

Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



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Editorial

Hello Everyone,

We have kindly been given permission by Daphne Newman to reproduce parts of the history book Froxfield and Privett: A Taste of History, written by John Day and revised by her late husband Tony. This will not replace Pam Goodall's very popular History Notes, but will run in conjunction.

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Clergy Corner



We know that athletes train for races and musicians practice for concerts. So isn't it strange that we expect to be able to face the spiritual and personal trials of life without any training at all? Sometimes we even blame God when we face something that we find difficult.

If the most exercise I have done is strolling to the paper shop I would struggle to run a marathon. Trying harder won't help very much. If we are going to be spiritually "fit", we will need to get into training by learning some practices and techniques to help. If we begin to train, we will find that our relationship with God grows stronger and we will be much better equipped to face the difficulties when ("when", not "if!") they come.

Where do we start? Practices used over the centuries by Christians who want to grow spiritually include meditating on scripture, solitude, prayer and love. None of these things "just happen"; we can start small, but they do take a bit of practice. A good athletics coach will take you from where you are and build up your fitness and skills gradually. S/he would start you from where you are. With the "spiritual disciplines" we need to have the same approach. I may want to aim for 3 hours on my knees in fervent prayer before breakfast. However, if I am an "owl" rather than a "lark", the longest I have spent sitting still is the time it takes me to eat my lunch, and I have arthritis in my knees, that is probably an ambitious way to start. However, it could make all the difference to take just 5 minutes at the end of the day to review with God all that has happened; to thank God for all that has been good and look at where I might have acted differently, then to hand it all over to Him. Likewise, meditating on scripture might begin with getting hold of a book (or an app) of bible 'thoughts', or even a calendar with a different bible verse each day. Your practice of solitude might end up in taking a silent retreat, but it could start with turning the radio off for a while each day and taking time to ponder and pray instead. Not many of us will be as dedicated our lives to serving the poor as Mother Theresa, but our journey of love for God and others might start with helping out a neighbour and by reviewing which good causes receive our regular support.

Clergy Corner continued

These disciplines can all help us to live more fully the lives that God has for us, but the aim is not to be a better pray-er or a more erudite biblical scholar. The aim is that we are growing in love for God & love for each other. Starting from wherever we are, we can start taking small steps to grow in our spiritual lives in Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit. This is true for people of any age and in any situation of life.

With best wishes,
Rev. Susie Collingridge, Associate Vicar.

If you are interested in taking some time out this Lent for spiritual growth, you might be interested in the weekly Lent course (run in association with PACT) led by Caroline Hilton: 'The Gift of Empty Hands', Thursdays from 7th March 2-3.30pm. To find out more, do give her a call on 263460 or contact Anne, benefice administrator, at steepfroxfieldprivett@gmail.com

Privett Village Hall – AGM and Curry and Trifle Night Saturday 27 April



This is advance notice that Privett Village Hall Trust has its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 27 April at the Village Hall, beginning at 6.30 pm. Following the great success of last year, the AGM will be followed by a Curry and Trifle Night – who said an AGM has to be boring?

Full details of the AGM and information about tickets for the Curry and Trifle Night will be given in April's magazine – but save the date now. The committee which runs the Village Hall are looking for new members to be appointed at the AGM and anyone who is interested in joining the committee should speak to the Chairman (Graham Flack: tel. 828170; email: graham.flack@filmorehill.co.uk) or the Secretary (Bridget Kindler: tel. 828214; email: bridgetkindler@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.



Half term is upon us and I hope everyone at our school is enjoying a good break - the weather forecast is certainly better for this coming week than we experienced at the beginning of February.

One of the responsibilities of a Chair of School Governors is to help the headteacher decide whether or not to close the school in the event of snow, so on February the 1st at 6.30 in the morning Mrs Farrow and I were texting one another about the overnight snow fall, (the early hour a clear indication of Mrs Farrow's dedication to the children of Froxfield!) We had an impressive 5cm of snow where I live in Privett compared with none where Mrs Farrow lives whilst there was a mere 1 cm in Petersfield and in Froxfield the grass was still visible. As you can imagine shutting the school has a big knock on effect on parents who work so we decided to keep the school open for everyone who could safely make it in. For those children who did manage to make it, much fun was had on the Recreation Ground at playtime and lunch time building snowmen - such a joyful and timeless activity.

As readers may know, the school holds an act of collective worship every Tuesday afternoon in St Peters' High Cross and last Tuesday, to mark the end of the half term, Class One (the tiny five and six year olds) led the service. The theme of the service was 'Courage' which has been this half term's value that the whole school has explored. The school was joined by a good number of parents and grandparents who, I hope, felt justly proud of their small family member standing up in front of the congregation to sing, to pray and to enact aspects of the theme of Courage, physical, emotional and spiritual. Congratulations to everyone in Class One and especially to Mrs Ingham Thomas for devising and directing an impressive presentation.

Froxfield School continued

Damien Hinds our MP and the Secretary of State for Education has set out that *character* and *resilience* are as important as academic achievement. He states that the government is pledging to work with schools to help every child access activities within each of the five *Foundations for Building Character: Sport, Creativity, Performing, Volunteering and Membership, and World of Work*. Clearly Class One were fulfilling key areas of Mr Hinds' ambitions for all school children in both creativity and performing and of course developing Courage requires both resilience and character.

The schools's Easter service will be held at 2.45 pm on Tuesday April 2nd and Mrs Farrow would like all members of Froxfield village, the congregation of St Peters as well as parents of the school to feel most welcome to attend. If you're free do come and see for yourselves the impressive performances of our young folk.

In last month's piece I mentioned the trip that Class One was to take to Windsor Castle as part of their Learning Cluster 'God Save the Queen'. I understand it was a huge success and the children learned a great deal - together with their history learning, the children gained an understanding of the role of Queen Elizabeth II and spent time comparing Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria whilst at the Castle. The children also took part in a workshop where many were able to dress up and re-create various roles of the Queen including inspecting the troops and ending with a re-enactment of the coronation.

As a fitting finale to the 'God Save the Queen' learning cluster, Class One parents were given a truly royal welcome to the classroom. Parents were invited to attend a Royal Tea Party to celebrate 67 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign, co - incidentally to the exact day! In preparation, the children had spent much time and effort to make a wonderful selection of sandwiches, with various fillings, and scones and they also enjoyed making patriotic bunting. The Tea Party finished with a rendition of the National Anthem.

Froxfield School continued

By contrast, Class Two's learning cluster (topic) is 'Check Out China' and they held a special day to celebrate Chinese New Year and performed a Dragon Dance to parents. Their learning about China continued with a visit to Bohunt School in Liphook. Where they met some Chinese teachers, learnt some Mandarin words and even sang a song in Mandarin! Their Chinese names were written down and of course it was a great experience for the children to spend time in a bigger school. They also had the opportunity to make Chinese lanterns and decorate red envelopes to put under their pillows for good luck. What a special experience that I'm sure Class Two will remember for years to come.

Froxfield School has developed a reputation for being a very sporty school and despite our small size we always perform well at events attended by a mix of local schools. So I'd like to add my congratulations to several of our Class Four children who, over the past few months, have regularly travelled to Portsdown Hill on a Friday, immediately after school, to participate in an inter-school Cross Country challenge. They run about one mile across hilly country and I'm told it's great fun but also rather challenging!

As well as the school's Easter Service could I also ask you to consider supporting our Class four children singing at the Petersfield Music Festival on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th of March - get your ticket soon! And in April years four and five will be involved in a performance of Mozart at The Grange on 26th April from 3pm - 4pm. No tickets are needed - the theatre has a capacity of about 500 and it would be wonderful to fill it with supporters from all the 5 local schools involved. Perhaps I'll see some of you at one or more of these various events.

Gillian Hollis ; Chair of Governors, Froxfield C of E Primary School

Annual Revision Of Parish Church Electoral Roll: Important Notice

Each year the parish church updates its electoral roll – this is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the church's Annual Parochial Council Meeting for the appointment of churchwardens and members of the parochial church council. (This is quite separate from the electoral roll used for parish council elections, which is maintained by East Hampshire District Council.)

Most importantly, this year we have to make a complete revision of the parish church electoral roll – starting from scratch. So even if you are already on the electoral roll, this year, to remain on the roll, you must complete and return an Application Form.

Application Forms can be found at the back of the church at High Cross, or if you call, text or email me I can send you an Application Form for you to complete.

The parish church electoral roll will be updated on 23 March, and all Application Forms must be completed and returned by Thursday 21 March at the latest.

Completed Application Forms may be left in the church or emailed to me or sent to me at the address below by 21 March.

If you have any questions, call me on 07866 506744, or email me at sadlerpatricia@hotmail.com.

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Froxfield Choir



Froxfield Choir is venturing out of the village for its spring concert, which will be at St George's Church, Trotton in West Sussex on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. The programme for the concert includes Night Flight by Cecilia McDowall, Agnus Dei by Samuel Barber and Requiem- (A Thanksgiving for Life) the 2007 composition by Sir Philip Ledger, who was for many years the Director of the Choir at King's College, Cambridge. Night Flight marks the centenary of the first woman, the American Harriet Quimby, to fly across the English Channel in 1912. She received little recognition for this remarkable feat, overshadowed as it was by the sinking of the Titanic just the day before. Written for a cappella choral ensemble and cello solo the three songs are settings of poems by British poet Sheila Bryer. Barber's Agnus Dei is a choral composition based on an arrangement of his well-known Adagio for Strings.

Tickets are £12, available from One Tree Books and on the door.



Save The Children (Petersfield Branch) "Big Sale"

Held in Petersfield Festival Hall there will be a huge selection of new and good-as-new clothing and shoes for all the family, many of them with the original price tags. There will also be homeware, a designer room and a cafe.

The dates are:-

Friday, 29th March - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. £2 entry (Friday only)

Saturday, 30th March: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. All items half price
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. fill a Save the Children bin bag for £10

Come and have a good time and help raise funds for disadvantaged children in the U.K. and throughout the world.

For further information contact www.petersfield-savethechildren.co.uk

Ladies Friendship Group



Our bobbin lace making meeting turned out to be very popular with more than 20 attending despite the very foggy conditions that made driving there difficult.

Erica Parker, who has been a member of Alresford Lacing Making Group for 3 years, started the evening off by handing round beautiful samples of traditional lace patterns from various counties including Hampshire. Each has a different pattern, Honiton lace being the most famous.

She explained how women would carry out this traditional craft by candle light, the lace being formed as thread on bobbins was weaved and held in place with pins on a pillow. Children often helped with the pins and could earn pennies for doing the work. Erica said that this could be where the term "pin money" originated.

The highlight of the evening was that we all had the chance to have a go at weaving a stitch or two of lace, working with 4 bobbins at a time. Erica and her experienced lace-making friend, Margaret, were on hand to guide us with the first steps. The room was filled with much laughter and noise as we tackled this craft. It was so enjoyable that stopping to have tea and biscuits was hard.

Our thanks go to Erica and Margaret for such a lovely evening and to the host, Alex Raphael, for managing to fit us all in her home and making us so welcome.

Next Meetings:

Monday 4th March 8pm "Arctic to the Antarctic" by Donna Robinson at Bridget Kindlers, The Starting Gate, Filmore Hill, Privett, GU34 3NX

Monday 1st April 8pm Social & AGM at Gill Chung's, Taverne Cottage, Hemplands Lane, Privett, GU34 3NX

Non-members also welcome

QUERIES to Ursela 01730 828324

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

(01420 82802) www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

Hours are Tues-Sat, Gallery 10.30 - 4.30, Museum 10 – 5

Allen Gallery

Talks: [Jane Hurst's Talk on Alton in 1939 and David Graham's on Roman Neatham have been over-subscribed. They are therefore being repeated on May 2nd (David's) and May 23rd (Jane's) to accommodate people who couldn't get a ticket.]

Thursday April 11th: Discovering Portsmouth Museums' Natural History Collections with Christine Taylor. 7.30pm, FREE

Thursday April 25th Stained Glass in Local Churches. Professional photographer Michael Sleigh shows some of his best images, opening our eyes to the beauty and detail of local stained glass.

Tickets @ £5 per person from the Gallery. 7.30 pm.

Workshop

Silk Scarf Painting: Learn how to paint your own one-off silk scarf.

Thursday March 21st. £25 pp., book in advance through the Gallery.

Exhibitions

March: Pam (Pell) Jones – "A Walk around Alton". March 2nd - 30th.

Watercolours of local scenes by this popular local artist. FREE

"Land, sea and four legs" eclectic art by Sue Hood 2nd to 30th FREE

April: A Kaleidoscope of Colour An exhibition by Leonard Murrell, Cicelie Fry and Hilary Dancer. April 6th – 26th. FREE

Easter Activities

Gallery: Easter Make-and-Take. Two drop-in sessions on an Easter theme, £2 per child. 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm, Thursday April 18th. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Museum: An Easter Trail to follow round the Museum, throughout the holidays.

Froxfield and Privett: A Taste of History

Preface to The Second Edition

John Day, who was the first Vicar of the two adjacent parishes of Froxfield and Privett from 1972 to 1977, wrote and published in 1977 the first edition of this booklet which he modestly described as a 'very small taste of the interesting past of the two communities'. In fact, although the taste may have been small, it was full of flavour, showing just how much of our small part of Hampshire is of historical interest. In his article 'Who will take up Froxfield?'. Mr. W. M. Whiteman suggests there are many unanswered questions about this area which cry out to be researched and that 'there is more than enough challenge here to keep an enthusiast busy for twenty years'. The Froxfield Entrenchments; the Barrows; the Roman remains are just some examples of the physical sites which excite the imagination, to say nothing of the documentary records which would richly repay a closer study. Sadly, I have not had twenty years in which to prepare this second edition of John Day's work. This is not, therefore, a deeply researched 'history' of Froxfield and Privett; in putting it together I have done little more than re-edit the work done by John Day, adding a few items which I have discovered as a result of the interest which he stimulated. Perhaps in the future, I, or someone better qualified, will 'take up Froxfield' and research its history in the depth which it deserves.

Tony Newman, Honeycritch Cottage, 1987.

Introduction

Any historical work, no matter how humble, depends upon sources of information. The researcher draws on these sources, firstly to get a general overview of the historical background and, secondly, to provide specific information pertinent to the work in question. The further we go back in time, the less precise do the sources become. Research into pre-history depends not on written records but on archaeological and other physical information from which deductions can be made but without much definition. The nearer we get to the present day, so the information becomes less general and more specific until events within living memory can be more or less accurately recorded.

The historical records of a village inevitably follow the same pattern: early history must be based on the assumption that its pattern of life was similar to that throughout the area. From early written records we can only infer what was happening in our area from the general, rather dimly lit,

background, with, if we are lucky, a pinpoint of light if our village is named in some document. As time passes and written records become more common, we can add to the background by drawing on information about people and places within our area from our own parish records. More immediate, and more exciting are personal reminiscences which can answer the question so beloved by the interviewer: 'What was it *like* when ...This, then, is the pattern that has been followed in this brief story of Froxfield and Privett in days gone by. But we must never forget that the past is upon us before we have time to look round. Yesterday's happening is tomorrow's history and before we know where we are, no one is around to tell us what really happened. Perhaps this story should be regularly updated, gathering in the results of recent research and describing the events of the last few years so that future generations will know what we were up to in bygone Froxfield and Privett.

Situation

The combined parishes of Froxfield and Privett cover an area of some 4900 acres in the diocese of Portsmouth. The parish is described as 'cultivated downland', a plateau roughly six and a half miles from East to West and three miles from North to South at it's widest. The ground rises generally from West to East from around 550 ft at its western boundary, the A32 road, to its highest point just east of Warren Corner at 825 ft. To the north and east the parish boundary tumbles steeply over the edge of an escarpment to Middle and Higher Oakshott Farms at about 400 ft. This escarpment, known as the Hangers, or hanging woods, continue to form the south eastern boundary of the parish from Wheatham Hill (the end of Old Listen Lane) until it turns north-west near Staple Ash. These Hangers have gloriously evocative names, some of them very ancient in origin, for example Reston, Roundhill, Happersnapper, Oakshott, Juniper and Down, with, south east of Wheatham Hill, Shoulder of Mutton Hill and Stoner Hill. Roughly 470 acres of the parish is woodland, with the remainder arable or grass. The soil is mainly stiff clay, although there are some patches of light loam, the clay being heavily embedded with flint, to the anguish of the farmer and gardener. As the poet, Edward Thomas, exclaimed 'The clay first broke my heart and then my back!' But no matter what its composition, the parish is an area of great beauty, with, to the west, views across rolling countryside towards Winchester, whilst to the south and east, there is a spectacular panorama of the South Downs, with Chanctonbury Ring visible on a clear day. **(To be continued)**



History Notes: Memories of Policemen Patrolling the Parish

Policeman's Lane comes from the A32 down to Filmore Hill in Privett. At least two policemen have lived in the lane since before WWII. P.C. Hayes was followed by P.C. Carter and each lived in one of a pair of semi-detached cottages at the Filmore Hill end. That cottage had a sign saying County Police to the left of the front door. Jan and Barry Topping say they were told the cottages were originally built by William Nicholson as dwellings for a blacksmith and his assistant in 1888, part of his Basing Park Estate. Now they are one property, appropriately called The Forge. We know very little about P.C. Hayes.

He was awarded a medal 'For Faithful Service in the Special Constabulary' with two bars, one 'For long service 1939' and the other 'For long service 1943.' The Special Constabulary was established nationally over 180 years ago, but prior to 1914 was only called to serve occasionally. However, in 1914 the Special Constables began regular service to keep order during the war and after. P.C. Hayes' medal is in the Privett Local History archive, together with a photograph of the Police House. There is also a photograph of a man in an unidentified uniform standing outside a door. His name was Ern Davis and it is dated 1929. Was he perhaps an earlier Special Constable?

More is known about P.C. Carter who lived in the Police House in the 1950s, when the other cottage was occupied by Fred Piper, the blacksmith. P.C. Carter's office was apparently a PortaCabin on an area of land across the lane. He is remembered very clearly by Roger Dalton, as a caring, community-minded policeman. He was very keen to establish a village hall in Privett and raised funds for that purpose and Roger Dalton told Ian Hughes that he remembers P.C. Carter helping him to lay the concrete foundations. Some Froxfield residents remember P.C. Carter patrolling Froxfield on his bicycle, as both villages were his 'beat.' Both Gladys Cummings and David Trenchard remember him riding his bicycle around the Froxfield lanes while on duty and both were stopped by him at different times for riding their bicycles in the dark without lights.

History Notes continued

Gladys was in her teens when she was cycling from Petersfield to Alexander's Lane with only a rear light and was told to get off and walk. David remembers riding his bicycle in the village without lights and P.C. Carter made him get off and walk as well, but as David was only 8 he walked with him to his home, Claypits Farm, when they arrived P.C. Carter said, "I'll tell your father if you do that again!"

Does anyone know if P.C. Carter was a Police Constable, rather than in the Special Constabulary?

It seems that Froxfield was once destined to have its own Police House. Pauline Daniels grew up in the village and now lives in one of two semi-detached houses in High Cross Lane. Dennis Woods told her that these houses were built by Charlie Graver, a small building company in South Harting in 1953. Mr. Woods had come out of the army in 1953 and had worked for Gravers. The houses were commissioned by the Council with the intention of housing policemen, but this seems not to have happened. Pauline moved there in the late 1970s and says that when she moved in what is now their utility room was a policeman's office with a very small cell with a barred window and a small toilet next to it. However, no-one remembers a policeman living there.

David Trenchard says that after the Privett Police House closed, both Privett and Froxfield villages were included with Stroud. Pauline Daniels remembers P.C. Hine from Stroud, who rode a small motorbike and if he was nearby late at night, he made certain she walked safely up Stoner Hill from Petersfield. Richard and Margaret Moss remember P.C. Codgbrook coming up to Froxfield, where he is remembered for his kindness. Some time later the policemen patrolling our parish came from the Petersfield Police Station, although now they come from elsewhere. However, the spacious Police Station remains and is now part of the Petersfield Museum, giving the Trustees extra space to show Petersfield's historical past and that of its surrounding villages.

Many thanks to all who have provided the information for these
History Notes.

Pam Goodall

Parish Council News



The last Parish Council meeting was held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 14th February 2019.

During the public forum a resident expressed her concern that the By-ways in the parish are vulnerable to damage particularly from 4x4 vehicles. On one occasion the resident moved over to allow vehicles to pass in the opposite direction and eight 4x4s came past, at speed without any consideration for the narrowness of the lane and paying no attention to the damage they were causing to the banks. She suggested that the motoring organisations should be asked to pay for the damage caused. Cllr Povey added that over the last month many motorbikes were using the by-ways and they both agreed that these vehicles were preventing walkers from enjoying the by-ways.

The Parish Council is committed to campaigning for banning motorised vehicles from using the by-ways but realistically this is a lengthy process and may well be difficult to achieve. The Chairman suggested that the resident should write to CC Oppenheimer who was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. On reading this if any other parishioners have been troubled by this problem the PC urge you to also write. Cllr Drew suggested asking for a police presence on the by-ways.

SDNP/18/06232/FUL Lambing Shed, Soalwood Lane Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to a three bedroom dwelling to which the PC had OBJECTED. Approved by EHDC on behalf of SDNP

A resident vigorously questioned Cllr Drew as to why this application, which had recently been approved by the planning authority, had not gone to committee although there had been 5 objections which included the parish council's. Cllr Drew was of the opinion that there were not enough policy reasons to remove the application from officers. The resident asked why the ward member had gone against the residents. He responded again that there were not was not enough policy reasons for him to raise an objection. He was also of the opinion that a potential, future Neighbourhood Plan would carry more weight when objecting to applications.

SDNP/18/06609/FUL Greenforde Farm, Stoner Hill Road Change of use of B8 (storage) to Sui Generis (Canine Rehabilitation and Training Centre) Discussed by the Councillors who resolved NOT TO OBJECT

Ghana Quiz Night Thank You Message

Just a note to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the fundraising quiz night at Privett Village Hall we held on Saturday evening (16th Feb) to raise money for my charity trip to Ghana in the summer holidays. We managed to raise a magnificent £500 from the proceeds of the evening, including the raffle, which gets me a good way closer to my target, so many thanks for your help, and I hope you had a fun evening too. If you weren't able to come but would like to donate to this good cause to help with raising the remaining amount I need to reach my target; then I have set up a Fund My Travel campaign, which can be found at:

<https://www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/rlz3zDM86D>

or you can search on their website for 'Izzy Baldock'

Thank you. Isabella

Solution To February 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Freshman, 6 Crumbs, 9 Sprain, 10 Vacation, 11 Wrongful, 12 Entomb, 13 Testosterone, 16 Rose-coloured, 19 Arabic, 21 Leinster, 23 Divining, 24 Ignite, 25 Beagle, 26 Deducted.

Down - 2 Report, 3 Stain, 4 Manifesto, 5 Novello, 6 Cycle, 7 Untutored, 8 Blooming, 13 Trembling, 14 Terrified, 15 Lorraine, 17 Obligated, 18 Gentle, 20 Chine, 22 Sonic.



Whilst writing this in mid-February, we have so far experienced a significant fall of snow which didn't last too long and the weather now seems to have settled into one day of mist & rain followed by one of blue skies and bright sunshine which is infinitely preferable! Who knows how long that will last! The garden is definitely beginning to look more tempting to tackle, coming alive with bulbs pushing up through the soil, some daffodils showing signs of budding, primroses in flower and bird song everywhere! Having said I had not seen a Starling in my garden for a long time, I was surprised to see a flock of them sitting in a Cherry tree yesterday singing vociferously!!

I am sure many of you will have been tempted to start pruning roses etc. and generally getting borders ready for a colourful display in the year ahead! Our February Speaker Rosie Yeomans hopefully encouraged all those who came to the meeting to do exactly this with her talk and slide show entitled 'Border Design'. Rosie introduced us to different ideas on planting, using trees and shrubs giving different colours and shapes to play with.

Our last talk of the winter season is at Froxfield Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm.

When we are pleased to welcome the popular speaker Marina Christopher who's talk is entitled 'Manipulating the Seasons in your Garden'. Many of you will remember Marina well as a local enthusiast and successful Nursery owner who specialises in growing hardy, unusual and interesting cultivars of perennial plants. She regularly supplies plants to top garden designers, including to several large gardens at Chelsea Flower Show each year. She also teaches on courses and workshops on the culture of perennials.

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club continued

Marina is passionate not only about plants but also nature and she aims to promote an eco-friendly attitude amongst today's gardeners. Come prepared to be tempted by the beautiful plants and garden sundries that she will bring along to sell.

On Saturday March 30th at Privett Village Hall come to our Spring Show starting at 2pm.

This celebrates Spring at its best, filling the hall with colour and perfume from the amazing display of daffodils, spring flowers and Floral displays, as well as cookery, children's classes and photography. All are welcome to come and view the entries, whilst partaking in delicious Tea and Cake and purchasing plants and cakes from our Plant and Bring and Buy Stall! We would welcome gifts of plants, cakes etc to sell on the stall please!

We look forward to as many of you as possible entering the different classes and trying your luck as, after all, most of us do have daffodils or flowers in our gardens and it is all about 'having a go'! The committee are here to help out with your entries in any way we can. Most of us started out as beginners and a number of people entering for the first time have surprised themselves by walking away with a prize! Christine Stephens is our Show Secretary (Tel: 01730 266529) and will be emailing the Show Schedules and Entry forms to all our members who have given us their email addresses. Entry forms will also be available in the Froxfield Store and Budgens Store at the West Meon Crossroad, as well as Christine (Tel. No. as above). Those exhibiting must please make sure that their entry forms, plus entry fees, (in a sealed envelope with name written clearly on it please) are at any of the above venues (except Budgens) or with a Committee member, by 5pm on THURSDAY 28TH MARCH. Any other details you need to know will be on the Entry forms.

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club continued

All people living in the villages can enter and also those living outside the villages who are members of the Garden Club. Don't forget the two photographic classes are entitled:-

'Sunset' and 'A Local Architectural Feature'. Looking forward to seeing your imaginative masterpieces on the day!!!
Anne Fenton

Steep Film Society at Steep Village Hall



Friday, 15th March - First Man

* Drama/Biography/History. Starring Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy

A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. Tickets available on the door. Door opens at 7.30pm, film at 8.00pm, bar and ice-cream!



THE DROP IN will be on Saturday March 9th from 10.30 to 12 at Froxfield Village Hall as usual, but this time we have the added bonus of hosting the Saving Lives Together team.

While we drink coffee and eat cake we can find out how to use the defibrillators for which Howard so magnificently raised the money a little while back. This could be your chance to learn how to save a life. Please do come and join us if you can. There will also be the usual Thursday meeting on 28th March from 3pm to 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome; please make sure that under 16s are accompanied by an adult. Enquiries to Joanna (828450)



Fan of the 80s band ABC? Loved Lexicon of Love? Here is your chance to see them LIVE at the Royal Albert Hall, London on the 16th April. 4 tickets available. Please make a good offer to Alice Dickens 07958 918616 or 827343.

Proceeds to go to the Froxfield Community Project.

Film Night Plus at Privett – Saturday 9 March – *Bohemian Rhapsody*



This is a final reminder for the Film Night Plus evening at Privett on Saturday 9 March at the Village Hall; a screening of the film *Bohemian Rhapsody*. This celebration of the rock band Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury has already collected Golden Globe and Bafta awards this season – so come along and see what makes it such a success: Queen's greatest hits and the compelling story of the band's rise to fame.

A goulash supper will be served before the film, with a choc ice to follow. There will be a pay bar.

The evening begins promptly at 7.00pm, and the film (Certificate 12A) should be finished by 10.15pm at the latest.

Ticket prices for the evening are £12. Tickets are selling fast, but some are still available from Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Bridget Kindler (tel. 828214; email: bridgetkindler@hotmail.co.uk).

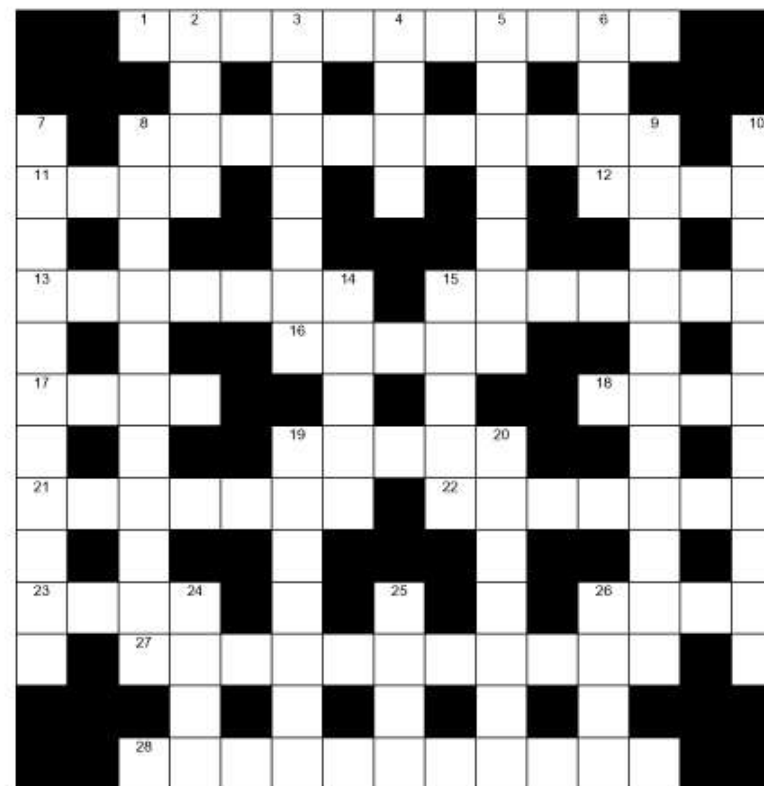
Cover

Thank you to Stuart McCarthy for this month's lovely and very cold looking snowy picture.

For Sale

Victorian mahogany veneer Gentleman's Valet wardrobe that splits into two sections vertically for easy transportation. In good condition and possibly a collector's piece. H 5'2" (157cm), W 51" (129.5cm) D 19" (48 cm). Call to view, (Privett) without obligation, or photos can be emailed. Offers invited. Tel 01730 828282

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Those who administer the law in court for minor offences
- 8 Degree or intensity of heat
- 11 River of Hades
- 12 Jealousy
- 13 Nordic country, capital Reykjavik
- 15 Aromatic herb
- 16 Obsequious person
- 17 Tidy
- 18 Leer
- 19 Lacking
- 21 Colossal
- 22 Reincarnation
- 23 Possesses
- 26 Against, opposed to
- 27 Of seeds, beginning to grow
- 28 Arabian single-humped camels

Down

- 2 Summit
- 3 Embed
- 4 Novice
- 5 One who analyses statistics in order to calculate insurance risks and premiums
- 6 Irish Republic
- 7 Tryst
- 8 'Tiny gap sect' (anag).
- 9 Putting at risk
- 10 Of or relating to fireworks
- 14 A classical order of architecture
- 15 Distinctive smell
- 19 Least
- 20 E.g. American or French legislator
- 24 Brown food quickly at high temperature
- 25 - - - Blyton, children's authoress
- 26 Princess - - -, The Princess Royal

Events Diary March 2019

Monday		4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
		Ladies Friendship Meeting			
Tuesday		5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Wednesday		6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
			Garden Club Talk FVH		
Thursday		7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Friday	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
					Save the Children Sale
Saturday	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
		Privett Film Night PVH Drop In FVH			Save the Children garden Club Spring show PVH
Sunday	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st

Bin Days Tuesday Unless Otherwise Indicated

5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	April 2 nd
Refuse Bin & Garden Waste	Recycling Bin & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin & Garden Waste	Recycling Bin	Refuse Bin & Garden Waste

Benefice Services

"Remember your mercies, Lord,
your tenderness from ages past." Psalm 25

Sunday 3rd March: The Sunday next before Lent (Green)

8am Holy Communion, Steep
10am The TenAM, Steep
11am Parish Communion, High Cross

Wednesday 6th March: Ash Wednesday (Purple)

10am Holy Communion (said), Steep

Saturday 9th March

5pm The FivePM, Froxfield Green

Sunday 10th March: 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8am Holy Communion, Steep
10.30am Parish Communion, Steep

Sunday 17th March: Patrick, Patron of Ireland (White) and 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion, Stroud
9.30am Parish Communion, High Cross

Saturday 23rd March (Purple)

6pm Holy Communion, Stroud

Sunday 24th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

10.30am Parish Communion, Steep
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green

Sunday 31st March: 4th Sunday of Lent

and Mothering Sunday (Purple)

10am Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday,
High Cross

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

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