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Thank you

Thank you to the kind person who found the hoof boot which I lost while out riding my old piebald cob, Domino, and left it on the gatepost of the bridleway opposite West Lodge. Domino has foot problems, and sometimes needs extra protection on our flinty ground., so wears boots over his shoes. Replacements are very expensive, so I'm really pleased to have them back! He's a friendly chap, and always happy to stop and have a chat with people we meet when we are pottering about. Good with children and dogs!

Brenda King, Wheelers Farm



On their return to school after the Easter holidays the children and staff were delighted to find a new area had been created in the playground designed to give the children a place to be contemplative; peaceful and prayerful; a Spiritual Garden.

This lovely idea was developed in response to a suggestion made to the school and governors by the Diocesan education department, who in turn were responding to the growing need they had seen in children following the covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has caused big challenges for us all, but for children especially, and has caused society to rethink education and develop more holistic approaches to children's learning, considering the ultimate importance of mental health and wellbeing.

Froxfield School Continued

What an impressive achievement - twenty years working with the youngest children in the school nurturing their early school experiences and learning, from helping them learn their letters, sounds and numbers to getting very small people ready for PE, playing nicely together and lining up neatly and politely, ready to go home - just a very few of the enormous range of responsibilities that Mrs Haines covers in a child's day.

I am shocked to realise that the first children she encountered twenty years ago are now in their mid twenties and may even be parents of small children themselves! What I do know is that in conversations with their children now in senior school and beyond, parents at the school have all said what their child said when talking of Mrs Haines - "Oh I love Mrs Haines!" What an accolade - congratulations and thank you Mrs Haines for all you continue to do for the whole school.

Gillian Hollis Chair of Governors



1 A photo of the Spiritual Garden

2 Mrs Haines being greeted at her party by Mrs Farrow and Mrs Fry

Froxfield School Continued

At Froxfield school we seek to support the children's wellbeing in a variety of ways and realise that nurturing their spiritual development encourages children's deeper understanding of themselves and others, helping children gain an appreciation of their place within the world.

The school engaged the help of one of the parents to help us achieve our aim of developing such a space in our playground. Christopher Pike, a professional Garden designer and sculptor has designed and created a beautiful, discrete space within the playground as a Spiritual Garden. Here children can be contemplative, take the time to appreciate the natural world, share with their peers their deeper thoughts and tap into their spiritual selves. It will also be a space where a teacher might be with a child who is troubled, a place of calm and peace where a child's fears and concerns may be managed in a positive, safe environment.

The garden idea has been enthusiastically supported by FOFS, the school parents' association, and before the school broke for Easter they had raised an impressive £1800 and together with an anonymous donation from a member of the Froxfield High Cross congregation, work on developing the garden was able to get underway during the Easter break.

As is the case with all gardens this will be an ongoing project which the children will be able to contribute to and make it their space by planting and decorating the area - the plan is to grow a range of grasses and sweet scented plants in the planters which form the perimeter of the garden which has as its centre a spherical water feature providing the soothing sound of gently trickling water. The garden will be completed with curved wooden seating to allow small groups to gather for the purpose of quiet reflection and prayer.

Schools are of course about the children who attend them but they are also about the staff who work in them - and the staff are key to maintaining the ethos, culture and personality of the organisation. At the end of last term we governors were delighted to be asked to participate, with the whole staff, to celebrate the twenty years service by one of the most loved members of the staff - Mrs Anita Haines, the highly experienced and respected Learning Support Assistant in Class 1.

Get ready for a new season of Petersfield CARRR BOOT SALES!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - that's our motto, and we're back with a bang for another fantastic season of eco-friendly shopping and community fun! Whether you're on the lookout for hidden treasures or keen to declutter and give your unwanted items a new lease on life, our CARRR Boot Sale is your one-stop-shop.

No car? No problem! We've got you covered with a limited number of tables available inside the pavilion. So, gather your goodies and join us for a morning of sustainable shopping.

Save the Date(s): Sunday 21st April – Sunday 19 May – Sunday 16 June – Sunday 21 July – Sunday 18 Aug – Sunday 15 Sept ***weather permitting***
Time: 08.00am-12noon Location: Avenue Pavilion, Playing Fields

We expect spaces to fill fast, so don't miss out! Head over to www.ticketsource.co.uk/petersfield-town-council to secure your pitch today.

Let's make a difference together and carrr-y on the tradition of reducing waste, reusing treasures, and recycling memories. See you there!

SOLUTION TO APRIL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Antiquated, 6 Limb, 9 Attraction, 10 Fear, 12 Innate, 13 Toolkits, 15 Artificially, 18 Refrigerated, 21 Sargasso, 22 Banana, 24 Edna, 25 Councillor, 26 Sash, 27 Usherettes.

Down - 1 Acacia, 2 Titans, 3 Quarter final, 4 Ante, 5 Ecological, 7 Inedible, 8 Birdseye, 11 Alliterative, 14 Diversions, 16 Freshers, 17 Affronts, 19 Pallet, 20 Taurus, 23 Once.

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Recycling	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling



On Wednesday 10 April we welcomed Geoff Hawkins to our meeting at Froxfield Village Hall and he shared his wealth of wisdom about ground cover with us. The meeting was well attended and we enjoyed a very varied and interesting range of slides showing different ways of reducing the need for weeding. Geoff advised us not to hoe too rigorously as dormant seeds germinate in light and not 'to let a weed seed see a Sunday'.

Geoff emphasised the importance of enriching the soil and suggested that leaves could be left gathered under trees and hedges so that they feed the soil. He reminded us that some 'weeds' are, of course, beneficial to wildlife – clover left in grass and dandelions are a bee's delight; even Ground Elder has its place in a wild area of the garden! He suggested many plants to use as ground cover and his message throughout his talk was that a good ground plant requires low maintenance, grows quickly and is dense in nature!

Our meeting was the last of the current season but our Summer events are listed below:

- Thursday 20th June at 6.30pm - EVENING VISIT to Sandhill Farm House, Rogate, Petersfield GU31 5HU
- Saturday 27th July 2-5pm - OPEN GARDEN at Filmore Hill Farmhouse, Privett GU34 3NX by kind permission of Graham and Marveen Flack
- Thursday 1st August at 2pm - AFTERNOON VISIT to Bramdean House, Bramdean SO24 0JU
- Saturday 31st August at 2pm - SUMMER SHOW at Froxfield Village Hall.

Detailed information on the events will follow in future Parish magazines.
Sue Kinlochan

Benefice Worship

By day and by night around the throne they sing: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty: he was, he is, and he is to come.
 Revelation 4.8

- Sunday 5 May: The 6th Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday (White)**
 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
 10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
 10am Parish Communion, High Cross
 11.15 Rogation Day Walk, High Cross to Privett
- Thursday 9 May: Ascension Day (White or Gold)**
 8am Ascension Morning Prayers, Privett Bell Tower
 7pm Holy Communion (Common Worship), Steep
- Sunday 12 May: The 7th Sunday of Easter (White)**
 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
 10am Parish Communion, Steep
- Sunday 19 May: Pentecost / Whit Sunday (Red)**
 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
 10am Parish Communion, High Cross
- Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday (White or Gold)**
 10am Benefice Communion Patronal Festival, Holy Trinity, Privett
- Sunday 2 June: The 1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)**
 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
 10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
 10am Parish Communion, High Cross

MAY 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

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

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

Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 11thth May 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



**Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert
and George Shearing's Shakespeare Songs**

**Holy Trinity, Privett GU34 3PE
Saturday 15 June at 7.30pm**

**Froxfield Choir
with the Brass Breakout Jazz Orchestra**

Tickets £18 (£12 students) available from
One Tree Books, Petersfield or Ticketsource

www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk www.bbjo.co.uk

PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL HALL

PLANNING INFORMATION EVENINGS

VENUE: ROSE ROOM, PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL HALL

DATE(S): MON 29 APRIL & TUES 30 APRIL

DROP IN SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON EACH AFTERNOON BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 15:00-17:00 & 18:00-20:00

2024 marks 80 years since D-Day!

Petersfield Town Council are organising a parade and service in the town centre in line with their Armed Forces Covenant Promise:

Acknowledge and support military anniversaries to Commemorate or by Act of Remembrance as guided and advised by appropriate national organisations



**Petersfield D-Day 80
Parade & Service**

Thursday 6 June 2024

Petersfield Square & War Memorial

08:00 Proclamation from Petersfield Town Crier
08:15 Parade to War Memorial for Service

www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/dday80

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D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

Petersfield

Editor's Comment

We were really disappointed to read in the Froxfield Village Hall article last month, that there was only a 26% uptake on the form they bothered to send out garnering people's opinions on the use of the hall. Why can't people be bothered? We have found over the years doing the magazine, that people are only too happy to rely on others doing things and not doing anything themselves. We live in a village that is only going to be as good as the occupants who live here.

Privett seems to be lucky in that they have an active community who support the endeavours of their village hall team. Even if you are too busy to give your time, surely you are not too busy to give your support.

Before anyone complains about this; Steve runs his own business and I work permanent night shifts in London and we still find time to do the magazine every month.

Caroline

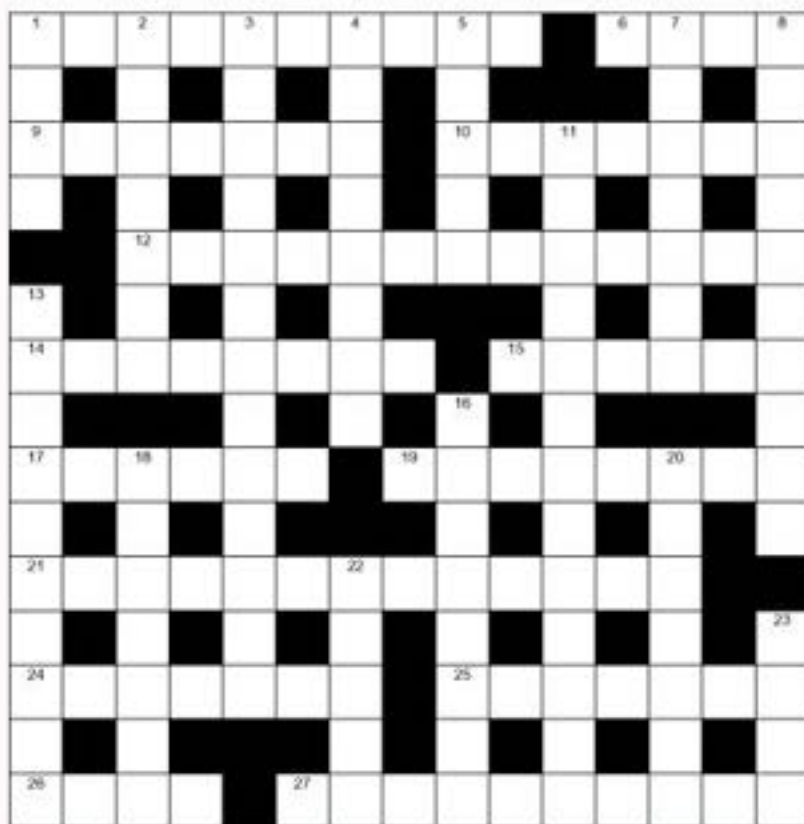


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 A substance brushed onto teeth to clean them
- 6 Metal used in the process of galvanizing
- 9 A small citrus fruit; a type of Japanese pottery
- 10 A clown
- 12 E.g. Sir John Betjeman and Andrew Motion (5,8)
- 14 Delay, adjourn
- 15 View
- 17 The capital of Punjab province
- 19 A form of sledge
- 21 Foods containing a lot of sugar, starch and cellulose
- 24 Clusters of small flowers on trees and shrubs
- 25 Core, kernel
- 26 A British nobleman
- 27 'Cut dire don' (anag).

Down

- 1 Throw with a light or careless motion
- 2 A mollusc with eight sucker-bearing arms
- 3 Small brown and grey garden birds (5,8)
- 4 Collecting, accumulating
- 5 The shinbone
- 7 Separate, segregate
- 8 A small musical instrument, a squeeze box
- 11 Represented as having less distance than in reality, to give an effect of perspective
- 13 Relevant or appropriate
- 16 A young man fond of driving very fast in high-powered cars (3,5)
- 18 A coastal place where ships may moor
- 20 Of the stomach
- 22 A republic in SW Arabia
- 23 Bolted, escaped



Quiz Night at Privett - Saturday 11 May

The popular **Quiz Night** at Privett Village Hall takes place on **Saturday 11 May, 6.30pm** for a prompt start of the Quiz at 7.00pm. Come along as a team (6 in a team), or join others to make up a team on the night. Competition on the night will be fierce as teams battle it out with extraordinary and erudite displays of general knowledge and other trivia – Privett's answer to University Challenge! At half-time a fish and chip supper will be served, in the hope of stimulating the brain. And a pay bar will ensure that you can meet with equal cheer those two impostors, triumph and disaster.

Tickets (to include supper) are £10.00 and should be booked in advance from Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: araphael.enamels@googlemail.com). If you would prefer a sausage or a veggie burger with your chips instead of fish, let Gill know by **Monday 6 May latest**. Any questions?

The Churchwardens Month



April is a busy month in the Church year, with Easter services, and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). This includes an open invitation to all Parishioners to attend a meeting to hear how the volunteers of the church are supporting the work of the clergy, lead by Rev Dr Susie Collingridge and her team.

As I write this article, on Sunday 21st April, our APCM has just finished. We took time to review all that has happened during 2023, with the appointment of our new Priest-in-Charge, Rev Dr Susie Collingridge, and Rev Sue Jones joining the team, as Deacon and Curate. We look forward to Sue's ordination as Priest at Portsmouth Cathedral on 29 June- All are welcome to attend this happy event!

We have also made great progress in the basic but crucial maintenance work on the fabric of our churches, and created a new refreshed rota of flower arrangements in church for special services, and seasonal variations

The Churchwardens Month

The meeting gave particular thanks for the tireless work over many years, of Ms Sara Greenaway, who stood down as Church Warden at this meeting. Rev Susie lead the many tributes to all the work that Sara did for the church, and for the wider community, over the years, from tending lovingly to the church building, to nurturing the formative years of youngsters in the village at “ messy church” and “Ignite” youth services.

We have elected our volunteer officers, for another year, but there remains a vacancy for Church Warden, and I would be grateful to talk to anyone who is interested in learning more about this fascinating ,yet challenging role.

As you may know, the Froxfield Church of England Primary and Pre School is very closely linked to St Peter’s, High Cross, where the children of the school attend collective worship 3 times a week. The Church provides three Governors to support the work of the school- Mrs Gilly Hollis, Chair of `Governors; Mr Edward Sadler and Rev Sue Jones as Foundation Governors. Warm thanks and appreciation was given for the excellent work of Head Teacher, Mrs Farrow, and her superb team. In this rural community, many of us will have had personal experiences of attending this, or similar , rural village schools, and the children here at Froxfield are lucky indeed to be growing up, and learning, in such a caring and protective environment.

The Saturday Drop in , a regular and popular feature of community life at Froxfield Village Hall, has been lead superbly over many years by Rev Joanna Farrell, and Mrs Tida Dobbs. During 2023, leadership of this worthwhile event has passed smoothly to Mrs Susannah Shepherd, and the APCM meeting expressed its warm thanks to Joanna, Tida, and Anne Grove, for all the love and hard work they have put into the Drop In, which so many people have enjoyed.

April has also seen the start of a gentle tidying up of the churchyard, with a team of volunteers carefully mowing around the beautiful wild flowers, to give better access to the graves and memorials. All volunteers are welcome !

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who give so freely of their time, in and around the church, and behind the scenes.

Rob Hollis. Church Warden

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton



(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday

ALLEN GALLERY

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

EXHIBITIONS

Echoes of Iceland - this group of four professional textile artists presented a most interesting and popular exhibition in 2023. Their current exhibition is in the Gallery until 12th May.

Re:Connecting - Habitats, Wildlife, People -

an 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.

Nature is infinitely varied, essential to our own survival and brings joy. But our wildlife is in steep decline. Vast areas of natural habitat have been destroyed, the vital connections between sites and species severed, and our own lives divorced from nature. We can and must act to reverse these trends, since we break the connections at our peril.

This exhibition of specially commissioned ceramics and photography celebrates the restoration of a local site for nature and demonstrates the power and joy of community action in reconnecting habitats, wildlife and people. We hope it will inspire others to act, by showing that declines in biodiversity can be reversed when enthusiastic volunteers.

collaborate with experts, bringing benefits to wildlife and people.

15th May - 23rd June.

There will be a programme of events for local schools and the public, run in association with The Friends of **Blacknest Fields** and **Alton Natural History Society**, which will amplify the exhibition’s messages within the wider community.

For more information on planned activities please visit:

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

Blacknest Fields Project

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/491868806032065>

Alton Natural History Society

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/altonnaturalhistorysoc>

GALLERY WORKSHOPS

Raw Clay workshop - Saturday 18th May, 2-4pm.

Join ceramicist Bridget Macklin to create 'seedy beasts' using clay mixed with wildflower seed. Then take your creations home and leave them outside, where sun and rain will help the seeds to grow into a wildflower patch in your garden. *Part of the programme of events to accompany the exhibition Re:Connecting – Habitats, Wildlife, People.* Tickets £12.00 per participant, suitable for anyone aged 8+. Please book on the Gallery website.

Street Stories - woodwork and 2D/3D assembly workshop - Monday 27th May, sessions bookable from 10am - 2pm.

Join the Street Stories team and learn to make a character from a book, myth or legend that can be part of the exciting local Street Stories art project for Alton Arts Festival.

£5, pay on the day. Email streetstories@altonartsfestival.com to book a place.

Moths at Night - Tuesday 28th May, 8.45pm - 10.30pm.

An opportunity to explore the night life of the Gallery's Garden and learn how light traps are used to study moths. Led by moth expert Chris Piper. Free event, suitable for adults and accompanied older children.

Marvellous Moths and Minibeasts - Wednesday 29th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Discover the wonderful mix of moths found flying in the Garden last night, then hunt for beetles and bugs, snails and slugs and all sorts of other minibeasts hiding among our pots and plants. Led by expert naturalists June Chatfield and Chris Piper.

Free event, suitable for adults and children of all ages.

TALK



Timbercroft Close for Cardiac Rehab. Photograph supplied by Isobel Bretherton



A private garden will open to the public for the first time in mid-May, to raise funds for Alton heart charity Cardiac Rehab.

The gates of **3 Timbercroft Close, Four Marks, GU34 5BB** will be open between **2pm and 5pm on Sunday 12th May**, allowing visitors to enjoy this wonderful spring flowering garden, with ornamental features and village views.

Entry costs £7.50 to include a cup of tea and piece of cake, children go free.

Mature shrubs and vibrant colour from acers, rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias, on a quarter of an acre. Also peonies and diverse perennials. Plant stall. **For details/tickets see: cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events**

The charity also supports older people wishing to stay well, those recovering from cancer, strokes and people awaiting joint surgery.

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

Talk

St Mary's Church - Raising the Roof - a talk by Chris Walker, arranged by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery. **Thursday 9th May at 7.30. FREE.**

ALLEN GALLERY FILM NIGHT

May's film is **Past Lives**, a story of childhood, lost love and romance, in Korean and English. It was rated as a "must watch" with 95% on the Rotten Tomatoes review site. **Saturday 11th May**, tickets available online at the Gallery website.

For further information of any of our events please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or see the website.



The Future of Our Hall

By the time you read this, we will have held our AGM (24 April) and those Trustees who join the committee will be starting to make plans for the future of the Hall.

Unofficially (subject to completion and signing off the Accounts) in 2023 our successful grants and fundraising activities enabled us to turn a very small profit **before** capital expenditures. However, the capital spend was significant, resulting in a loss overall. We face a significant challenge with the high level of capital funds still required to refurbish the hall and fix issues, so we would need to get more, larger grants and carry out other fundraising efforts to do so. This highlights the critical need for volunteer Committee members to take on the roles of Maintenance, Grant Funding and organising fundraising events.

If we cannot find the necessary volunteers to undertake these activities, the hall will have to be wound down, well before the Reserves are exhausted. Trustees will develop plans and share any alternatives with the community before proceeding. Watch this space.

The Future of Our Hall continued

If you care enough about your hall to get involved in saving it, please contact Robert Shepherd at robertshepherd.parish@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

May:

Saturday 11th **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)

Saturday 11/18/25th **Froxfield Cricket Club** – home games 1pm onwards. Support your local team and if you're interested in joining the club please ask on site.*

Friday 17th **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

June:

Saturday 1/8/15/22nd **Froxfield Cricket Club** – home games 1pm onwards. Support your local team and if you're interested in joining the club please ask.

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

*Froxfield Cricket Club enquiries to Kevin at kevinhiscock74@gmail.com.