

Your FVN needs ...



YOU!

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The future of FRAMPTON VILLAGE NEWS

Your Frampton Village News has been going for over 50 years, which is pretty good for a small village magazine, thanks to the time and effort residents have given to the magazine over the years. In fact, it was started in 1969 by Amy Joyner. Not having a pub, although it did have a shop and a post office when Frampton Village News began, the magazine was introduced to convey what was going on in the village and to bring people together from the various organisations and committees. In those days we had youth groups, scouts and guides, W.I. and even a church choir, so there was plenty to report, today less so as these groups no longer exist. Frampton Village News certainly fulfilled its aims as Frampton is now well known for its friendliness and social life. This has been confirmed by the many awards for the "Best Kept Village" it has achieved, the judges looking at all aspects of the village. The magazine is delivered free of charge to every house in the parish of Frampton.

But after 50 years things move on and we are very much now in the technical age which has its good points and bad! Because of the huge commitment from the committee, deliverers and in particular for the production, we have had to, sadly, reduce the magazine from bi-monthly to quarterly. We now face a further challenge in finding someone to produce the publication, ready for

printing, which Sue Forrest has done brilliantly for over 6 years. We have advertised locally with no response and we have made several enquiries about paying someone without success.

Hence, we need your response to the enclosed questionnaire to decide the future of the magazine. We are aware that many of you value the magazine, it keeps you up to date with what's going on and reports on local events. We need your honest opinion so that the committee can derive the most benefit when we review your answers. But we are also aware that there are residents who don't even read Frampton Village News! The village Facebook page has proved popular with many and can give instant news.

So we need your views. PLEASE help us by filling in the questionnaire. It won't take long. Just tear it off - all anonymous - and use one of the delivery options set out in the questionnaire. Your responses may determine whether we continue with the magazine.

We look forward to hearing from YOU!

Cynthia Whyte
Chairman/Secretary
Frampton Village News

FVN

FVN, your village magazine - QUESTIONNAIRE

After reading Cynthia Whyte's article about the future of the FVN, please take a minute to give your views on the few questions below. Please return by 1 March so that we can tell you about the results in the April/May/June edition (return details below). Thank you.

1. Do you read the FVN?

YES

NO

Your age range :

20 - 40

41 - 60

61 and above

If yes, please continue

2. Do you find the advertising useful?

YES

NO

3. Do you like the following articles?

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Y

N

GARDENING ARTICLE

Y

N

NATURE NOTES

Y

N

INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS

Y

N

TRAVEL ARTICLES

Y

N

LOCAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Y

N

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Y

N

ADVERTISING

Y

N

PAWS AND CLAWS

Y

N

PARISH NEWS (FPC)

Y

N

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Y

N

RECIPE

Y

N

BOFFINS' BREAK

Y

N

A GOOD READ

Y

N

DIRECTORY

Y

N

IS THERE OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU

4. Would you regret not having the FVN if publication ceased at the end of 2023? This will be the outcome without additional production volunteer(s). YES NO

5. Would you be prepared to consider helping the production team of the FVN?

YES (your name)

NO

Ways to return the questionnaire to the FVN committee:

Leave the questionnaire at Frampton Garage

Give the questionnaire to Dave Tharby, Poachers Cottage, Southover (320 114), or Cynthia Whyte, Milestone, 4 Dorchester Road (320 346)

Scan your response to framptonian@aol.com or request an email copy for completion, and return via email



***HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE
QUESTIONNAIRE?***

***(ITS RETURN BY 1 MARCH
WOULD BE APPRECIATED)***

THANK YOU

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THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

LIZ NAPIER



We've now gone quarterly with the FVN so I'm getting to grips with what's likely to happen in our gardens in the next three months. At least the days will be getting longer and, hopefully, the weather will be kind to us. The seasons are certainly changing and plants have had to adapt to excess heat and, sometimes, excess wet as we had in November. Then, of course, we had severe frosts in December. We were 2 days into the freezing weather when the bare rooted plants arrived for the new area so it was a mad dash to put them into pots of peat-free compost. Although they were all hardy perennials and shrubs, the dry roots needed

(bottlebrush bush) which I rescued from the dump, a peach tree given to me by someone who had grown it from a peach stone and a *Buddleja globosa* which has round orange flowers, grown from a cutting I took several years ago. As well as grasses moved from the far end of the garden, I've bought a few other plants such as *Eremurus* (foxtail lilies), *Peony Shirley Temple* (with double white flowers), *Peony Sarah Bernhardt* (with double pink scented flowers) *Phormium Sundowner*, *Cornus black Kesselringii* and some more *Eryngium alpinum Blue Star* as these are so at home in well-drained soil. Along the front edge there will be a carpet of



Left to right: *Cornus Midwinter Fire*, *Erysimum Winter Orchid*, *Acer Griseum*, variegated holly, *Skimmia japonica Rubella*, *Skimmia Kew Green*

to be soaked and well covered before I could plant them in the garden.

If you've walked through the park recently you may have seen huge mounds of shredded wood by the side of my bungalow. So far, I have covered about a third of the area but it is hard work shovelling the chippings into the wheelbarrow and then spreading them a good 10cm thick. Still, it will be nice when it's done! The plants I'm using include a *Callistemon*

Thymus serpyllum which will give off a lovely scent when walked on.

In December and January most of the trees, shrubs and plants will be in their dormant stage, waiting for spring sun to prompt them into growth but there is still colour and interest in the depths of winter. The perennial wallflowers (*Erysimum Winter Orchid*) have continued to flower despite the frost and both *Skimmia Kew Green* and *Skimmia japonica Rubella* are coming into full flower. As far as I'm concerned the best tree in the garden during the winter is *Acer Griseum* with its' copper coloured peeling bark. It doesn't grow very large so is a good tree for a

smaller garden. Of course, evergreen trees and shrubs play an important role in any garden and make a good backdrop at any time of the year. The variegated holly, by the bottom gate, has beautiful shiny leaves. It had a lot of berries until the end of November but they were all eaten during the cold spell. Finally, I have to mention *Cornus Midwinter Fire*. The colours are fantastic and light up even the darkest corner.

Winter is a good time to spring clean the shed, sharpen and oil the tools, clean up pots and seed trays and throw out all of the rubbish accumulated during the year. If you are anything like me, you will have held onto bits and bobs on a "just in case I find a use for it" basis. Years ago, I replaced my garden shed and, when the new one had been erected, I hung all of the gardening and other tools, sorted out the old tins of screws and nails and made a vow that I would never hoard rubbish again. Well, that lasted for about a year and now the shed is full of things I will probably never use again. Will I throw them out? I doubt it!!! I think every gardener has a favourite tool and mine is a small hand fork which I've had for 57 years and it's still going strong. I've bought many tools over the years, some of which were only used once and then consigned to the back of the shed but this trusty little fork comes with me nearly every time I go out in the garden.



JANUARY:

Complete pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs while they are still dormant

Feed bulbs with a general purpose fertiliser as soon as they begin to push through the ground

After strong winds, check that climbers are still firmly attached to their supports

Check stored bulbs and tubers for signs of drying out or rotting

Check leaf mould containers and water them if the top layer has dried out

If you intend to have a bonfire, check the pile for hibernating animals before lighting

FEBRUARY:



Take root cuttings of any perennials with thick, fleshy roots

If the lawn is not frozen or waterlogged, spike to aerate and rake over to remove debris

If weather permits, plant new trees and shrubs

In suitable weather, prepare borders for spring planting by forking in well-rotted farmyard manure or garden compost

Prune late-flowering clematis to within 9-10 inches of the ground and mulch with decayed manure, leaf mould or compost



MARCH:

Prune climbing, shrub, bush and miniature roses and give them a good dressing of well-rotted manure

Start mowing the lawns with the blade on a high setting

Trim the edges of lawns either with edging shears or a spade to give a neat finish

Lift, divide and replant snowdrops and aconites once the flowers have faded

Remove fading flowers from daffodils and narcissi but don't cut off any leaves or tie the leaves into bunches as this restricts the goodness going back into the bulbs. Let the leaves die down naturally

Divide clump-forming perennials not done in the autumn, including the less hardy types such as peonies as soon as growth begins

We are now at the exciting time of the year when we eagerly await the emergence of spring flowers and look for the tiny buds on trees and shrubs just waiting to burst open. The extreme heat of last summer may have been the kiss of death to some plants so take a good look at what survived in your garden and in those around you before dashing off to the garden centre and making the same mistakes again. Whatever you do, keep fit and healthy and keep gardening!



Lest we forget

(prepared by Victor Pullman, Local Organiser, Royal British Legion)

This year's Frampton and District Poppy Appeal raised the grand sum of £2,368.13. Frampton's contribution was £1,066.57.

This, once again, reflects an amazing effort from all the team and from those who contributed so generously to this most deserving cause.

A huge thank you to my dedicated team of collectors: Alan Downton, Joan Masters, Kathy Loving, Sadie King, Sue Cumming, Long Ash Service Station, The Saxon Arms, Pine Lodge Tea Rooms and Wolfeton Manor.

This year, another poem, this time by
Ewart Alan Mackintosh, M.C.

Before the Summer

When our men are marching lightly up and down,
When the pipes are playing through the little town,
I see a thin line swaying through wind and mud and rain
And the broken regiments come back to rest again.

Now the pipes are playing, now the drums are beat,
Now the strong battalions are marching up the street.
But the pipes will not be playing and the bayonets will not shine.
When the regiments I dream of come stumbling down the line.

Between the battered trenches their silent dead will lie
Quiet with grave eyes staring at the summer sky.
There is a mist upon them so that I cannot see
The faces of my friends that walk the little town with me.

Lest we see a worse thing than it is to die.
Live ourselves and see our friends cold beneath the sky,
God grant we too be lying there in wind and mud and rain
Before the broken regiments come stumbling back again.

Lest we forget



Lieutenant Ewart Alan Mackintosh, M.C. An Officer in the Seaforth Highlanders

Born on 4 March 1893, the only son of Alexander Mackintosh and his wife, Lilian Rogers. Although he was born in Brighton, his father's roots went back to Clan Mackintosh in Alness in Ross. He studied locally at Brighton College studying Scottish Gaelic and learning to play the Highland war pipes during the holidays. He then studied at St Paul's School in London and Classics at Christ Church, Oxford. He was a member of the University of Oxford Officers' Training Corps, and tried to join the Army when war broke out in August.

He was first of all rejected due to poor eyesight but was eventually accepted by the Seaforths and was commissioned on 31 December 1914.

He served with the 5th (The Sutherland and Caithness Highland) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, a Territorial Force, which was part of 51st (Highland) Division.

He returned to England in August 1915 after being wounded in High Wood on the Somme. He returned to France and on 16 May he led a trench raid near Arras where fourteen of his men were wounded and two killed. Under heavy fire he also brought back two wounded men for which he was awarded the Military Cross on 24 June 1916.

At the age of 23, Mackintosh regarded himself as a father to his men, and was affectionately known as "Tosh".

Lieut Mackintosh was sadly killed in action on the second day of the Battle of Cambrai on 21 November 1917, whilst with the 4th Seaforth Highlanders. He was there observing new tactics including the first mass use of tanks.

He was buried in the Orival Wood Cemetery near Flesquières in Northern France.

Frampton's COFFEE MORNINGS 2023

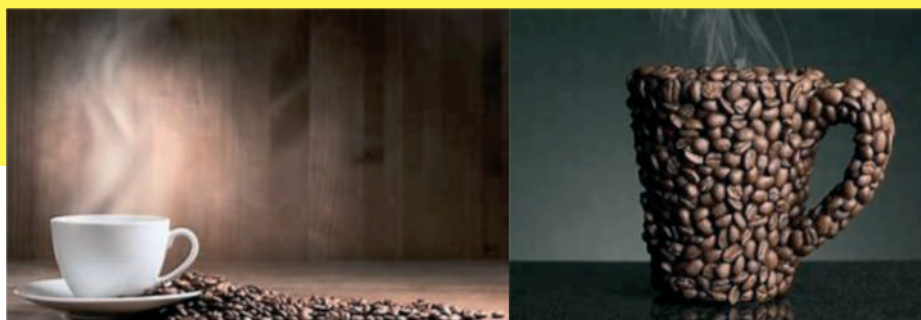
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THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 2023, 10 until noon

for Frampton's COFFEE MORNINGS

So, for your diaries ...

January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, November 29, December 27



FAREWELL TO COLIN POOK FROM FRAMPTON VILLAGE NEWS

At our last AGM of Frampton Village News (FVN) we were very sad to say goodbye to Colin, who, after over 25 years of loyal service to the magazine felt it was time to hang up his hat. Not that he will be idle, in that he still has his busy role as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, his involvement in his car racing, the publication of their magazine, and somehow fit in visits to Malta and maintenance of the house there plus the occasional holiday!

Colin has been FVN's Chairman, Secretary and a member of the Editorial Committee. In fulfilling these roles, for several years he put together, successfully, our bids for the 'Best Kept Village' award which Frampton won several times. When things progressed from the old 'Roneo' printing, it was Colin who found someone, then retired, who agreed to print FVN for a very small fee. This carried on for many years until we progressed to pay for outside printers. But his real contribution was that of fund raising. In the early days adverts brought in little income and changes in software to produce the

magazines were initially expensive. His best, and one that has endured, has been the annual Quiz Night for which he has always done most of the organising! FVN also organised, at that time, the Christmas Bazaar, Halloween BBQ (until the Winnebago camper van went up in flames!), Supper Dances, and the Tug of War (initially).



Colin has also always been a major contributor to the magazine with Letters from Malta, accounts of holidays and his regular submissions of Village Hall News. The Editorial Committee have greatly appreciated his keen eye when it comes to proof reading and we are delighted he has volunteered to continue with this role.

Frampton Village News wishes to give Colin a huge thank you for his loyal support, time and energy that he has given to the magazine.

Cynthia Whyte
Chairman/Secretary.



Notes from the Chair of the Parish Council

The last meeting of the year was held on 12 December.

It was a cold and frosty evening so understandably members of the public were few and far between. However, the Council debated the matters required and also took the opportunity to thank Andrew Thomson for all his hard work over the years. After seven years on the Parish Council, Andrew has decided to step down as Councillor and he will be sorely missed. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the village; in particular on aspects of the play park. The Council hope that Andrew will project manage the completion of the football netting installation once the weather is more favourable.

With Andrew leaving there will be a vacancy for a Councillor to join the 'team'. If you want to find out more about the role, or express an interest, then please feel free to contact the Parish Clerk, Wayne Lewin on frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or 07419 136735.

We are grateful that Wayne has decided to stay on as Clerk for the Council. Time has been spent negotiating a suitable contract for all parties involved

and we appreciate the knowledge and experience he brings to the position.

One of the outcomes of the last meeting was to set the precept (budget) for the following financial year. With finances stretched and a desire to keep costs as low as possible the Council was able to set a realistic budget for the following year. Whilst there is a slight increase, villagers will not pay any more as the tax base has increased.

Looking forward to next year, the Council would like to hear about any community projects. There will be discussions about how best to celebrate the King's Coronation in May. Also, ongoing projects to support new play park equipment. Thank you for your help and enthusiasm.

As always, you will find the latest minutes from the Parish Council meetings on the website: [Frampton Parish Council Dorset, Dorchester \(hugofox.com\)](http://Frampton Parish Council Dorset, Dorchester (hugofox.com))

The next meeting is due to be held on 20 March 2023 in the village hall.

Charlie Adler, Chairman, FPC

UKRAINIAN SUPPORT - COULD YOU HELP REUNITE A LOCAL FAMILY ...

I am writing to the community as we have had a lovely Ukrainian family living with us since June 2022 and they are now looking to independently rent accommodation in the area. Olesia, and her daughter Zlata (8 years old), have been living with us in our spare room.

We have now applied for her husband to join them and to reunite the family after what has been a very difficult year for them. Andrii, her husband, is coming in February 2023, with their small terrier "Volt", and we are trying to help them find accommodation locally as they love the community they have joined. Zlata is very happy in the local Charminster school and staying local will enable

Olesia to continue her work at the local Grove Lodge care home in Frampton.

I am writing to ask if anyone has suitable accommodation for a family of three that is coming available from February 2023 for at least a 6 month period. The family will be able to cover their own rent and we can vouch for the fact that they are a very tidy and happy little family and just need a lucky break to get onto the rental market.

If you have any leads, or would like to discuss the situation, please contact me on 07500 967 266 or wilkoclarkey@yahoo.co.uk

Tom Clarke, 28 Dorchester Road, Frampton

Sarah Mitchell has recently joined the FVN Committee, taking on the role of providing regular articles including A Good Read, Paws and Claws, a recipe and ad hoc articles relating to Frampton and/or its residents. We welcome Sarah to the team, and thank her for all future contributions to the FVN.

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Inevitably in the New Year I look forward to better weather and enjoyable nature rambles, rather than the wet miserable weather which seems prevalent this winter! However the winter months can provide some of the best wildlife opportunities and there were some exciting and unusual sightings in Frampton at the end of 2022.

In November, on one of my many walks across the wooden bridge by the Green, I glanced up and down stream hoping to see a heron (in distance in frosty photo) or maybe a little egret but instead, and much more exciting, an otter had just smoothly dived from view. It soon resurfaced and continued to entertain me for at least 10 mins. The river was full and rushing from heavy rain, and murky brown, but this was no problem for an otter – it was constantly diving and surfacing, briefly pausing as it quickly chomped and swallowed its prey. It was opposite the benches on the Green and at one point within a couple of metres of the bank on that side. It is always worth checking the river as you cross the bridge – this was at 10am, with a dog in tow, and no special equipment was needed (although a better camera for a photo would have been good ...).

Another unusual find in November by Heather Emery was a **water rail** in the village hall car park. Unfortunately the bird was dead - it looked as if a dog or rat had bitten it although that might not have been the cause of death. I am not aware of a water rail having ever been spotted in Frampton – but they are very secretive birds, rarely flying, preferring to lurk in undergrowth. I have included a photo (not my own) so everyone knows what to look out for!

They are more likely to be spotted in winter when numbers are boosted by migration, or heard as their calls are loud and apparently like a squealing pig! They are related to moorhens although a bit smaller and inhabit freshwater wetlands, typically reedbeds or muddy ponds, but the RSPB also lists overgrown riversides.

My garden through autumn was rather devoid of birds, presumably the mild weather meant there was plenty of food elsewhere. Then we had the week of surprisingly cold weather, frosts and even snow, and the garden came alive again. A full range of our usual birds came to the feeders, including the **nuthatch** and **great spotted woodpecker** as in photos. The blue/grey nuthatch is like a small woodpecker and usually seen climbing tree trunks or branches; it can go up or down (head first) with equal ease. We also had some new spots for this garden - under the apple trees feasting on fallen apples and dropped seeds we had several fieldfares, which joined redwings and 10 or so blackbirds. And trotting across our patio and frozen pond was a Grey Wagtail, very smart with its yellow and grey plumage.

If only the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch was that weekend, I would have recorded my longest list ever! But here is a reminder for Jan 27 to 29 - watch and count the birds for an hour in your garden and send your results to the RSPB which has used the information to monitor bird trends over many years.

I would love to receive observations or photos of our local wildlife. My email is mrs.kate.davidson@gmail.com.



Left to right, top row: heron, water rail,

Left to right, bottom row: nuthatch, great spotted woodpecker

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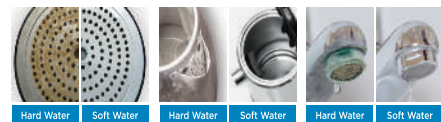
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As Treasurer of the FVN, I wish to publicly thank the organisers of the **monthly coffee morning** at the Village Hall for their generous £50 donation to the FVN. This money will be used to help cover the print costs of producing our magazine

Graham Hart

A NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR FRAMPTON'S COMMUNITY PLAY PARK

Sandy and Brie have started a Frampton Community Play Park group in order to raise money for NEW equipment for the Park. We are hoping to create a NEW park area for the older children in the village. This will be separate from the ongoing maintenance that is already funded by the Parish Council.

Frampton Community Play Park had a Halloween Party hosted by Sandy. The children had a fabulous time playing games and carving pumpkins. £66 was raised.

If you are interested in joining our Play Park group to help fundraise, or if you are a business looking to sponsor our equipment, then please contact Brie on dorsetbrie@gmail.com

We are hoping for lots of fundraising events to come so keep your eyes peeled! **Sandy and Brie**



Name: Barney (aka Frampton's Frequent Flier)

Breed: Cockatiel

Owners: Andrew and Sandra Mackenzie

Holiday Companions: Janet Faherty and Winny

Favourite Food: Fresh broccoli, caramel flavoured rice cakes, shortbread biscuits

Pet Love: Sitting on Andrew's wrist as he plays the piano, pecking the newspaper when he's reading it, whistling in his ear when he's on the phone

Pet Hate: Sandra (my owner!)

Owners' Tip: Beware of him suddenly landing on your head



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***Crisis* by Frank Gardner**

Review by David Tharby

I was familiar with Gardner but only in his capacity as the courageous wheelchair bound BBC Security and Defence correspondent, most recently giving concise and highly informed reports on the various conflicts worldwide and the Ukraine war in particular.

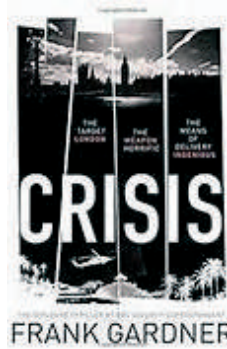
His first novel mirrors that expertise and combines it with a fast moving, non-stop, action packed 557 page, edge of the seat thriller that puts the repetitive violence of Jack Reacher in the shade.

Luke Charlton, an ex SBS commando with close connections to the Special Ops base in Poole with the tech knowledge and high skill levels associated with the world's finest, takes us on a high-octane journey to and from Colombia, its jungles and terrorists and an insight into their mentality.

Seconded to MI6 on a death-defying mission to tackle ruthless and brutal drug barons, the action moves swiftly from jungle lairs and cocaine factories, smuggling across the oceans and a long and taught shadowing and intercept mission off the Cornish coast. The twists and turns, double crosses and duplicity, mystery and a little romance keep it boiling to the very last page.

The love interest is the long-suffering fiancée,

Elise, who plays a crucial support role. However, the deep level of factual information on the innermost workings of the British military, Security Services (MI5 and MI6), the workings, or not working, of our parliamentary system are the real attention grabbers. Only someone who has been there, met the people, done it and seen it close up could write with such authority, descriptive detail and weave such a tale.



The technical aspects of munitions, armaments, battlefield medical treatment, tactics and a wild ride with the SBS add realism and pathos.

Access to Wikipedia throughout is a bonus to plot geographical details and many other features including real people and events woven into the story, keep the excitement pulse running high.

To say any more about the plot and outcome would be a spoiler. It's good to have a Brit as the all-action hero and maybe we will see his medals in *The Keep* one day!

Suffice to say, a first novel beautifully written with heart in the mouth tension and 'what ifs' from the first pages.

After this, the second novel using the same principal characters is titled *Ultimatum* and promised to be another top read, which I can confirm, having just turned the last page.

Crisis by Frank Gardner. Published by Penguin ISBN 978-08575-0316-9 or on Kindle.

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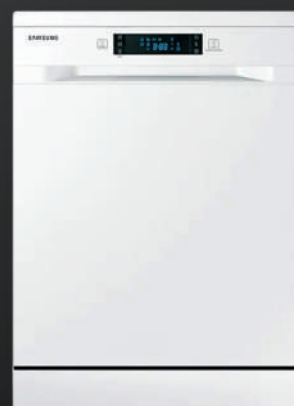
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The November draw was held on 21 November with Lillian Taylor doing the honours of picking out the numbers. The results are:

1 st PRIZE	£128	No. 35	Colin Cutler
2 nd PRIZE	£67	No. 77	The Adler Family
3 rd PRIZE	£22	No. 88	Liz Napier

Colin Cutler, who is a relative of Wendy Frampton, lives in Maidenhead, so the Adler Family stepped into the breach to provide a winner's photo. The picture shows two of the Adler family admiring the money package and dreaming of all the doggie treats it will buy. Definitely a tail wagging event with a prize not to be sniffed at. The next draw will be held in February.

WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK

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On a particularly dark night, a few weeks ago, an accident occurred outside the village hall when a car coming from Maiden Newton collided with an unlit parked vehicle facing the oncoming traffic.

Although the three emergency services attended, mercifully there were no serious injuries.

The police suggested the following information is published.

Can I be fined if I park my car facing oncoming traffic?

Yes - in some cases you could be fined £1,000.

The Highway Code says that you should not park your car facing the direction of oncoming traffic at night.

It says: "A car must not be parked at the side of the road facing against the direction of traffic". If you do, you risk a £1,000 fine. This can rise to £2,500 for cars with over eight seats, or goods vehicles.

However, it is legal to park in the direction of traffic during the day.

Why is facing oncoming traffic dangerous?

You might be wondering why the rules state you can only park facing oncoming traffic during the day.

That's because at night, on an unlit main road, oncoming traffic would not be able to see your car - the rear reflectors on the back of your vehicle would be hidden. It could mean that there's a risk of an accident happening.

And it did!

**Recycling/Food
and Garden
Waste
collections:**

January 5*, 19

February 2, 16

March 2, 16,
30

**Rubbish/Food
collections:**

January 12, 26

February 9, 23

March 9, 23

***Not garden
waste**



Future events:

Coffee mornings - January 25, February 22, March 29, 10 - 12

Footlights 'Puss in Boots' - Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February - 7.30

Footlights 'Puss in Boots' - Saturday 18 February - 2.00 and 7.30

2023 Annual Sale - Saturday 25 March

For full details, see the articles inside the magazine

The new heating system has now been installed at the Hall, generally upgrading the installation with a new, larger condensing boiler, associated pipework and controls etc., including a new control unit on the wall adjacent to the doors from the main Hall into the Sheridan Room. This has explanatory wording adjacent to it so that Hall users may advance the timing/temperature etc., without going into the boiler room and interfering with the boiler settings.

Our **Grand Christmas Craft Fair** took place on Saturday 19 November. There was an excellent array of craft tables despite other villages having invaded our usual date. Visitors had a wonderful choice of Christmas fayre and attendance was good, our raffle, tombola and kitchen doing very well. Support for the tombola and raffle from the collection of items around the village was as good as ever with an amazing number of wines and spirits to be won, as well as useful household provisions and the inevitable cans of beans. As usual Little Angus at Grimstone provided a chicken dinner and we also had a breakfast donated.



(above) Local resident, Rod Boyle, also makes wood canoes and paddles (rod@raidocanoes.co.uk)

At the end of the day nearly £1,200.00 was raised for Hall funds. Very many thanks to all those villagers who donated items for the raffle and tombola, some giving as many as 6 bottles of wines and spirits! As usual, inevitably, some gave nothing at all. As well as those donations, we received a good number of cakes but not really enough to run a full-size cake stall. However, most were used in the kitchen and sold, cut up into portions where they raised more money than if they had been sold whole. Very many thanks to every one of those cake makers, and I can assure you, from experience, that the cakes were delicious!

December saw the return of our **International Dining** evening which we have not seen since before Covid restrictions time. 80 villagers and

friends attended to enjoy a convivial gourmet evening as a fitting run-up to our Christmas festivities. As a result we have been able to send £750 to the Ukrainian Appeal via 'Just Giving' (who do not deduct costs).

From May, and until the end of 2022, monthly **coffee mornings** have been held at the Village Hall. As the brainchild of Jackie Wilcox, Dawn Potter and Helen Hart the 10am till 12 noon friendly get-togethers have been a great success. **Full details of the 2023 coffee morning dates inside the FVN (briefly, the last Wednesday in every month, 10 - noon).** In December the ladies shared the profits between the Village Hall (£150.00), and £50 each to Crisis at Christmas and the FVN. Reminders will be on Facebook and in the FVN.

In February 2023, the Hall will be taken over by our friends, **Frampton Footlights**, on Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February for their pantomime "Puss in Boots". Performances will be at 7.30pm each day with a matinee performance at 2pm on the Saturday. Tickets will be available from www.framptonfootlights.com, at Frampton Garage, or by calling 07968 586906. Tickets for adults are £8.00 (matinee £6.00) and for children £5.00 (matinee £4.00).

Looking further ahead we shall be holding our **Grand Spring Sale** on Saturday 25 March. This sale encompasses everything from the smallest item of bric-a-brac through to books, children's toys, new-to-you clothes, lawn mowers and - if last year was an indication - maybe another garden shed or greenhouse! Nothing is too big or too small, so please look out all your unwanted items. I shall be available to collect and store items from 1 February, so just email me on colin.e.pook@gmail.com or phone 01300 320200 and we can arrange a suitable date and time for collection.

That's all for now, so on behalf of the Trustees of the Hall, I wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year. **Colin Pook, Chairman, FVN Trust**

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INGREDIENTS

110g (4 oz) Unsalted butter or margarine

110g (4 oz) Unsweetened chocolate

3 Eggs

3 tablespoons Caster sugar

225g (8 oz) Savoy/Sponge fingers

Some brandy

METHOD

Line the sides and bottom of a souffle dish with the Savoy/Sponge fingers and then saturate them with brandy.

Break the chocolate into small pieces and melt over hot water - preferably in a double saucepan. Stir it around until well creamed.

Separate the eggs and whisk the whites until nicely stiff.

Cream the butter and sugar.

Mix in the egg yolks and the chocolate. Fold in the egg whites.

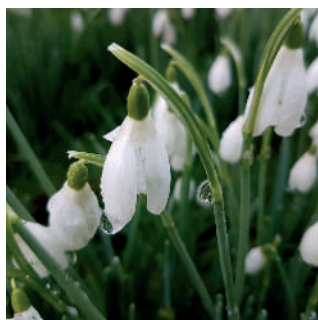
Pour the mixture into the souffle dish and cover with Savoy/Sponge fingers. Put a plate on the top and weight it down. Leave in the fridge for a few hours.

When you're ready for it, be brave and turn it out. It can be decorated - especially if it hasn't turned out clean and looks a bit ragged. Whipped cream topped with a grated, sweet chocolate gives quite a good finish.

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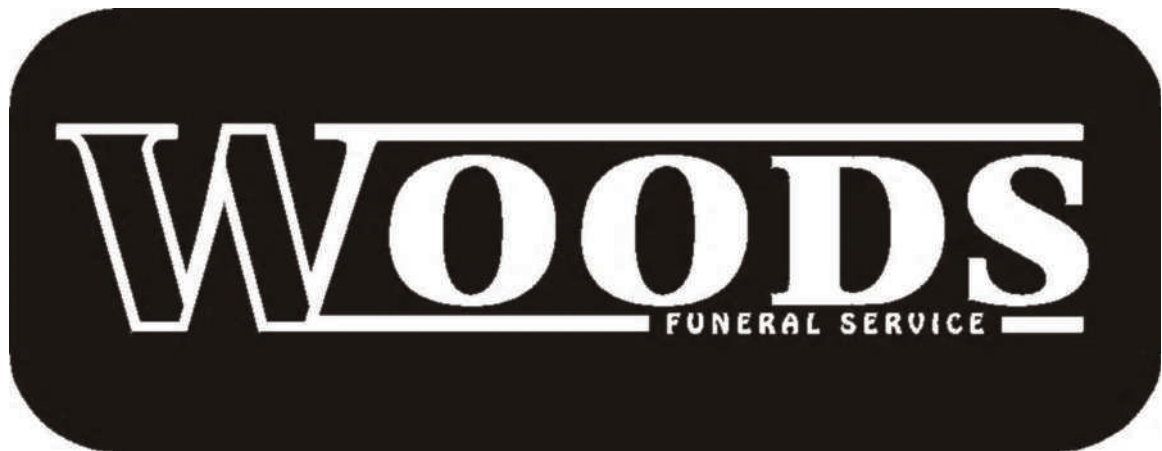
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