of a political or religious organisation

**Down**

- 2 The radio frequencies used for broadcasting
- 3 Leave one's own country to settle in another
- 4 A type of fungus, usually poisonous
- 5 'Fool, upend stress' (anag).
- 6 Sun-dried grapes
- 7 An overwhelming event caused naturally, whose effects could not be prevented (3,2,3)
- 8 Approves, certifies, ratifies
- 14 Responses
- 15 Difficult to understand, obscure
- 16 A small nocturnal mammal with a spiny coat
- 17 - - - - - acid, Vitamin C
- 18 Diminished gradually
- 19 Cautious or surreptitious action or movement



### Is There a Future for Froxfield Village Hall?

As readers will know from previous articles, Froxfield Village Hall is under-funded and under-utilised. It is run as a charity, in accordance with the terms of a 1937 Trust Deed, to serve the local community, supporting its physical and mental wellbeing through providing a venue to meet and/or be active, whether as a venue for a club or society, for a private party or meeting, or for community events organised by volunteers.

There are insufficient funds to complete the maintenance work required at the hall and before the Trustees embark upon finding these funds, we first need to consider if there is a financially viable future.

The Trustees' need to establish:

1. whether or not there is support for the Village Hall to remain open,
2. what sort of events locals would want to attend or use it for, and
3. Whether there are sufficient volunteers to help put on these events.

Would you like to start a Movie Night club, a Table Tennis club, a Yoga class, or something else? Please send your ideas, thoughts and any concerns to me. If you'd like to volunteer to help run our pop-up nights, or help organise a Fete in the summer, or simply to make a donation, please contact me.

Thank you.

Robert Shepherd - Chair of Trustees  
[robertshepherd.parish@gmail.com](mailto:robertshepherd.parish@gmail.com)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 - 12 noon – **Drop-In**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm – **Christmas Pop-Up**



**Tuesday 12th December**

**Privett Village Hall**

**7.30pm**

**A talk by Carol Watson  
followed by mulled wine &  
mince pies**

**'My Wildflower Hotspots'**

**Non-members are very  
welcome £3**

**[www.fpgarden.club](http://www.fpgarden.club)**





## 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 9 December**, from **9.30 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.

The cost is £15, and coffee, a light lunch and mulled wine are included. Let Teresa Brown know in advance if you are coming (tel. 828003; email: [teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com)).

## Froxfield and Privett Renewable Energy Group

Froxfield and Privett Renewable Energy Group is a group of concerned individuals from across the parish that wishes to ensure that the residents of Froxfield and Privett will be able to rely on completely carbon neutral energy by 2050. We aim to do that by a variety of means including the encouragement and provision of help, advice and support for energy saving initiatives; domestic power generation; lobbying both for the improvement of the local electricity grid and lobbying for carbon neutral initiatives in general.

As part of this we wish to establish the current makeup of the parish's energy needs and supplies. We are hoping that you can **help us by completing a simple survey which you will find in this magazine**. Please return your completed survey to Howard at Foxfield Stores,

Thanks,  
Mike Orchard

N. B: If you have already completed this questionnaire online, please ignore.

## Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group

# QUESTIONNAIRE

The Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group is made up of local volunteers from our villages and we would love to know how many of our residents already use solar or wind power. Whether you do or not, please can you answer this very short questionnaire? It's just a few questions and will only take a few minutes to complete.

Many thanks.

## Solar and wind power

Do you already have any solar power or wind power installed at home?

Yes

No

If yes, please state type:

Solar

Wind

Other

Not applicable

Please describe what you have in a few words (e.g. 10 solar panels, a small wind turbine, air-source heat pump...) and approximately when you had it installed.

If no, are you considering installing either solar or wind power?

Yes

No

Please feel free to make any further comments below

## Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group YOUR PRIVACY

The Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy, and we'll only use your personal information to gather information about local interest in renewable energy for the use of this local group.

From time to time, we would like to contact you about our findings and to provide information that may be of interest to you. If you consent to us contacting you for this purpose, please tick below to say how you would like us to contact you.

Yes, I'd like to hear from the Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group occasionally.

*You can unsubscribe from such communications at any time.*

Please tick this box to consent for Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group to store and process the personal information submitted on this form.

Your first name and surname (optional)

Thank you.

To return this questionnaire you can either:

- a) Hand the form in to Froxfield Post Office or
- b) Post to Mark Wright, Old Wheatsheaf, Filmore Hill Lane, Privett. GU34 3NX



At the beginning of November Froxfield school held an open morning for prospective families whose children will be starting school next September. Whilst the Headteacher, Mrs Farrow, is always pleased to show interested parents around the school, the open morning provides a great opportunity for visitors to be shown the building and all its classrooms accompanied by children from class 4 who act as splendid ambassadors for the school, of which they were clearly so proud.

Mrs Farrow has described the school site as "like a hidden gem behind the small frontage" and the staff and governors alike take so much pride and enjoyment in talking to prospective new parents, giving them an insight into life and learning at Froxfield. As always, the class 4 children themselves were the school's greatest advert. Many visitors commented on how impressed they were by the confidence and articulate explanations of the Year 5/6 children. They really give parents an understanding of school life from a child's perspective. Well done class 4.

Life in the preschool is always busy with new and interesting experiences provided for the youngest children in the school. Earlier in November a representative from Barnardo's came to visit the preschool. She brought with her a crocodile puppet who played games with an oral health theme. The children learnt how to clean their teeth properly and for how long, also learning about which foods are healthy and which are best eaten as treats. I'm told it was a fun morning, rounded off with each child being given a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home.

Christmas in school is always a favourite time of year. Preparations for the Nativity play are already underway and the children will also be looking forward to many festive events including a visit to Wintershall living Nativity, Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and other Christmas activities.road.

## Froxfield School continued

The school is always conscious of participating in and contributing to the local community and once again is planning to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative in conjunction with the Froxfield High Cross parish. Last year, this was hugely successful and I know from speaking to volunteers at PACT Food Bank that our donations made a significant difference to the Christmases of many families within our local area.

This year the Food Bank suggested that the children themselves should choose what should go into the collection for each day of Advent. As you will read elsewhere in the magazine there will be large paper bags for each day of Advent located in the back of St Peter's church ready for the contributions and everyone in the parish is invited to donate to this excellent cause for families who otherwise wouldn't have the funds to buy any Christmas fare.

Froxfield school seeks to offer its children a wide range of trips to a variety of educational experiences, however with the costs of coach hire soaring, this is only possible with the help of our team of volunteer minibus drivers with whose help the schools is able to keep the cost down. They still need more volunteers to train as many of the previous drivers have moved on. If you, or anyone you know, has the capacity to undertake training, please let the office know. 01730 827251

Finally, a date for your diary. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm there will be a joint school and parish Carol Service in St Peter's High Cross Church. This is always a lovely end to our term celebrating and worshipping with members of our school and village community and the children will share songs from the Nativity with the congregation. Please do come along if you can. **Gilly Hollis**

### Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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



## VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS

### **CAROL SINGING & Christmassy Cheer**

**Village Hall - outside singing (Subject to weather), Bar open inside**

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, from 6.30pm

£8: Nibbles & glass of Mulled Wine/juice.

Also includes a Raffle ticket for some lovely christmassy prizes

*Tickets available from Dec 1st*

### **DROP IN**

SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 - 12pm

Everyone Welcome!



**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity,  
Privett on Saturday 23 December**

**Take Advantage of The Altonu3a Winter Sales?!**

If you are finding these dull, damp winter days are getting you down, then why not find new interests and friends with Altonu3a? Reduced membership subscription rates of between £12 - £35 are available for January - May 2024, and you are welcome to take a "taster" before joining (group size permitting).

There are now more than 55 different groups and activities, ranging from backgammon to bird watching and crafts to current affairs, most of which can welcome new members mid-year; plus monthly coffee mornings at the Allen Gallery and monthly talks with tea at the Alton Community Centre, which are both open to all. And, as we start to plan the 2024-5 programme, ideas for new groups are always welcome please. Do pick up a current 2023-4 "Blue Book" programme from the Allen Gallery, the Curtis Museum, the Library or the Community Centre; visit our website at [altonu3a.co.uk](http://altonu3a.co.uk); or contact the Membership Secretary Colin Aiken for more details [altonu3amembers@gmail.com](mailto:altonu3amembers@gmail.com)

WITH ALTON U3A YOU WILL "LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE!"

**Solution To November Crossword Puzzle**

**Across** - 5 Plastic, 7 Admit, 9 Enwrap, 10 Overseas, 11 Characters, 13 Mime, 14 Battlegrounds, 16 Bawl, 17 Leadership, 19 Savannah, 20 Leeway, 22 Opera, 23 Rhizome.

**Down** - 1 Fair, 2 Atypical, 3 Layers, 4 Amusements, 5 Punch, 6 Choreographer, 8 Traumas, 12 Retaliated, 14 Bravado, 15 Overlaid, 17 Landau, 18 Inane, 21 Eros.

**Cut-off date for January magazine**

**The cut-off date for the January magazine will be the 14<sup>th</sup> December as the printers shut for Christmas. Happy Christmas and New Year to all our readers**



Yet again, we come to the end of a busy year for the Choir and to round it off we will lead the singing at the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which, with a change to the norm, takes place this year on Saturday 23 December at 6.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Privett. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and

remember, please wrap up warm! We hope it will be a festive start to the Christmas celebrations, brass band and all.

We continue to encourage and welcome new members to our amateur Choir. We sing a mixed repertoire, learning pieces from different genres, ancient and modern, secular and non-secular, challenging at times but always satisfying. Our new term starts on Thursday 11 January so if you'd like to give it a go, do come along and try us out. Rehearsals are always a fun and lively hour and a half. We'd love to see you and it's never too late to join. If you're unsure of your voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass), we will help guide you, and nothing is set in stone. If you're interested in setting yourself a New Year resolution, please contact Lesley Howe at [lkhowe58@gmail.com](mailto:lkhowe58@gmail.com) who can provide you with more details.

In the meantime, we'd like to thank all our wonderful supporters, sponsors and advertisers alike, and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

## Carols on the Green and Tree Lighting



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30 p.m.  
St Peter on the Green Froxfield Green**

We are excited to announce that this very special event, Carols on the Green, with **live music** is back by popular demand this year!

We will gather at 4:30 p.m. in the church (specially decorated with mini trees in each window for the occasion) for our first few Carols and then proceed to 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 more Christmas Carols.

**Printed carol sheets will be available for those who need them** (please bring a torch) **OR if preferred the sheet can be emailed (email below)**, as last year, to enable it to be read from a portable device (phones /iPads). These will also provide additional light. Home printing also possible.

Light refreshments, including mulled wine and mince pies, provided by residents will be available. During the singing there will be a collection in aid of the work of the churches in Froxfield. In the event of inclement weather, we will remain in the church.

We are so lucky to have a group of wonderful **local live musicians** to accompany us. If anyone else would like to join them and play, please do get in touch OR simply turn up on the night! The more the merrier!!

**We look forward very much to seeing you,**

With every wish for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous year for all in 2024

Suzanne Tong                      PCC of Froxfield with Privett  
Petersfield: 260430      Email: [TongVenthams@gmail.com](mailto:TongVenthams@gmail.com)

**Monday 11th December 2023**




**Tree  
Lighting  
and  
Carol Singing**

**4:30pm on Froxfield Green**

with **LIVE MUSIC!** 

**Lights switch on      Carol singing      Refreshments**



To Donate to Froxfield Church

For more information: Suzanne Tong 260430 or [TongVenthams@gmail.com](mailto:TongVenthams@gmail.com)

## Parish Magazine.



We have received complaints about the change from paper magazines to online. This was not our decision, but that of the PCC as it was not paying for itself and they found they were having to subsidise it. As made clear, paper copies are still available, but will need to be paid for in advance. Please ensure that ALL requests for paper copies MUST go through the village shop using the request form and nowhere else, otherwise they will not be included in the count. As the subscriptions in years past have been sent to numerous different sources, it proved very hard to collate an accurate list of who had paid and who hadn't. This is to avoid that happening again. I know that many people still want a paper copy and as I have said, this is still an option if the form is filled in and returned to the village shop. Grateful thanks go to Howard for allowing it to be used as the 'central point'. Please send them in by the **14<sup>th</sup> December** as this will be the cut-off date. We will not be counting any more after that.

**We are considering putting together an email list of parishioners who want an online copy of the mag, in order to send it out each month. If so, send us an email and if sufficient interest warrants, we will do so.**

**Caroline Dillon**

### Final Reminder for print copies

The e-version will not be in a format which can be printed, so if you want a paper copy of the magazine, please return the form on the back cover and payment to the village shop by the 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest, otherwise they won't be counted.

I have decided that for the 1<sup>st</sup> two months of 2024 I will buy 20 printed copies of the magazine and give them to Howard in the shop. These will retail at £1.10 and are available in case anyone has not pre ordered their own. This may continue pending the demand.

I would like to reiterate there was insufficient consultation in my view prior to the changing from print to digital. **Steve Dillon**

## The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton (01420 82802)

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum)

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

### **OPENING TIMES**

**Tuesday to Sunday**

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

### **ALLEN GALLERY**

### **EXHIBITIONS**

Allen Gallery Main Exhibition Space.

An exhibition by **Alton College Graphics and Photography A Level students**. Continues until 31<sup>st</sup> December. FREE

Allen Gallery Cafe area.

**Contemporary Needlework** - a display of work by local textile artist **Hilary Kimber**. Until 10<sup>th</sup> December, FREE.

### **TALKS**

There is no talk in December or January, but the February talk on **Thursday February 8th at 7.30** will be given by **Tony Cross**, sometime Curator at the Curtis and Allen, on the subject of **Memorials**. FREE.

Tony says -



*This presentation will be of interest to anyone engaged in local history and aims to provide an awareness of memorials and their importance in commemorating the lives and achievements of notable people with connections to Hampshire. A selection of these and their associated stories are included.*

## The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery continued

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**Christmas activities** up to December 30th include a Festive Trail in both venues;

Patterns on Paper - a drop-in session for making simple paper decorations, (decorations £2 per sheet); and a Make-and-take activity on small seasonal clay items, Tuesday December 19th. (£5 per session, 10.30 -11.15 or 11.30 - 12.15.)

Please book via the website. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery>

#### Film Nights in the Allen Gallery

*It's a Wonderful Life* (16<sup>th</sup> December)

*Lunana - or A Yak in the Classroom* (20th January).

Films start at 7.00pm, and the cafe will be open for wine and soft drinks from 6.30pm. Our small and friendly screenings (only 32 tickets per film) are a nice way to see films in the centre of Alton.

Tickets bookable via the website.

### CURTIS MUSEUM

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

(Until December 30th)

**A Link to the Past** - Help us create the longest paper chain, moving through the years in our museum. FREE.

**Create a Cracker** – Come and buy, build and fill your own cracker. Cracker 50p, fill it with a hat, joke, snapper and tie, buy a prize to go inside.

#### Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

7 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>
Refuse Bin	Recycling	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin

## Benefice Worship

*When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. 1 Corinthians 4.5*

#### Sunday 3: The First Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), Steep

10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep

10am Parish Communion, High Cross

#### Sunday 10: The Second Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Communion, Steep

6pm Carol Service, Stroud

#### Sunday 17: The Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), Steep

4pm Carol Service with Froxfield School, High Cross

#### Saturday 23:

6.30pm Carol Service with Froxfield Choir, Privett

#### Sunday 24: Christmas Eve

4pm Benefice Crib Service, High Cross

6pm Holy Communion (BCP), Stroud

11.30pm Midnight Communion, Steep

#### Monday 25: CHRISTMAS DAY (Gold)

10am All Age Christmas Service, Steep

10am All Age Christmas Communion, High Cross

#### Sunday 31: The First Sunday of Christmas (White)

10am Benefice Communion with Carols, High Cross

*Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice*

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Steep: All Saints, GU32 2DD | Stroud Church: GU32 1AT

High Cross: St Peter's, GU32 1EQ

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