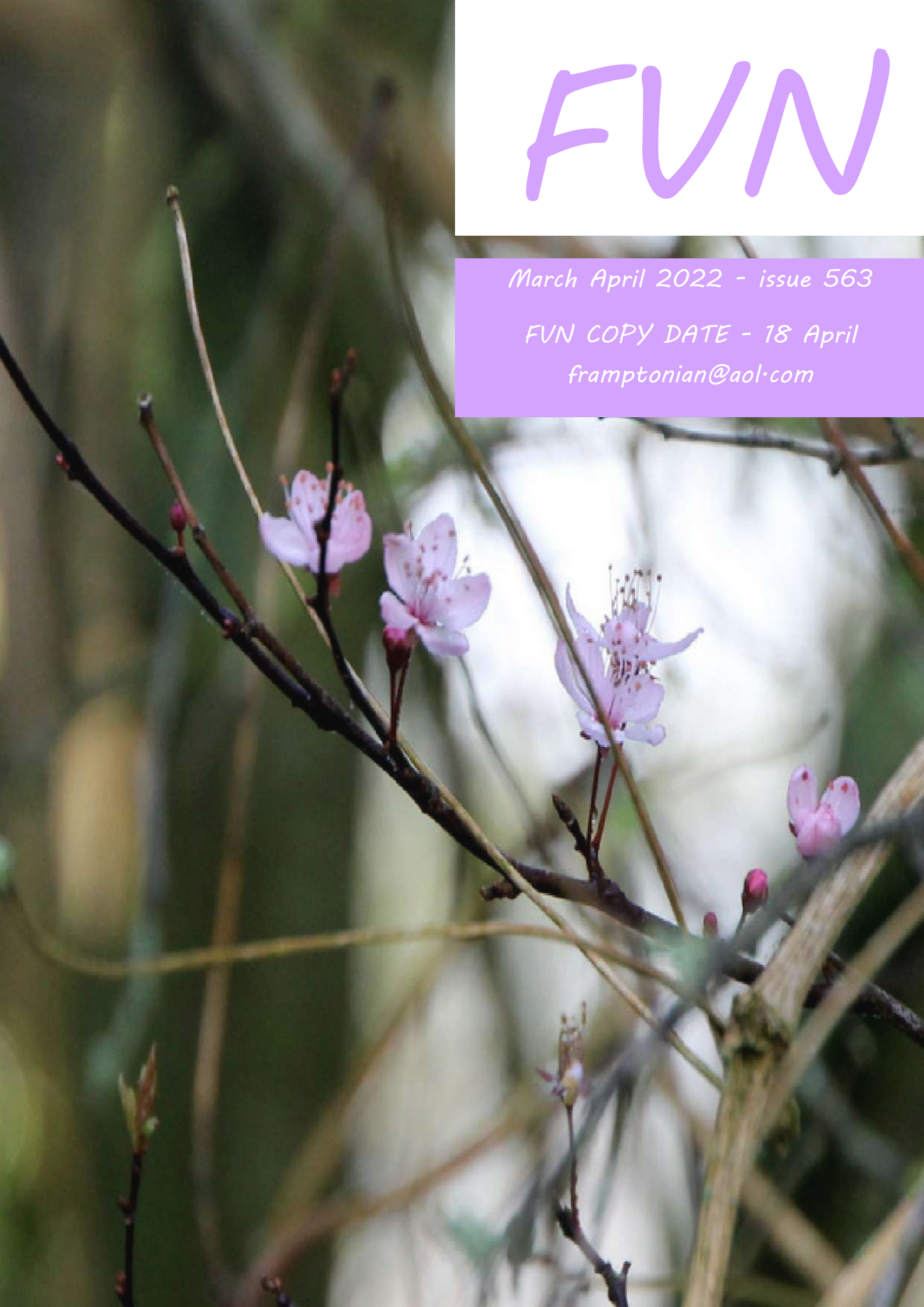


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INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAIRMAN - NINA GARCIA



I have such fond memories of when I was a little girl setting off on my BMX bike down Sydling Valley and over the hill to Frampton vicarage and the village fete. I couldn't wait to get in and spend my pocket money on the lucky dip, coconut shy and my most favourite of all - the cake stall!!

For me, it was an occasion of friendship, family and fun. When I think about my childhood growing up on Magiston Farm, both Frampton and Sydling fete were something we always looked forward to.

I'm a professional musician and started my musical career in our family band 'The Sydling Stompers' where I played along side my mum, dad and brother. Through our music we were able to help raise thousands of pounds for local charities and villages. Our parents taught us to appreciate how wonderful it is to help your community, and 'give back' if you are able.

In March 2021, my little family and I moved to Frampton and feel so blessed to live here. A lovely friend from the village told me that the fete team

were in need of a helping hand and a chairperson for 2022. I'm sure that my dad, who's now sadly no longer with us, was giving me a nudge saying in my ear "go on Neeny you can do it"... so I gladly volunteered.

I believe that it is really important to keep our village fete going. A weekend where our little community pulls together to create something we are all proud of, filled with fun, family, neighbours and friends new and old. A little bit of time and effort to put pennies in the pot for our church, village hall and Millennium Green.

I'm really looking forward to us getting this year's fete off the ground and, all being well, it will go ahead on **Sunday 3rd July**. We are always in need of helping hands and we would be truly grateful if anyone new would like to help out this year. You will be welcomed with open arms!!

I can be contacted on 07818832459 and found at 7b Dorchester Road. You may have seen me out walking every day. I'm the lady with fluffy hat and fox red Labrador called Dave!

Nina Garcia

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Frampton Village Fete - Sunday 3rd July 2022, 2pm - 5pm

HOW WE'RE GETTING ON!



Frampton Village Fete is looking to be as fabulous as ever! This year we will have the very talented **Nathan Jon Snell** singing for us, the amazing dancers from **Studio dance school** are back and **Lou Sams Zumba crew** will be shakin', shimmying and brightening our day! Our favourite stalls will be there selling all of the things we love; **cakes, plants, bric a brac, books, new to you, crafts, body shop and toys**. We will have a beautiful **classic car** display and as always there will be a **raffle** with exciting prizes and **tombola**. **China bashing** and the **coconut shy** are back by popular demand and this year, for our football fanatics, we have **beat the goalie**. The **bouncy castle** will be there for our little ones to enjoy and the ducks are already training hard for the **duck race**, they're very competitive this year! Delicious **teas** will be served in the village hall; the **bar and Pimms** tent will be on the green; the **BBQ** will be fired up and ice creams at the ready! ...

We can't wait!



On **Saturday 2nd July** from 6pm we will be holding our annual family **skittles** night in the village hall. I will be singing and playing my fiddle for your entertainment (ninagarcia.co.uk) and there'll be a bar, BBQ and raffle.

If anyone would like to help us out on fete day to set up, help run a stall or pack down, we'd love to see you and would be grateful for your help! The more the merrier. Drop me a line at ninarose.garcia@ymail.com

July will be here before we know it. We just need some lovely sunshine to make it perfect.

Nina (Chairman, Fete Committee)

Jacqui has asked for comments about her hilarious and provocative inclusion of the 'How to be a Good Wife' suggestion sheet (FVN, January/February 2022). Here's one ...

My response is to simply insert the words 'and a Good Husband' into the title, then cross out all the references to 'him' and write 'your spouse'.

Simple! It now sounds idyllic!

Jane Burden



THANK YOU to the
Millennium Green committee
and volunteers for their
autumn clearing efforts,
enabling Frampton residents to
enjoy seeing the snowdrops
increasing year by year



FVN QUIZ

*A fund raising event for the Frampton Village News,
Frampton's free, bi-monthly magazine*

Friday 8 April

7.00 for a 7.30 start

Frampton Village Hall

*Enquiries and entries to be sent to Colin
Pook (colin.e.pook@gmail.com)*

Bar, raffle, etc.

WALKS IN AND AROUND FRAMPTON

A Walk from your Back Door (Number 3)



This walk takes you up above the Sydling Valley with fine views and pretty good under foot whatever time of year as it's mainly on chalk and perhaps a bit more of a challenge!

The walk starts opposite Long Ash Garage for the **Long Walk (9.5 miles)** and for the **Short Walk (7.5 miles)** if you omit the section down to Godmanstone. You may feel you want to take the car up Church Lane to avoid one hill depending where you are in the village! There is a parking area on the opposite side of the A37 just near the signpost and style for the start of the walk (**Ref. OS Explorer Map. Pickett's Cross SY 630956**). Remember the **Country Code** about shutting gates. Some of the area above Sydling is Open Access but it is a popular sheep grazing area so dogs on leads please.

Cross over this field diagonally and the next until you come to a gate leading to the road just beyond the Watercress Beds. Walk along the road (watch for traffic) a short distance until you turn off to the right to Magiston Farm. Walk through the farm and up the hill, just before you reach the top, take the gate on your left which is waymarked. Follow this path along the line of the hedge on your right for a further two fields until you come to a wood. The wood has recently been used for mountain bikes but this has made the track through easier to identify and you eventually come out on to a field.

Go diagonally across the field until you come to a path. This track is well marked with the hedge on your right and you pass Huish Barn and continue for a good mile with fine views of the Sydling Valley to your left. When you come to a junction with a path leading down to Sydling, turn right until you get to the Wessex Ridgeway. Then turn right again on to a wide track and continue for about two miles until you come to a junction of paths, one or two memorial stones and fine views across to Hardy's Monument. In the spring these upland chalk areas are excellent for wild flowers. At this point you can either have lunch and continue on the return journey or add a bit more by taking the route to Godmanstone. To do this, double back behind the monument (there is an old small caravan in the field on the right), go through the gate

(1) and turn right onto the path (2) down to Godmanstone. This takes you straight down to the A352, cross the road and continue on the path down to the river Cerne. Another good place for lunch by the river. Turn right and follow the path to Godmanstone taking the first style on the right and the path round the back of the mill and out on to the road. Cross the road and take the first path on your right at Manor Farm.



Climb up the hill until you are back on the Wessex Ridgeway again. If you are not doing this extra part, walk through another field until you see below you a gate and a signpost to Crete Bottom (2a) and at the bottom of the valley you will see Bushes Barn (3).

Bushes Barn is an interesting settlement, with its own spring and you will see the remains of workers cottages where a large family once lived, the youngsters climbing the hill every day to go to school at Godmanstone. A trip once a year or so into Dorchester by pony and trap was a highlight. Recently a bell has been erected and this makes a nice shelter if it is raining. Depending on the time of year you may spot owls, deer and hares (4).



Go through the gate and continue on the path along the bottom of the valley until the track goes to the left, ignore this and continue through the gate on your right and as you come to the end of the field, climb up the field until you see a gate in the hedge on your right. Go through this and continue a short distance until you see a gap and a waymark on the right leading through a young wood. Go through the wood and you come out to a wide valley. Follow the path along the bottom of the valley until you come to Longford Farm. Go straight through the farm and along the driveway leading to the "B" road to Sydling. Turn right over the bridge and then left up towards Long Ash Garage and Frampton.

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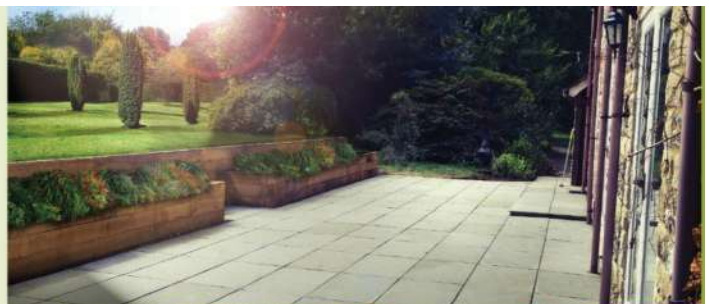
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Recycling/Rubbish
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Saturday 26 March, 10 - 3 - Spring Sale

Friday 8 April, 7 for 7.30 - FVN Quiz

Recycling/Food:

Saturday 16 April - Jazz in the Village

March 3, 7, 21

Saturday 7 May - Spring Big Breakfast, 9 - 12

April 14, 28

Saturday 2 July - Skittles Night

Rubbish/Food:

Sunday 3 July - Frampton Village Fete

March 10, 24

April 7, 21

A GOOD READ

THE LAST HOURS by MINETTE WALTERS

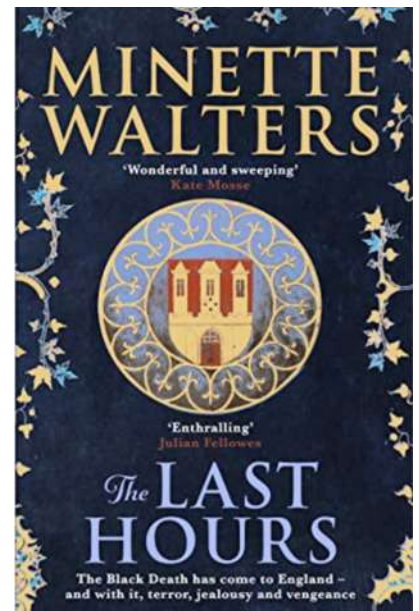
Situated on the north shore of Weymouth Harbour, Dorset, Melcombe was developed as a significant settlement and seaport in the 13th century. It was here that the Black Death entered into England in the summer of 1348, (the disease being carried there by fleas on infected soldiers and sailors returning from the Hundred Year's War or from a visiting spice ship.)

No-one knew what manner of sickness it was - or how it spread and killed so quickly. The church blamed God as the cause and fear gripped the people as they came to believe that the plague was a punishment for their wickedness. However, Lady Anne of Devilish had her own ideas.

She had been well educated and was both literate and knowledgeable. With her brutal husband absent from the Manor, when news of the disease reached her she looked for more sensible ways to protect her people than daily confessions of sin. She decided to bring her serfs inside the safety of the moat that surrounded her Manor House, then refused entry to anyone else including her husband.

Lady Anne made an enemy of her daughter and her husband's steward by doing so, but her resolve was strengthened by the support of her leading serfs - until food stocks ran low. The nerves of all were tested by continued confinement and ignorance of what was happening in the outside world.

The Last Hours is the first of two stunning historical novels about the Black Death and the consequences thereafter. Minette Walters has found fame throughout the world with her novels, 18 of which have now been written at her home in Dorset where she lives with her family.



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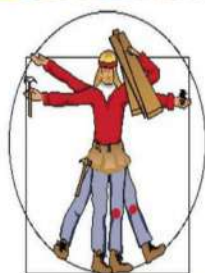
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The Trustees of the Village Hall actually enjoyed a 'real' meeting on Monday 14 February with a long agenda to sort out what will be happening during 2022.

Finances are strong and bookings have continued to rise with five weddings now in the calendar for 2022. Indeed, the Trustees found some difficulty in finding free dates for our own events!

There was discussion concerning the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but members felt that the FVH Trust should not be the sole organisation responsible for any celebratory events in view of all the other events they organise. However, they would be prepared to make the hall available if any organisation, or group of organisations feel that they would like to organise a suitable event and a date can be found.

Village hall heating was discussed in view of the central heating problems encountered towards the end of 2021. It was decided to seek estimates for a possible replacement heating boiler and an overhaul of the system, any work to be carried out during the summer period.

The foliage along the river bank at the rear of the hall had been inspected and required pruning before springtime. It was dealt with by a working party on Sunday 27 February.

Following much discussion, it was decided to hold a **Spring Sale** (to include a tombola) on Saturday 26 March from 10am. Set-up will be on the Friday from 10am if anyone wishes to bring items along, either as a donation for sale or submitted on a 50/50 basis. If there are large items you wish to dispose of you can give me a call and I will arrange to collect them. We already have, in our stock, 3 very nice lawn mowers and 2 bicycles together with much, much more. We also have a collection of bottles of wine etc., left over from the last tombola but we will always accept more or any other suitable items if anyone wishes to donate. Throughout the sale, refreshments will be available from our catering team.

Because of Covid problems our planned Jazz evening in 2021 was cancelled but is now in our programme again. **Jazz in the Village** will take place at the hall on Saturday 16 April from 7.30pm, when the hall will be laid out in 'Bistro' style. Tickets are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for under 16's. They are available from Frampton Garage or from the organiser, Malcolm Potter 07968 586 906. There will be a bar run by the hall trustees.

On 7 May it's time for the **Spring Big Breakfast**. As before excellent local fayre will be served from 9am till 12 noon.

International Dining was discussed, and it was agreed to aim at a date in early June, which would suit those involved in organising the event. More news later.

Val Ghose reported on the **2021 Christmas Craft Fair** where there was a good take-up by new stall holders and almost everyone was pleased by the attendance and business done. Looking forward, the 2022 edition of the Fair will take place on Saturday 19 November with set-up on the Friday.

The on-line diary where you can check whether the hall is booked on a particular date is now working well, and is now also available to most mobile phones. In your browser, type 'Frampton Village Hall Dorset'. Click on the link that appears. Click on 'Hall Diary'.

The next meeting of the Hall Trustees will be on Monday 25 April.

Colin Pook, Chairman FVH T.



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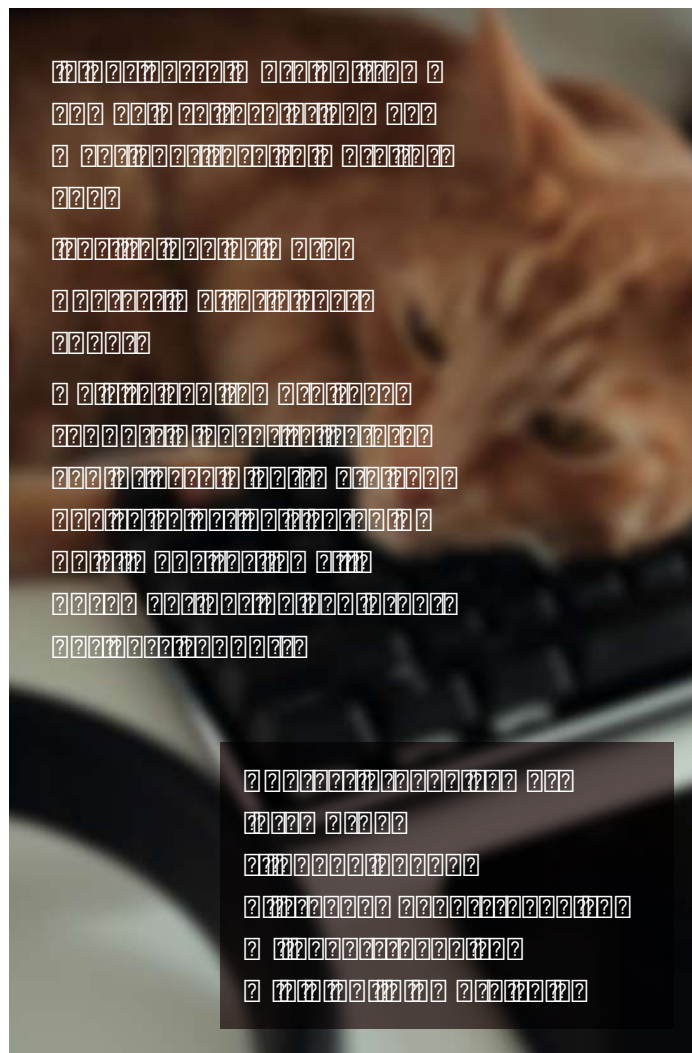
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Frampton Skittles Night

Dear Villagers,

A massive thank you to everyone who came or supported our first **Play Equipment Fund Raiser** at the Village Hall on Saturday 12 February (hopefully the first of many).

Special thanks to Bryan and Jackie Wilcox who persevered through stormy weather to provide delicious BBQ food supplied by the amazing Colin Clarks of Grimstone. A fabulous bar, run by Peter Barfoot and Alan Downton, superbly stocked by the wonderful Long Ash Garage. The raffle donations were magnificent. Prizes included The Body Shop and Katie and Summers Sweets. There were 22 prizes in total, from bottles of whisky to bottle openers!

Delicious cakes were made by our local Patsy Taylor. Other help came from Vic, Janet, Martin, Becks, Sue, Andrew and Rudy.

Topping this off, the kids had a great party, along with the Loving family winning the top Skittles prize, closely followed by the Maiden Newton group.

Without everyone's help, this event would never have happened ... **and we raised £281.90!**

Hope to see you all soon.

Sandi Christopher and Abby Rutherford



The February draw was held on 6 February with the winning numbers being plucked from the counters' bag by Judith King and Chris Simpson.

The results are:

1 st PRIZE	£135	No. 141	Barbara Thomas
2 nd PRIZE	£67	No. 46	Neil Bailey
3 rd PRIZE	£22	No. 07	Grace Drew



Barbara Thomas clutching her winnings

The next quarter draw will be in May.

WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

St Mary's, Frampton

We are looking for a way of celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Mary's, Frampton and the idea of new kneelers (hassocks) has been suggested. The last one was completed in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee (see picture below). Prior to this, in 1974, there had been a major effort and 40 kneelers had been recovered (tapestry, canvas and wool) by Framptonians, some who are still in the parish and we salute them for their efforts. These have worn well and many only need a little tidy up.

We thought it would be nice to add to the collection with one or two new kneelers to celebrate this momentous occasion. It may be that by the time this goes to press we have hunted down a design that is already being used by churches across the UK but we thought it would be interesting to see if we had any residents who would like to come up with a design. Fairly simple as it has to be reproduced on canvas. The size of the kneelers are, Length 35cm, Width 25cm, Depth 7cm. If we get quite a few we will display them in the church. Of course, we also need sewing help so if you have

done cross stitch work or worked on tapestries this will obviously help. We do not expect these to be completed by June! Canvas, design and wools will be supplied. If you would like to know more about it, or would like to contribute, please contact Mandy on mjpp@btinternet.com

Flowers in the Church

We are also hoping to do floral displays in the church over the Jubilee weekend, 2nd to 5th June. This will be done just before the celebration and the people on the flower rota would be grateful for any help from those who would like to join us or any contribution of flowers (shades of red, white and blue would be appropriate!) although some flowers and greenery will be provided. For more information please contact Cynthia Whyte on dcmilestone53@gmail.com or 01300 320346, or Ros Simpson on rosgary6979@gmail.com

