



Frampton Parish Council

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Public Meeting Dates, 2022, 7pm - Frampton Village Hall **All Frampton parish residents are welcome to attend**

Monday 21 March
Monday 16 May
Monday 18 July
Monday 19 September
Monday 14 November

Work carried out over the winter

Allotments and burial ground - trees and hedges cut back and trimmed. Verge and entrance tidied and litter picked.

Tibbs Hollow - large tree in unsafe condition removed

Playground - new signage on gates and repairs carried out to slide/climbing frame

Layby - at junction of A356 and A37 - litter picked and surrounding area cleared

Preparation work for new speed indicator device carried out

Parking area by Samways Bridge (white railed bridge) - branches cut back and tidied

Southover lane - drains cleared of debris and grit dug out (drainage gullies) on Tibbs Lane

Salt bins check and refilled where required

The Future

Your Parish Council will hold the **Annual General Meeting on 16 May** along with the Annual Parish Meeting. **The current Chair, Andrew Thomson, will be retiring from the Parish Council at that time.** At the moment there are six Councillors in post, with one vacancy. There is no Vice Chair, a position which should be filled as soon as possible. Also, the resignation of Andrew Thomson in May will create two Councillor vacancies, including electing a replacement Chair.

Hopefully these important positions will be filled by members of the Frampton Community and I would like to recommend these positions are filled by those who enjoy our lovely village and who are able to give a bit of their time to fulfil these vital positions. Our current Councillors are doing a great job, with specific responsibilities, and guidance will be available to support any newly elected Councillors next May.

The Parish Clerk

Mr Wayne Lewin, following his re-assessment of his Parish Clerk appointments in West Dorset, re-signed his contract with us last summer. Since then he has agreed to help us as an acting 'locum' Parish Clerk on a month by month basis. We are advertising for a new Parish Clerk, under Contract, at the present time. The job description of a Parish Clerk is laid out in detail in February's edition of the Chalk Stream magazine in the Stratton Parish Council report. If anyone is interested, please contact Wayne Lewin directly on 07419 136 735 or email Frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

Once again, please consider putting yourself forward as a candidate next May to join your Parish Council. Plenty of job satisfaction and a position of great value to your community. **Andrew Thomson**

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE



Liz Napier

It's that time of year again. The urge to get out in the garden and tidy up after the winter is very strong but don't be too hasty. The garden centres will soon be bursting with bedding plants but just be a little wary about planting them out yet. We can always get late frosts which will kill them off unless you keep them in the greenhouse for a while.

Talking about garden centres, I visited Holme for Gardens, near Wareham, back in January. Now I



Holme "henge" and heathers

don't normally go to garden centres, preferring to visit specialist nurseries, but this one is definitely on my list to visit again. Not only do they have the usual and also unusual selections in the nursery but they have created beautiful gardens. Although they are in their formative stage, they are certainly worth a visit. When I went in January, the heather gardens, in what they call Holme Henge, surround the standing stones and, together with the bright stems of dogwoods, made an impressive sight. I don't



Holme cornus border

think there is anything more uplifting than the sight of colour in the gardens at what is the darkest time of the year.

Whether it's global warming or just one of those years, the winter has been kind to us in that we have

not had severe frosts or snow. In fact, January has been very dry which has meant that I've been able to cut down the herbaceous plants and generally tidy up without getting muddy boots!! Another job for me to do in March is to coppice the dogwoods (*Cornus*) and willows (*Salix*) so that next winter there will be fresh new stems to add colour from November to February. It's a good idea to save the strong stems from the dogwoods to use as props for top-heavy perennials but, if you are using willow be sure to push them into the ground upside down as otherwise they will root and you will end up with more than you bargained for!

I, as I am sure many of you, have been watching The Green Planet. It was an incredible series and highlighted the importance of plants and how we need to care for them. Not only did it show how plants, from the smallest to the largest, adapt to their surroundings, it also showed how they interact and the vital benefits they contribute to all life on earth. For example, a single square metre of European wildflower meadow, on one summer's day, will capture around 32g of carbon dioxide and release around 30g of oxygen. This just goes to show how important wildflower areas are to all living creatures. I am so pleased that my wildflower banks, over 15 square



Wildflower bank in mid summer

metres, are doing their bit! This programme has enhanced my views on the importance of all plants even though I was already a "plantoholic".

Back in the autumn, I decided that the lavenders and roses on the front wall of the bungalow had to go. They were planted about 14 years ago and the lavenders had become very woody and past their "sell-by" date. The roses, even though they were a lovely dark red, had heavy heads of flowers which always drooped down. They were all removed and the soil dug over and covered with compost ready



Lavender and roses in front of the bungalow



Empty borders in winter

for the worms to take it down over the winter. It's now ready for a final fork-over and for planting in a completely different format. I've already bought some *Abelia x grandiflora Kaleidoscope* which grows to just over 1 metre high and has pink tinted white flowers from June to October and foliage of bright yellow and green in the spring, turning to orange and red in the autumn. I'm going to add in some Russian sage (*Perovskia*), which has spikes of blue flowers all summer long. There will also be some "whirling butterflies" (*Gaura lindheimeri*) together with bright orange *Crocasmia Emily McKenzie*. Well, that's the plan anyway. Of course I may change my mind so don't hold me to it!

Tips for March and April:

Lift, divide and replant clumps of snowdrops and aconites once the flowers have faded but before the foliage dies down

Start mowing the lawns with the blades on a high setting

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

Prune hardy fuchsias, buddleias and other shrubs which flower on current season's growth to two or three buds from the base

Complete the pruning of large-flowered clematis

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

Prune repeat-flowering climber, shrub, bush and miniature roses and give them a good dressing of well-rotted farmyard manure or garden compost

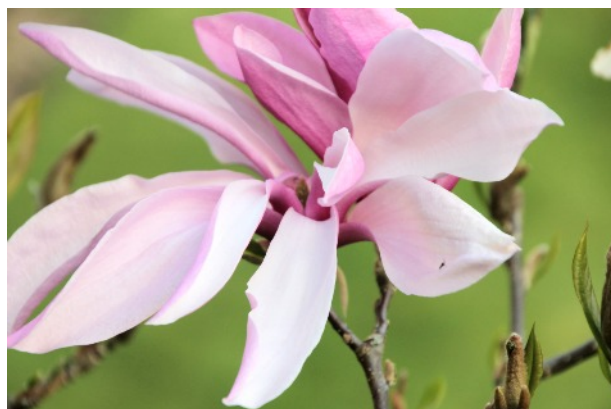
Remove fading flowers from daffodils and narcissi but do not cut off any leaves or tie the leaves into bunches as this restricts the goodness going back into the bulb. Let the leaves die down naturally.

Sow half-hardy annual seeds under glass. Hardy annuals can be sown outdoors if the ground is suitable.

Stake tall-growing perennials such as delphiniums and Michaelmas daisies at an early stage of growth

Plant autumn flowering bulbs such as Nerines and autumn crocuses

And the most important job is weeding so get down on your hands and knees or use the hoe. It's far better to get them out before they get well established especially with the deep-rooted ones and it's good free exercise - much better than going to the gym!



Magnolia in April



As soon as Christmas is over I'm looking out for signs of spring: snowdrops, hazel catkins, frogspawn. However I shouldn't rush the winter months as they have provided some memorable experiences. In December I visited Radipole Lake in Weymouth hoping to see the **starling murmuration**, and I wasn't disappointed. From 30 minutes before sunset the starlings gather in 1000's over the reserve, flying



in dense flocks making wonderful patterns and shapes in the sky. Then suddenly they descend to the reeds to roost, and chatter for at least 20 minutes before silence descends again. Easily visible from the Swannery car park they roost in this manner through winter, perhaps into March. The reasons for it are not certain but might include safety in numbers from predators such as birds of prey, increased warmth while roosting, and the sharing of information about feeding sites.

A starling close up is a stunning bird, glossy black with spots of white and a sheen of purple and green. When I lived in Broadmayne they did a good job of clearing the lawn of leather jackets, the larvae of daddy long legs which eat grass roots.

Another brilliant experience was an otter display in Harry's Wood, mid-morning in December, a splash like a large fish attracted my attention. The single otter was diving and surfacing for a minute or more, generally having fun, and looked straight at me before it silently disappeared.

An annual winter event is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place at the end of January: I enjoy counting birds for an hour from the comfort of the house, with a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich! No starlings but the usual garden birds appeared. Most numerous were greenfinches (8) followed by house sparrows (7).

It is good to see the greenfinches, green/brown birds with a touch of yellow, as their numbers have dropped dramatically in the last few years. I counted 3 last year but none in the preceding years. Once a common garden bird, they are now on the Red List, numbers having dropped dramatically in the last 20 years due to the disease trichomonosis.

Our local **Snowdrops** are spectacular every winter but they seem particularly good this year. It is



believed they were introduced to Great Britain from Italy by monks in the 15th Century and they are frequently found in the gardens of old monasteries. Those in warm sunshine attract the occasional hoverfly and bee. They are a source of a substance called Galantamine, from their latin name galanthus, which has medical uses including the treatment of Alzheimer's.

Quickly following snowdrops are crocuses which open wide on a sunny February day to attract pollinating **queen bumble bees**, their bodies



covered with a dusting of pollen. These mated in late summer and are the only bumble bees to survive the winter, underground in loose soil. They emerge on a warm late winter day to feed on nectar and find a new nest site – a hole in the ground or perhaps under a shed. They lay their eggs in the new nest and collect pollen and nectar to feed the larvae which emerge. This first brood will all develop into worker female bees – the nest is operational in time for spring!

1) What is the name given to the type of fishing in which competitors catch the fish with their bare hands?

a) Wheating b) Noodling c) Teasing

2) The British sitcom 'One foot in the grave' was filmed mostly in Dorset, but whereabouts?

a) Christchurch b) Wimborne c) Sherborne

3) What was the name of the group that topped the charts in 1974 with 'Sad Sweet Dreamer' after appearing on the ITV talent show New Faces?

a) Sweet Sensation b) The Allman Brothers Band c) The Eagles

4) What type of food is Quark?

a) Animal fat b) Tropical fruit c) Cheese

5) TC, Rick and Higgins were characters in which 1980's TV series?

a) The A team b) Magnum PI c) Airwolf

6) Which major innovation was invented by Percy Spencer in 1945?

a) Cats Eyes b) Digital watch c) Microwave oven

7) 'If you have the misfortune to be born into a generation which must earn its living, you might as well do something amusing.' Whose father gave his son this advice?

a) Julian Fellowes b) Nigel Havers c) David Cameron

8) Which pop duo was the first western band to play in China?

a) Simon and Garfunkel b) Wham c) Chas and Dave

9) Off the coast of which country did the 'Amoco Cadiz' sink in 1978?

a) France b) South Africa c) USA

10) In 1778, Captain James Cook set out to explore which ocean?

a) Atlantic b) Indian c) Pacific

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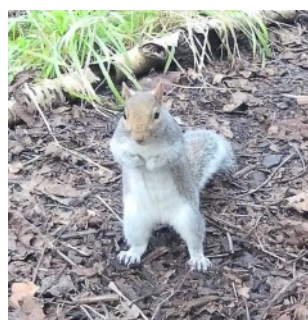
Pet Hate: Other cats in their garden

Owners tip: Try and spend 5 minutes a day playing ball with them and 'catch the mouse'. When they are young they can get very bored.



Squaring up for a Fight ... ?

Answers: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b,
6c, 7a, 8b, 9a, 10c.



BON APPETIT!

White Wine Chicken with Artichoke Hearts

Serves 6

8 chicken thighs on the bone, skin removed

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tbsp olive oil

15g butter

2 large onions, roughly chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 tsp caster sugar

25g plain flour

300ml dry white wine

225 g small chestnut mushrooms, whole

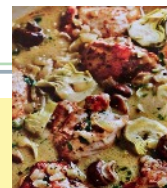
1 x 400g can artichoke hearts

2 tbsp full-fat creme fraiche

4 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD

- 1) Season the chicken thighs with salt and pepper. Heat the oil and butter in a large deep frying pan and brown the chicken thighs all over. Lift out on to a plate.
- 2) Add the onions, garlic and sugar to the oil remaining in the pan and cook over a low heat for about 15 to 20 minutes until tender.
- 3) Turn up the heat and allow the onions to brown. Sprinkle in the flour, thoroughly blending, add the wine and stir well. Bring to the boil, stirring until thickened.
- 4) Return the chicken to the pan with the mushrooms, season and bring to the boil. Simmer over a low heat or transfer to a slow oven at 160c/Fan 140c/Gas 3 and cook until the chicken is tender, about 45 minutes.
- 5) Drain the artichokes, cut in half and add to the chicken. Heat through gently then add the creme fraiche, check the seasoning and stir in most of the parsley.
- 6) Sprinkle with the remaining parsley before serving.



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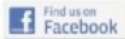
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