



*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



June 2024



Benefice Worship

*God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and in truth.*

John 4.24

- Sunday 2 June: The 1st after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
- Sunday 9 June: The 2nd after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
- Sunday 16 June: The 3rd after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
- Sunday 23 June: The 4th after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green
- Sunday 30 June: The 5th Sunday after Trinity (Red)**
10am St Peter Patronal Festival Communion,
High Cross
- Sunday 7 July: The 6th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

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

(Green) June 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

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Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

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Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th	July 4 th
Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling	Refuse Bin

Learn, Laugh & Live as Altonu3a's 2024/25

Programme Is Out Soon!



For example, do you know why the U3a, and MANY other organisations, call their programme or directory The Blue Book? According to Wikipedia, “Blue Book” is a term often referring to an almanac or other compilation of statistics and information. The term dates back to the 15th century, when large blue velvet-covered books were used for record-keeping by Parliament; and the term is now used by dozens of different organisations world-wide!

Here in Altonu3a we now have over sixty different groups, with dozens of options available Mon – Fri’ and now some at week-ends too; and annual membership only costs £20 - £60 (depending on the frequency and location of the activity). Choose from various art & crafts, literary & other study groups; music making & appreciation; bridge & table-top games; several out-door activities such as bird-watching & rambling; some purely social events; and monthly talks and outings. Or start the group you would like to be in?! Meetings are nearly all in central Alton and are accessible to all.

So if you would like to meet new people and enjoy new activities; would like to share your hobby or subject with others; and/or would like to set up a new group with friends, Altonu3a is where you need to be! We are a friendly, volunteer-led community for those with some free time on their hands – there are no age restrictions - and we welcome new members and new group coordinators throughout the year... but please don't delay as some groups do have limits on their numbers.

Alton u3a's new 2024/25 Annual Programme (AKA the Blue Book!) is published in early July, and will be available at The Allen Gallery, The Curtis Museum, The Library and Alton Community Centre, so please drop in and ask for a copy; alternatively look online altonu3a.co.uk for full details. You can join immediately by post; or come to our Registration Day 2.00 – 3.30pm on Saturday 10th August at the Alton Community Centre where you can meet most of the group coordinators too. Honestly, you need never feel lonely or bored again – because we look forward to you joining us.



Musical Delights at West Meon

There will be plenty of musical treats in store this year at the 14th annual West Meon Music Festival (12th to 15th September) with an award-winning pianist, a group of world-renowned baroque musicians, and two of the UK's most-talented young string players joining the Primrose Piano Quartet for eight concerts over the four days.

Highlights from the festival include piano quartets by Mozart, Schumann and Brahms as well as a rarely performed piano sextet by Sergei Lyapunov, who fled to Paris after the 1917 Russian revolution, when the quartet will be joined by double bassist Will Duerden and violinist Tom Aldren.

While most concerts are held at West Meon's St John the Evangelist Church, the festival also extends elsewhere into the Meon Valley. Cutting edge baroque quartet Red Priest (named after the original "red priest" – Antonio Vivaldi) have been delighting audiences across the globe since 1997 and will be bringing their unique style of high-energy performances and theatrical presentation to East Meon church on the morning on Saturday 14th September. "Truly Madly Baroque" will explore themes of love, joy and madness. Later in the day the lovely 12th century Church of Our Lady in Warnford is home to a recital by the Primrose's string players of works by Purcell and Mozart.

On Sunday morning (15th September) Lithuanian pianist Gabrielė Sutkutė – winner of some 20 international piano competitions – will be performing works by Rameau, Brahms, Debussy and Prokofiev in West Meon, while that afternoon's festival finale sees the Primrose Piano Quartet focussing on "German Romantics" with works by Felix Mendelssohn, his sister Fanny, Emilie Mayer and Robert Schumann. In addition there will be a late-night jazz concert by local band, East of Meon, at West Meon's iconic Thomas Lord pub in aid of Cosham-based



Musical Delights at West Meon continued

The Elizabeth Foundation – the UK's leading charity for pre-school deaf children; the charity uses music as part of its therapy to help them to talk and communicate.

Ticket prices start at £19 and the box office will open at the beginning of June. For full details of all the concerts visit www.westmeonmusic.co.uk.

For more information contact: enquiries@westmeonmusic.co.uk

The Primrose Piano Quartet, one the country's leading ensembles, founded the West Meon Music Festival in 2011. Its acclaimed discography includes classical favourites as well as many unjustly neglected works by early twentieth century British composers. Their major commissions include piano quartets written for them by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and Anthony Payne. The quartet appears regularly in London at Kings Place and the Conway Hall and toured across Europe. The quartet is a leading exponent of historically informed performance and its recording of the complete Brahms piano quartets, made in Vienna on authentic pianos of the period, was highly recommended on Radio 3's "Record Review". Its latest CD of French nineteenth century piano quartets, also using an historic piano, was launched in April 2024.

Susanne Stanzeleit – violin, Dorothea Vogel – viola,
Andrew Fuller – cello, John Thwaites – piano.

www.primrosepianoquartet.org.uk

Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 8thth June 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

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum
www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery



**OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Sunday
Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm**

ALLEN GALLERY

EXHIBITION: Re:Connecting - Habitats, Wildlife, People -
This exhibition of work by ceramicist Bridget Macklin and photographer Alex Potts, delivered in partnership with The Friends of Blacknest Fields, Binsted Parish Council and Alton Natural History Society, continues until 23rd June. FREE. The artists will be giving a free talk on the 22nd at 3pm.

GALLERY WORKSHOP: Cyanotype
Saturday 8th June, 2-4pm, Allen Gallery
Join wildlife photographer Alex Potts for an introduction to the fascinating world of photography and chemistry, using sunlight to create beautiful blue and white prints from leaves, grasses and flowers. Tickets £7.50 through the Gallery. Suitable for anyone aged 7+

ALLEN GALLERY: REGENCY WEEK 21ST - 30TH JUNE
The Gallery is delighted to be involved with this popular celebration. We are hosting 3 events -
Tea and Promenade on Sunday 23rd
Film - Pride and Prejudice on Tuesday 25th. This is the 1940 movie with Laurence Olivier and Greer Garson, reckoned by many to be the finest version

Open Afternoon at the Gallery 1.30 - 4pm on Wednesday 26th. Come and have a look round, a guided tour, have a cup of tea in the lovely garden. (No booking required).
For more details and **BOOKING** for the first two please see the Town's Jane Austen Regency Week website <https://www.eventim-light.com/uk/a/64d369846cc17b736d88ff48/s/650430ab0e6a5c5612acbf b2> (You can find it by typing in Jane Austen Regency Week 2024).

The Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery continued

Open Art Exhibition

As part of Alton Arts Festival the Allen Gallery will be holding an Open Art Exhibition from 5th July - 8th September. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is 10th June.** More details from the Gallery.

Gallery and Museum Shops

These have long been known as sources of beautiful cards and interesting presents. Now Volunteers at the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery have been putting their crafting skills to good use to raise funds for the venues. One skilful Volunteer has produced items such as



cross-stitch kits, stitched, braided and woven items like key rings, and crafted boxes.

Another has some colourful miniature pincushions, bookmarks and shoelaces, hand-woven and hand-dyed. The shoelaces and bookmarks are made on Japanese braiding looms, whereas the pincushions have hand-woven bases and tops, with



matching glass headed pins. It is hoped that these two gifted craftspeople will demonstrate some of their skills in the Gallery from time to time - drop in to watch them at work.

Curtis Museum: Dolls House Weekend 27/28TH July 10.30am - 4pm

The Curtis Museum is opening its doors again to dolls houses large and small to view and play with. The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery will be offering handmade and pre-loved items including a number of dolls houses, for cash sales only. In addition there will be miniature items for sale from the Museum's shop.

This year the main event will be on Saturday 27 July and the Museum will be joined again by the North East Hants Miniatures Group. Kennet Miniaturists will also be joining us, for the first time. In addition, there will be local exhibitors to support the day's activities. There will be a themed trail for everyone to follow on both days.

The Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery continued

On Sunday 28 July the main event will be the dolls houses for children to play with, along with various activities for them to enjoy. This event will be attractive to all those interested in dolls houses and accessories. Free entry. Donations welcomed.

For more information please contact the Community Manager on 01420 82802 or email alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk.

The Curtis Museum acknowledges the support of The Vintage Cupboard, Four Marks, Alton. www.thevintagecupboard.co.uk.

Who's Who in the Church

(01730 is the telephone exchange unless otherwise stated)
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Website: <https://steepfroxfield.com>

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

FREE ENTRY

**FAWLEY FARM FEEDS
HORSE & DOG SHOW**

Sunday 7 July
10am - 4pm
FREE ENTRY

**FROXFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIRE**

Circus workshops Balloon modelling
Toddler soft play Fairground ride
Gundog Scurry Bouncy Castle
Traditional Children's games
Donkey rides And many more...

Amazing raffle prizes! Don't forget to bring cash!

PLUS....
hot and cold drinks cakes
hog roast burgers nachos
ice creams slushies pizza
BBQ fish & chips loaded fries
licensed bar

Henry Adams
estate agents

Fawley Farm Feeds, Hemplands Lane, GU34 3NU

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

Cover

Thanks this month go to Edward Sadler who kindly took some photos in Privett for me to choose from. I particularly liked this one. There were a couple of the church too which I'll use one from next month.

Midsummer Bash at Privett – Saturday 29 June



Come and celebrate the Summer Solstice Season at the **Midsummer Bash** at Privett Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 29 June.

As the summer evening fades into the magic twilight and then the deep blue darkness of a midsummer night, dance to live music and feast on delicious food. Doors will open at 7.00pm and dancing will continue till late.

Dance to the music of the legendary **Band with No Name** – they may be anonymous, but their music is full of character and style – everything from the hits of the 1950s to the 2020s. There will be something for everyone, young and old and in between, and we particularly hope that young people will come along to show the rest of us how to have a good time on the dance floor.

Profits from the evening will jointly raise funds to support the upkeep of Privett Village Hall and the aims of Village Greening to reduce carbon emissions in the villages of Froxfield and Privett. Tickets are £15, and £5 for under 16s. Ticket price covers entry and supper and there will be a pay bar.

We need to know numbers by **Monday 24 June**, so reserve your tickets by then from *Ann Daniels* (tel. 07884 112411; email: annmarie.daniels@hotmail.co.uk) or *Melanie Wright* (email: melanie.wright59@btinternet.com). Or reserve your tickets at: www.villagegreening.co.uk/events

Privett Family Barbeque – Sunday 21st July

This is by way of advance notice to let everyone know that once again we will be holding our popular Family BBQ at Privett Village Hall at lunchtime on Sunday 21 July – the best way to kick off the summer holidays.

Full details will be available in the July Parish Magazine – for now, just “keep the date”.



As our Winter series of talks has now finished for this season we now look forward to the interesting events scheduled for the Summer. These are as follows:-

Thursday 20th June at 6.30pm:

An evening visit to Sandhill Farm House, Rogate, Petersfield GU31 5HU. This event is fully subscribed, but if you would like to go on a cancellation list please contact Pippa Chapman on 07803 906312 or pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 27th July 2 - 5pm:

Open Garden: at Fillmore Hill Farmhouse, Privett GU34 3NX by kind permission of Graham and Marveen Flack.

Thursday 1st August at 2pm:

An afternoon visit to Bramdean House, Bramdean SO24 0JU. If you would like to go on this visit please contact Pippa Chapman (details above).

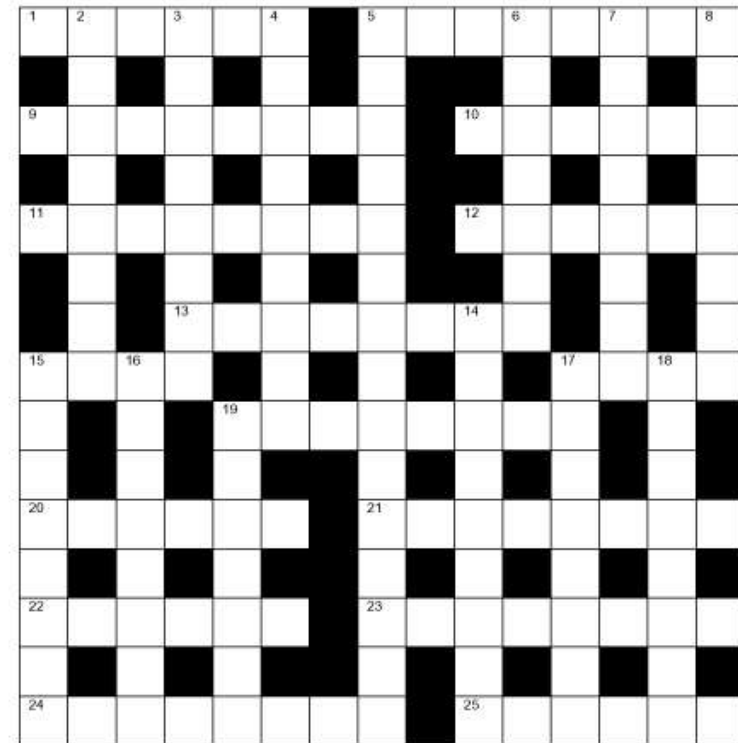
Saturday 31st August at 2pm:

The Summer Show at Froxfield Village Hall. Please contact Christine Stephens for more information on fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com. The 2 subjects for the photographic competition are "Splash of Colour" and "A Colourful Shrub" so don't forget to take some photos when you are out and about this summer.

A big thank you goes to Tidda Dobbs and Pippa Chapman for looking after the window boxes at Froxfield Village Hall. The new display has just been installed and no doubt will be full of colour for all of the Summer!

Sue Kinlochan

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Light wind
- 5 Spring flower
- 9 Separates to go in different directions
- 10 S. American cloak-like blanket, with a hole for the head
- 11 A hamlet in the parish of Whitehill or a market town in Lincolnshire
- 12 A code word used in radio communication
- 13 Independent treble melodies, sung or played above the basic melody
- 15 The organs of sight
- 17 Snake-like fish
- 19 Particular versions of a published text
- 20 Long, silky coat of the angora goat
- 21 Bridge-like structures, e.g. for supporting railway signals
- 22 British admiral, Lord - - - - - (1758-1805)
- 23 Lack of restriction, accessibility

- 24 Those believed to be guilty of a crime, but without sufficient proof
- 25 To wobble or move unsteadily

Down

- 2 Good-humoured teasing
- 3 Gems
- 4 Preoccupied
- 5 'Audit saved a song' (anag).
- 6 Former British coins worth two shillings
- 7 Adorn
- 8 Large wild cats
- 14 Prickliest
- 15 E.g Earth, water, air and fire
- 16 External openings at each side of one's head
- 17 Alienate
- 18 Pub landlord
- 19 Incident, event

Parish Council News

Russell Oppenheimer reported on some of the current news from Hampshire County Council:

The Government had originally planned to extend Permitted Development Rights to farmers in the National Parks but have recently amended this decision to exclude the National Parks.

Following a winter of poor weather conditions for the roads he felt they were now being improved. The temporary infills, which are 7 times quicker to install, are gradually being replaced with permanent infills. He said the extra £13m which will be coming in from Government will make a difference.

The results from the Future Services Consultation are in the process of being analysed. In the meantime, he felt quite confident that the tip in Petersfield would be kept.

Notes from the Editors

A quick note, if anyone has any good photos of flora or fauna from the Garden Club photographic competition, we'd love to see them and maybe they could go on the cover?

Apologies for the page numbers and formatting being a bit squiffy last month- we were on a cruise around the Norwegian fjords when we put it together and not on the normal PC.

Caroline & Steve

Solution To May Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Toothpaste, 6 Zinc, 9 Satsuma, 10 Buffoon, 12 Poets Laureate, 14 Postpone, 15 Aspect, 17 Lahore, 19 Toboggan, 21 Carbohydrates, 24 Blossom, 25 Central, 26 Earl, 27 Introduced.

Down - 1 Toss, 2 Octopus, 3 House sparrows, 4 Amassing, 5 Tibia, 7 Isolate, 8 Concertina, 11 Foreshortened, 13 Applicable, 16 Boy racer, 18 Harbour, 20 Gastric, 22 Yemen, 23 Fled.

Parish Council News



During the May meeting an above average amount of time is spent on the annual finances, which I am pleased to say are in good health.

Planning Application SDNP/24/01295/FUL - 4 Stoner Hill Cottages, Honeysuckle Cottage, Stoner Hill Road, GU32 1DX - Change of use of equestrian land and building to provide parking and residential amenity space. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that it was at odds with SD2, SD4, SD8 and SD11 of the SDNP Local Plan.

Earlier in the year the PC wrote to SSEN regarding the power outages in Privett. This month there have been reports of power cuts in Froxfield. The PC will again be writing to SSEN to ask them to explain the reasons for the power cuts. Nick Drew made a comment that a lack of power was dangerous for the vulnerable. SSEN have published this information to help prepare for the possibility of disruption to supplies by:

- Saving the emergency power cut number - '105' - to your phone to report any loss of supply or damage to the electricity network
- Visiting our Power Track Website to give you details of power cuts and restoration times. You can also report power cuts and network damage through Power Track.
- Visiting the "Preparing for a power cut" section on our website, where there is a wealth of advice and information, or to chat live to one of our advisors via the Webchat service

Customers are also eligible for our Priority Services Register (PSR) if they:

- Are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have a disability
- Live with children under five
- Are blind or partially sighted
- Have a chronic illness
- Use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity
- Are over 60.

To find out more about the PSR, call [0800 294 3259](tel:08002943259).

The Churchwarden's Month



A resident of Froxfield or Privett might be forgiven for wondering
“What relevance does the work of a Churchwarden have for me?”

One answer lies in small, but very significant , interventions in protecting churches and land for the use of the community .

The land to the North of the Church at High Cross, in which our most recent burials have taken place, was acquired over 70 years ago.

Half of this land was left to us in the Will of The Baron Willoughby de Broke, in 1951, to be ‘in perpetuity part of the church yard ‘

In 1957 the PCC and Church Wardens acquired an adjoining piece of land from the Estate of the late Baron, for the princely sum of £5, with £15 4s 6d costs incurred! A good purchase indeed, especially for the lawyers!

However, in May 2005, the Diocese of Portsmouth wrote to the PCC asking "why they were resisting selling the land to an eager property developer, and giving the proceeds to the Diocese “ !
The then Churchwardens , the late Admiral Sir Brian Brown, and his redoubtable No.2, Captain Edward (Ted) Hackett, gave them short shrift, a resolution was passed at PCC that we had no intention of selling the land, and that was that !

Today we are using that piece of (consecrated) land for the benefit of anyone who wishes to be buried there in the fulness of time, and has a right to be so. If the churchwardens at that time had not stood their ground.....

Churchwardens are required by law to protect the church , and in the 21st Century Lightening Conductors (LC) are inspected every year.

Blissfully unaware of that duty awaiting me in my later years, as a boy, I lived in Bingham, Nottinghamshire, just next to Aslockton, the birthplace of Thomas Cranmer, who became Henry VIII's Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533.

I used to cycle past “Cranmer's cottage “ on my way to school. Cranmer knew Bingham Church, and admired its very impressive spire.

It is perhaps a good thing he wasn't alive 200 years later, when on the morning of 21st September 1775 the spire was struck by a lightning bolt.

The only deaths resulting from this were of “13 pigeons and 3 jackdaws, but eleven boys who were in the church were ‘thrown down with great violence’ and three of them were said to be ‘much scorched’. The bells were unharmed, but the clock was damaged, and some stones dislodged from the tower. 0

This story was still being told in Bingham, when the young Froxfield Churchwarden-to-be moved there in 1962, and I've never forgotten it.

.....High Cross church is getting its annual LC check on 19 May!

If only the churchwardens in 1775 had had an "Annual Maintenance Checklist “ to follow , all may have been well!



Two thirds of the way through May and almost half the year has gone and a moment to reflect on the variety of a Chair of Governor's role.

Children in Year 6 have taken their National Statutory Tests. Each and every one of them did themselves, and the school, proud. You may have heard in the media reports of the test being more challenging this year (particularly the maths), but as I was able to see for myself our pupils approached them with confidence and maturity and all did their absolute best, even if they

found some of the questions difficult. As Chair of Governors one of my roles is to observe the administration of these Statutory Tests on at least one morning - it is interesting to see what lengths Mrs Farrow and Mrs Fry

have to go to in order to comply with the regulations set by the examination board - all scripts kept in a locked cupboard and the key kept in a separate room, the scripts only to be opened in the exam room and all scripts used and unused collected and locked away in new wrappings at the end of the test, but as I can testify they certainly did comply to the letter and I signed to confirm.

I was also interested and impressed to observe how the children conducted themselves during the test I sat in on. Clearly they had been very well prepared for these tests and of course practice in managing themselves under pressure is an important life skill that will stand the children in good stead for their future.

Every year, each of the four classes select a charity to focus on. They learn about the work of the charity and the difference they make. Throughout their time in school, the children will support global, national and local charities including environmental charities, research charities, children's charities and disaster relief charities.

This term, all classes will carry out a fundraising event for their chosen charity. Class 1 recently held a cake sale in aid of the Petersfield Food Bank. The children designed posters and made cakes, raising £133.35. They also collected dried produce for the food parcels too and I was privileged to deliver these donations which were most gratefully received.

Froxfield School is extremely fortunate to have a close relationship with Bedales and Dunhurst Schools, providing many sporting benefits for the children - for example recently the U9 cricket team played against Dunhurst teams, with the children representing the school so very well.

Over the coming weeks, there are a number of other sporting opportunities planned. As well as cricket, these include football for U11, Teddy Bear Orienteering for Class 1, a Year 2 Small Schools 'Cross Country competition and the Year 5/6 Small Schools 'Swimming Gala. Children love representing their school and the enthusiasm and camaraderie is a delight to witness. Later in June I look forward to the school sports day and handing out the medals and cups to the deserving winners.

As well as chairing the governor meetings with my fellow Froxfield school governors, I currently chair the Small Schools Chairs of Governors Group. This group is made up of the Chairs of governors from the six local schools - Froxfield, West Meon, East Meon, Steep, Sheet and Langrish. It is a very

supportive group and we all value the opportunity to share best practice and to give one another support if needed.

Certainly being a school governor is stimulating, fulfilling, interesting and often lots of fun as well!

Gilly Hollis Chair of Governors Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool.

Friends of Froxfield School

The Friends of Froxfield School would love you to join us for our Summer Fayre, part of the Fawley Horse & Dog Show, on Sunday 7th July.

We have fabulous stalls, entertainment, food and a bar, and some fantastic prizes have kindly been donated for our raffle. More details to follow but definitely a date for the diary.

Froxfield Village Hall: Upcoming Events

June



Tuesdays (until 18th) **Yoga** class 09:30-10:45. Currently running up to and including 18 June.

If you would like to join the existing class, or express an interest in future classes,

please contact Roessa Yorke on practicalyoga@googlemail.com

Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Froxfield Cricket Club

home games 1pm onwards. Support your local team and if you're interested in joining the club please ask or contact Kevin at kevinhiscock74@gmail.com.

Saturday 8th

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)

Friday 21st

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

July

- Saturday 6/13/20/27th **Froxfield Cricket Club** – home games 1pm onwards
- Saturday 13th **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 19th **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

No Trustees, No Hall!

Our AGM was held on 24 April, to table annual reports from the Chairman and the Treasurer and where all Trustees resign their positions and any volunteers stand for election to Trustee. Our thanks go to the dozen or so members of the Parish who attended the AGM.

Subject to the 2023 Accounts being signed off, the summary financial position is as follows:

Income from donations & fundraising	£19,349
Income from Hall Hire	<u>£16,022</u>
Total Income	£35,371
Expenditure (excl capital & depreciation)	£17,393
Capital expenditure	£35,834*
Depreciation	<u>£ 9,474</u>
Total Expenditure	£62,701
Net Loss (after capital & depreciation)	-£27,330

*Capital expenditure included mandatory car park works (a condition of a grant in 2020) and mandatory electrical safety inspection works; together totalling £24k. Provided there are no emergencies, such significant sums should not repeat in 2024, but see the comments below about required maintenance and refurbishment.

The full reports will be made available on the Village Hall website and as usual the approved accounts will be submitted to the Charities Commission.

Jenna-Samengo-Turner did not stand for election again, having been a Trustee for many years, providing invaluable support and fulfilling several roles. The Chairman expressed the immense gratitude of all Trustees (past and present) for Jenna's many years of support.

No members of the Parish came forward to volunteer as Trustees, leaving the Council of Management below what is required to run the hall. If this situation doesn't change, Froxfield Village Hall will face the possibility of closure. Robert Shepherd, Dave Rymer and Will Ismay agreed to stand for election again, in order to explore options and develop a plan for the future and if necessary, an orderly transition of the hall.

The Trustees will report back to the Parish at a future public meeting. Sue Clegg also stood for election and joins the committee, with our thanks, to help out with the Bookings role.

The lack of volunteers does mean that there won't be any events organised by the committee, and the £7k raised for the hall through those events in 2023, will not be matched in 2024 unless individuals in the community choose to get together and put them on.

The Trustees at their subsequent meeting agreed to explore options for a simplified fireworks event to try to make it manageable, to put something on for the community and raise some funds in 2024.

The hall still needs significant capital funds to be able to complete necessary repairs, to refit the toilets and kitchen, fix the roof, replace the failing doors and windows and redecorate.

Fundraising is a time-consuming task requiring a scope of work to be developed sufficiently for contractors to price the works. With the contractors' prices, grant applications can be made to organisations like Sport England and The National Lottery, as well as local government.

This is a big undertaking and we don't have enough people to be able to do it, in addition to running the hall. If you would like to help with this exercise, please contact Robert Shepherd via email at: robertshepherd.parish@gmail.com.