

# People of the Year Community Group of the Year

## Coleford Revival Group

Coleford residents joined together to put on the first village day for many years this summer – and what a success it was.

Phil Horler and Ben Pidgeon, along with their friends, organised a meeting to see how much interest there was in putting an event together and they received overwhelming support from many people and set up the Coleford Revival Group.

There are about 20 or so committee members who, because of the success of the village day, were able to put on a Christmas dinner party for many of the elderly residents of the village, which turned out to be another huge success.

This is the sort of community spirit the *Frome Standard* loves and long may it continue.

Well done to Phil, Ben and the committee and every success for next year.

### Runners-up

The Frome Men's Sheds has been set up by Patrick Abrahams and has proved incredibly popular.

Its aim is to bring men, who may have become socially isolated through retirement, bereavement or redundancy, together to help with projects in the Frome community.

Since its launch in June more than 50 men have



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signed up to the scheme.

The idea draws on the successful Men's Shed movement in Australia where more than 1,000 Sheds have formed in just over a decade.

It is part of a fast-growing movement in the UK which now has 60 Sheds open. The Frome Shed plans to offer a workspace where older people can work on practical projects with others.

Long may it flourish in the town.

### Nunney BMX Track Group

A group of parents from Nunney have rallied together to clear an overgrown area of land and build a BMX track on it.

Led by Gary and Lisa Dando, with the help of neighbour Debbie Cooper, they are hoping to raise the £19,000 needed to create the track for the young people of the village and have been

working hard to make their dreams a reality.

We give them a big well done for the work they have completed so far and a big good luck for what is to come in 2015.

### Frome and District Day Centre

The day centre is a staple in these pages over the year and in particular the festive period. The work they do, led by a committee of volunteers, ensures that more than 100 elderly people twice a week get a hot meal and social interaction.

Every Monday and Thursday at Frome Town Football Club there is lunch, bingo, computer lessons, young people come to visit, entertainment and Gerald Franks can always be relied upon for a good joke or two.

This service is vital to the Frome area and long may it continue.



Ben Pidgeon and Phil Horler, along with many volunteers, put together the first Coleford village day in 14 years



The Repair Cafe run by the Frome Men's Shed