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FRAMPTON VILLAGE  
NEWS

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# *Frampton Village News*

## *The Final Edition*

*It is with great sadness that I write as  
Chairman of Frampton Village News, in this  
Final Edition, having been on the Committee  
for 21 years.*

The committee has strived with enthusiasm to continue the legacy started over 50 years ago, but times move on and as our questionnaire shows we do not have the support of sufficient readers to continue the magazine. Out of a circulation of 240 copies only 12% responded leaving 88% (that's 29 out of 240 copies distributed) of non responders which is not very encouraging. I would like to thank those readers who have supported us and I know they will be sad to see it go. It is probably our older readers who have valued the magazine and will miss it most, whilst younger ones now prefer the instant communication of social media.

As I have written before, in 1969 when Amy Joyner started the magazine, things were very different and the magazine certainly met its objective of bringing the villagers together and conveying what was going on in the village when electronic communication was just a spot on the horizon. Talking to Jeanette Grace who was on the FVN committee at the beginning she reminded me of another point:

"Just recently newcomers to the village have asked why we have two magazines in Frampton? What a very good question. So, as a long term resident, it has been suggested that I shed some light on the subject.

The Village News was created many years before Chalk Stream. It was run by a small group of ladies who even printed it in Mrs Joyner's house on an ancient Roneo duplicator. The money to pay for the ink and paper came from monthly (you guessed it) coffee mornings!

The Rector at the time produced church news and notices which were included in each edition of Frampton Village News. All this was before the advent of the Chalk Stream which came into being

when the Rev Ken Scott became Rector over the four local parishes. Not long after he came to Frampton I happened to be the Editor of the FVN. The Rector suggested Frampton Village News be incorporated into the newly started Chalk Stream. A village meeting was held to discuss the proposal. The unanimous decision was that the Village News should continue."

I must say this came up again some years ago but was again rejected by the Committee.

I would like to thank all our present Committee who give of their own time in planning and delivering the magazine. A special thank you must go to Sue Forrest for her time spent on producing the magazine, the colourful covers, and using her expertise in fitting in the content, which often arrives late in the day! Also to Mike Keene who produced the magazine for over 10 years.

The Committee discussed what to do with the residual funds and it was decided they would be gifted to the following:

Restoration of the bells, St Mary's Church, Frampton  
Frampton Village Hall  
Frampton Millennium Green  
Frampton Play Area

Frampton Village News was responsible for publishing The History of Frampton Village back in 2004. Contributors were from past and present Frampton Village News committee members and villagers. As a farewell gift we are distributing a free copy with our final delivery. If you read it you might even find out something about the village which you didn't know before!

With this bumper final copy we hope that a few more than 12% may pick it up and read it one last time!

*Cynthia Whyte*



# JOINING IN ...

Joining in. Taking part. We all do this during our lives in so many different ways, be it playing tag as a child or celebrating with friends we are connecting and relaxing socially, which the experts say is so important for our well being. Today it is so easy to say 'I don't think I'll bother to go to whatever is on' or 'I haven't time to help'.

Frampton has many things going for it in the way of social life and the last two issues of the Village News certainly bore out this point. We had the Village Fete, the Tug of War and the Flower Show. Also the Frampton Footlights Revue, the Big Breakfast, Christmas Fair and International Dining.

My point is that all of these events don't happen by their own volition. They happen because a little band of volunteers make this possible for the enjoyment of us all. My second point is that, when reading these reports you will notice that the same names crop up again and again. These people having all joined in and given their all.

Let me give you some examples of how the village has benefited from 'joining in'. Without volunteers we would not have our beautiful Millennium Green created and maintained by them. Also Harry's Wood, both recreation areas that were kindly donated. Then we are blessed with a fine Village Hall; again initially created by village efforts and maintained by a

committee of volunteers from the village. The Play Area at North Park created by the efforts of the Parish Council. The pavement through the village, which has made Frampton a safer place, only came about by a persistent pressure group and the Parish Council, again volunteers. Our beautiful Church is maintained by a band of volunteers so that we may all use it for prayer, or weddings and funerals.

Lastly, all this is brought to you by the Village News, produced by, you guessed it, volunteers. We all have or have had very busy lives with jobs and raising a family, but you know the old saying "if you want a job done, give it to a busy person". So next time you take part in any village activity run by volunteers maybe you might like to offer to join them.

Having myself been a volunteer many times over the past forty years plus, I can assure you that not only will you be most welcomed, but you will also gain the goodwill and friendship of joining in that as human beings we all crave, and for those of you who have put your hand up when that job needed to be done, our heartfelt thanks. And committee meetings can be fun!

**Jeanette Grace**

(Reprint from a previous FVN)







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Birds are singing, woodpeckers drumming and blue tits are excitedly checking out potential nesting holes (some most unsuitable!). In February an early Brimstone butterfly was on the wing and frogspawn appeared in our pond, while **hazel catkins** adorn hedges and our **local snowdrops** have looked fabulous. I am reminding myself of these things on an icy cold and wet day in March, with much of the country under snow. The few sunny days we've had have been a precious forerunner of spring - I even paused a while to admire the perfection of the first **common daisies** - but our wildlife's preparations are well under way all the same, triggered by the lengthening daylight hours.

Many residents have noticed the group of **roe deer** in the fields by the A356, between the Green and garage, usually accompanied by several pheasants. I often see deer on my local walks - mostly roes I believe but sometimes it is hard to tell when the glimpse is so brief, although the (retreating!) tail area is a reliable way to identify them. Roe deer have a large white area with no visible tail (see picture of a roe deer bottom!) One of my memorable wildlife moments has been glancing through the trees of a wood to find myself closely watched by a roe deer, with its beautiful black nose and big ears. My picture is of the buck (the female is a roe doe!) with its distinctive small antlers which are still covered in velvet. These have been growing since November and the velvet will be shed in spring ready for the rut and mating in Jul/Aug. The bucks become very aggressive at this time, fighting over the does and often locking antlers. Roe 'kids' are born in May or June, by which time roes are usually solitary, forming small groups just over winter.

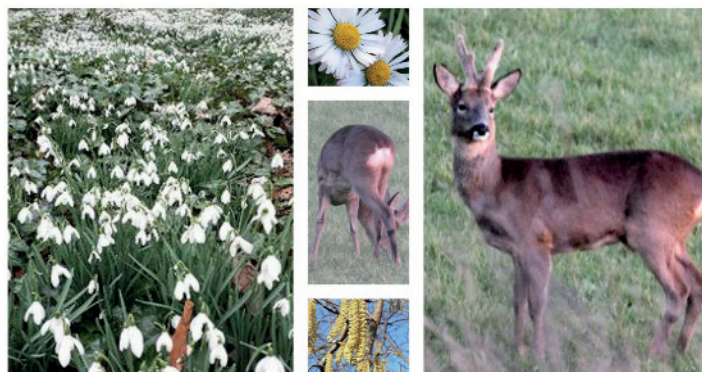
Red kites are regularly visiting Frampton and Southover, 2 or 3 together, beautiful large birds of prey unmistakable with their forked tails usually silhouetted in the sky above. On bright calm days I

have been watching them at Lankham Bottom, between the A37 and Cattistock, where they float and twist in the air currents over the steep slopes, often below eye level, with their beautiful red patterned markings clearly visible. However their speed is proving a challenge for my basic photographic skills and camera! An abundance of rabbits there provides carrion for them but their diet also includes voles, earthworms and insects, which is similar to a buzzard's, although there appears to be no competition between the 2 species.

Another bird of prey, a barn owl, was sighted by a resident in March - quartering over the water meadows opposite the Green and then flying across the roe deer fields. In the past my best views of barn owls have been in April when it is almost dark so I will definitely take more dusk-time walks this spring. However, they can be seen during the day too in winter, if you are very lucky, or when they have young to feed.

Finally, an update regarding water rails which I mentioned in the last issue - they have been seen by villagers in various locations over the past few years including the leat, wet woodland at the end of Southover, and from the stone bridge.

I have thoroughly enjoyed writing Nature Notes for the last 2 years and I'm very happy that many people enjoyed reading it! I have become much more observant of local wildlife while seeking out photos, and much more knowledgeable through discussing sightings with other villagers. For the 9 years that we have lived in Frampton, Paul and I have read every issue of FVN, cover to cover, so I am sorry that this is the last one but I hope we all continue to cherish nature 'on our doorstep' (and even inside our homes...!) and continue to share our everyday observations with our neighbours in the village.





## FRAMPTON YOUTH CLUB – 1991!

I-r: Top Row: Piran Scott, Andrew Southern, Juliet Hawkins

Middle Row: Leanne Debono, Emma Tucker, Julia Simpson, Anna Smith,  
Becky Damen, Katy Hooper, Nina Wain, Nichole Huggins

Front Row: Lee Roper, Mike Cox, Mandy Page-Palmer (formerly Briggs), Terry Huggins, Martin Hawkins,  
Ben Wain



This picture was taken not long before I left as leader – I took the picture with the camera, on a timer perched on some chairs – hence the discord when I ran back to join the group!

Mandy





### King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 residents and friends of Frampton are encouraged to bring a picnic to the Millennium Green in the afternoon/early evening.

There will be some shelter provided in case the weather is inclement and then once it is dark there will be fireworks.

Toilets will be available in the village hall. Please bring your food and drink and remember to take your rubbish home with you.





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## **Obituary for Helga Saunders, 18/06/43 – 05/03/2023. New Farmhouse, Southover**

Helga passed away on 5 March 2023. She was the wife of Anthony (Tony) Saunders and mother to their daughters, Debra and Heidi. Helga and Tony shared their lives together for more than 60 years of marriage.

Helga was of a generation that knew true hardship. Born in Helmstedt, Germany, during the war years and soon orphaned. She was fostered by an elderly couple whom she called Mutti und Pappa.

After leaving school, she trained as a nurse before coming to England to be married.

She loved music, and during the 1960s and 1970s, she sang and played guitar. She excelled at table tennis and badminton, but as she grew older, cooking became her passion.

Life was not always kind to her, with cancer being her enemy. Helga passed away at home suddenly and unexpectedly from secondary causes following a successful operation to remove three brain tumours.

Helga loved Frampton, its setting by the river, its lovely walks, and its warm, friendly people.

She will be remembered for being a beautiful, brave woman who seldom complained, was adventurous, had a happy, easy-going personality, and made many good friends.

Helga was cremated in a private ceremony on 23 March 2023, at the Weymouth Crematorium, and a service of remembrance was held for her on 5th April 2023, in St. Mary's Church, Frampton.

She will be truly missed.





## Through the garden gate – Liz Napier

My little old grey cells are having trouble in thinking three months ahead so you'll have to forgive me if I ramble on a bit. After having such a cold spell with long-lasting frosts and then being so dry with no rain at all for several weeks, it's hard to imagine what will be happening in June. As I write this in the middle of March, the weather is slowly improving and we have had some rain. There is still a cold wind but, in sheltered places, the sun is gaining strength and giving me the urge to get outside and start gardening again. There always seems to be so much tidying up to do after the winter, making it difficult to know where to start.

The winter flowering heathers never fail to amaze me with their long-lasting blooms. Such a welcome source of food for the bees. Celandines also provide pollen and nectar for emerging queen bumblebees as well as small flies and beetles. Some years ago, I tried to remove them from flower beds and borders but they resisted all of my attempts. They grow from root tubers and the baby tubercles will quickly grow in disturbed soil. I've now accepted them as welcome early spring flowers. After flowering, the leaves die back leaving no trace.

Spring has certainly leapt into action and every day brings new buds and flowers. Primroses are one of my favourites and they seed themselves in unexpected places. I now have them popping up all over the woodland area. There are also many clumps of ***Primula "Wanda"***, a really old-fashioned variety and one of the toughest with flowers ranging from pale lilac to the deepest burgundy – couldn't be without them! Having cut off all of the old foliage on the *Epimedium sulphureum*, the new flower spikes have emerged and will soon be lighting up the area with their bright yellow flowers.

Some of the flowers to look for in the coming months include ***Mahonia aquifolium*** with its' spikey leaves and large clusters of yellow flowers. In April the ***Primula alpicola*** sends up tall spires of flowers in shades of white through yellow and orange to bright purple. They are really a bog garden plant but mine are quite happy in a drier, sunny spot. ***Erythronium Pagoda*** in the woodland has spread considerably since being planted 3 years ago. Another easy-to-grow plant is ***Iris Sibirica***. With its' deep blue/purple flowers it seems to be happy wherever it is placed – sun, shade, damp or dry soil.

When I visited Picket Lane Nursery in South Perrott (very sadly, now closed) some years ago, one of the shrubs I bought was ***Deutzia Strawberry Fields***. It has thrived in full sun and the dense clusters of flowers are deep pink and white on graceful arching stems. Other favourite shrubs are ***Hydrangea Limelight*** in the Monkey Puzzle area and, a bit of a mouthful to say, ***Ceratostigma Plumbaginoides***, with its' bright red leaves and sky blue flowers. This is a deciduous shrub which doesn't start showing signs of life until quite late and, each year, I wonder if it has survived the winter. Finally, I must include photos of some best loved flowers. ***Thalictrum Elin*** has been in the same spot for at least ten years and the graceful stems tower over other plants in the long border. ***Verbena Bonariensis*** has seeded itself all over the garden and is a magnet for butterflies. Flowering for such a long time, I think it is a "must have" in any garden although, beware, the seedlings will grow even in the lawn!! Last but not least is an un-named ***Lonicera*** (honeysuckle), which grows at an alarming rate but rewards me with such beautiful perfume in summer evenings.

April:

**Sow** half-hardy annual seeds under glass.

Hardy annuals can be sown outdoors if the ground is suitable

**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

**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

May:

**Keep** watering newly planted trees and shrubs. A good bucket full every week so that they establish their root system

**Divide** and replant any marginal plants around ponds that have spread beyond their allotted space

**Thin** overgrown clumps of water lilies and remove some of the larger leaves



**Lift** and divide primroses and polyanthus after flowering

**Plant** out half-hardy annuals when the fear of frost has passed

**Plant** dahlia tubers in well-prepared ground that has been enriched with well-rotted manure or garden compost

**When** the soil is moist, the golden rule is mulch, mulch, mulch. You can use garden compost, well-rotted manure or bark and your plants will thank you in dry spells

**Protect** plants from slugs especially when the weather is warm and humid

June:

**Deadhead** rhododendrons and azaleas once the flowers are over, to encourage the formation of next year's blooms

**Keep** ponds clear of algae before large masses form

**Hoe** frequently to remove weeds while they are still young

**Trim** back spreading rockery plants, such as aubrietia, to 2-3in from the base when they have finished flowering

**Don't** forget to sit down and enjoy your garden after all of your hard work!

Since July 2018 I have been putting pen to paper to let you know what successes and failures I've had in the garden, what changes I've made, what inspires me and what drives me on. I hope that you too will continue to love your garden and benefit, both physically and mentally from getting your hands into the precious soil and tending to your beloved plants.

This is the last issue of the FVN, which has been serving our village since 1969. I, for one, will miss it and would like to thank all of the committee members for their work over the years. It is so sad that there was only a small number of replies to the questionnaire, showing a lack of interest in its' future. Perhaps you are a little shy, perhaps you are new to the village, perhaps you think you're jumping in too quickly. Well, don't think like that - this is a very friendly village. But perhaps you should ask yourself why you are content to let the same people do the work - surely you have a few spare hours to contribute to the village in which you are happy to live?

**THE FVN NEEDS YOU!**



Column 1, then column 2 - Primula "Wanda", Mahonia aquifolium, Primula alpicola, Erythronium Pagoda, Iris Sibirica, Deutzia Strawberry Fields, Hydrangea Limelight, Ceratostigma plumbagoides, Thalictrum Elin, Verbena bonariensis, Lonicera



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*A huge vote of thanks is due to our band of faithful deliverers who have distributed the FVN in all weathers and on schedule to the the whole village. Most have been with us for many years so to Cynthia, Gary and Ros, Barbara, John and Kathy, Charlie, Heather, Glenda, Jackie, John, Simon, Richard, Rene, Steve and everyone who has helped - thank you all very much.*

*Not forgetting Mike and Daphne who did their shift for many years before honourable retirement, and to Frampton and Long Ash garages.*

*With good wishes from Dave Tharby and the FVN Committee.*

## VILLAGE HALL

## News

I write this over a week before our Grand Spring Sale on Saturday 25 March and already boxes of sale items are assembling in the barn. The sale has been widely advertised, so a good attendance is expected.

Our next event will be the monthly **Coffee Morning** on Wednesday 26 April from 10 am till 12 noon. Do come along for a beverage and maybe a cake, or just for a chat. Similar coffee mornings will be held on Wednesday 31 May, and Wednesday 28 June.

On Saturday 29 April it is time for our **Spring Big Breakfast** from 9am until 12 noon. All the usual

goodies will be available from a simple bacon or sausage bap, to a large all singing and dancing Full English big breakfast and everything in between!

Our **Summer International Dining Evening** has been set for Saturday 17 June.

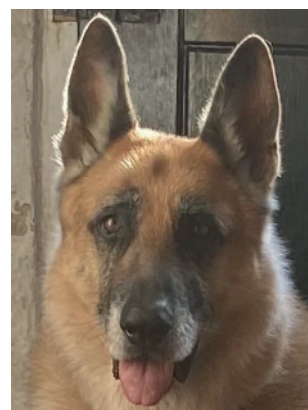
That's all for now, but if you wish to have more current information "News from Frampton Village Hall" appears in the Chalk Stream magazine each month.

Colin Pook

Roderick Anderson Boyle 25.07.1966 - 12.01.2023, late of Rural Lane, Frampton.

Roderick (to his mother) Rod to his friends and neighbours, moved to Frampton some four years ago and he felt that he was, at last, becoming integrated into the village community. He was born in Weston Super Mare, Somerset, in July 1966. The Family moved to Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, in 1968 and Roderick grew up in the town attending Berkhamsted School from Preparatory to the Upper V1th. He was a very keen Member of the School Combined Cadet Force with a great interest in the outdoors and all things military. He went on to study at the University of Hertfordshire. His passion for the outdoors led him to establish Green School where he taught bushcraft and survival skills both in schools and privately. In a complete change of lifestyle, he embraced his other skill that of a gifted craftsman, and enrolled at the Boat Building Academy in Lyme Regis. With his love of the Island of Orkney, he built as his project a traditional Orkney boat, an eighteen-foot Yole having obtained the plans from the Orkney Historical Boat Society. It is the Family's intention to donate the boat to the Society.

He was so pleased and happy to have become involved with Frampton Footlights (as stage manager) and, having one production behind him, he was looking forward to his future involvement. He was a very social person and keen to be involved in village life whenever he could.



*Several Village Events, coming up (more details within the FVN):*

Coffee mornings - last Wednesday in the month

Skittles Night FUND RAISER FOR FRAMPTON'S PLAY AREA - APRIL 22

Spring Big Breakfast - APRIL 29

Coronation Picnic on the Green - MAY 6

Frampton Parish Council, Village meeting and AGM, MAY 15

Summer International Dining - JUNE 17

Skittles Night - JULY 1

Frampton Village Fete - JULY 2

Flowers in August - AUGUST 5

Tug of War - AUGUST 5 (evening)

# FRAMPTON MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

Following our meeting in March I can report that during the winter our Trustees have been busy. I expect you have noticed that chippings have been laid along some areas of the paths that are prone to erosion and get rather muddy in the winter. This was following the hirer of a chipper which also meant we got rid of quite a few branches following some tree felling. There are still plenty of piles of logs and wood left for bird life! Our Chairman, Paul Mutti, has made a special bench in Harry's Wood dedicated to Andy Allison who was one of our dedicated team of mowers on the Green. There is a new railing connecting the lower and upper paths in Harry's Wood.

On the Green we had a successful autumn clear up, so thank you to those who came along to help. The snowdrops put on a wonderful show. We have had some negative comments about the two birch trees that were felled on the Green but this is to allow the oak tree more room and light. The oak tree was planted for Gillian Winsey when she left the village for all her dedication in getting the Green established and her expertise and advice on the lovely trees we have today. The new picnic bench will be properly sited ready for the summer. If you would like to help our work parties on the Green and in the wood (it's not all chopping down trees, there are some lighter tasks!) we now have a **Millennium Green App**, please contact Graham Hart on 07905 794484

The **Millennium Green Lottery** has done well in the last few years thanks to Peter and Heather Emery,

now having 138 subscribers and this year it raised £868 after the prizes were allocated. They would like to step down from running the Lottery so we are looking for someone to run it. You don't have to be a member of the Trust. So do get in touch with me or Peter. If no one comes forward then the Lottery will be paused for the time being.

Colin Cutler, Wendy Frampton's cousin, won first prize in the Millennium Green Lottery and has, very generously, donated half of his winnings to the Millennium Green Trust. Thank you, Colin, from us all.

After many years Peter Emery has decided to resign as our **Treasurer** so we are looking for a new one! It's not too onerous, three meetings a year including the AGM. Please let the secretary know if you are interested, or contact Peter by e.mail [petrobeme@btinternet.com](mailto:petrobeme@btinternet.com)

## Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 6 May:** Coronation, Picnic on the Green - bring your own food and drink

**Saturday 5 August:** Tug of War on the Millennium Green - BBQ and Bar

Cynthia Whyte  
Secretary Frampton Millennium Green Trust  
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**A SPECIAL THANKS TO LIZ NAPIER AND KATE DAVIDSON** both of whom have contributed, without fail, to every edition – Liz for over 5 years, and Kate for 2 years having taken over from Chris Chappell. Liz's gardening knowledge (and enthusiasm) is limitless and her gardening tips have been the 'go to' place for help. Kate's wonderful photographs have highlighted the wildlife we are lucky enough to have in Frampton making us, hopefully, more conscious of our surroundings.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

It has been brought to my attention that damage is being caused to the verges along the A356 in Frampton.

Dorset Council manages and maintains these verges and we are therefore writing to the residents of all of the properties that front the A356 asking them to refrain from parking on them.

On this occasion we will not be seeking to take any further action with regards to the cause of the damage and will re-establish this verge by adding soil and planting with more seed, but do ask for your cooperation in preventing the damage reoccurring.

Dorset Council has undertaken works on this verge in the last few months to remove fencing, cut back overhanging tree growth and have oversewn with wildflower seeds. We will continue this work in the coming autumn/302winter and our ambition for this is verge it to be a colourful, wildlife friendly and attractive addition to the village. Roadside verges are also a refuge for people walking down the highway and must not be obstructed.

Further to this, the verge contains utilities and utility access points. We have been approached, in other areas, by such undertakers, asking that we act to prevent damage done to their infrastructure.

Please note that parking **on** the pavement is also not admissible. This must be left clear for users of the footway to pass and repass unhindered and it as an offence to restrict access to legal users.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter and hope that this correspondence resolves these issues, and that further enforcement is not necessary. If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Stephen.

NB a copy of this letter is also being sent to the parish council for their reference.

Kind regards

Russell Goff  
Senior Countryside Ranger

Stephen Mephram  
Senior Technical Officer – Dorset Highways





# Frampton Parish Council

Frampton Parish Council held a meeting on Monday 20 March in the village hall where all Councillors attended, as well as members of the public.

It was a packed meeting with lots of discussion. There were updates from the play area: Andrew Thomson continues to lead the installation of new netting and Brie Purse and Sandi Christopher gave an update on the fundraising for new equipment. Andrew reported that work at the play park had been significantly impacted by weather conditions but he was hoping he and his team would start to make more progress in the next few weeks. Maintenance is always required at the play park and items for repair have been identified following a recent inspection. If you feel you have skills to take on some of these running repairs the Parish Council would always be pleased to hear from you.

Brie and Sandi are working tirelessly to raise funds for equipment with events and funding applications. They have exciting ideas for potential kit for older children and teenagers. There will be a number of events coming up so please keep your eyes peeled and support when and where you can.

Councillors were split on decisions to increase burial ground fees or not. Currently fees cover the costs of grass cutting and basic maintenance but there would not be enough in the budget for larger projects such as replacing or repairing the gates. We are hopeful for a resolution at the next meeting.


The Parish Council have agreed to support celebrations for the King's Coronation in May. Vic Pullman is hoping to find a suitable

memento for all the children and Andrew Thomson has kindly offered to hold a firework display. Ian Tanner has suggested a memorial and the Parish Council are keen to receive more ideas and suggestions on what this might be and where it could be sited.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council and if you are interested in applying or wanting to find out more, do contact Wayne Lewin, the clerk, on 07419 136735 or email [frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk). The next Parish and Village meeting, along with the AGM, will be held on Monday May 15 in the village hall. All are welcome so please bring your thoughts and ideas of things that you'd like to see happening.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the team on the Frampton Village News for their hard work over the years. It's perhaps a sign of the times that we move into the digital world but with slight sadness we leave the publication behind. Thank you all for everything that you have done.

**Charlie Adler, Chair, FPC**



*Consider ...  
Parish Council vacancy  
(see above)*



# Fete weekend



We're delighted to share some details of this year's Fete weekend:

## Skittles night

Frampton Village Hall, Saturday 1 July

From 6pm

6pm – 7pm children's skittles

Raffle

Bar

BBQ

Adults individual and team  
skittles

## Village Fete

Frampton Village Hall & Millennium Green

Sunday 2 July, 1pm – 4.30pm (£1 entry for adults only)

Duck race	Plants stall	Teas & cake stall	Live music - <i>Teresa De Roberto</i>
Coconut shy	Toy stall	Ice creams	The Studio Dorset
Tombola	Crafts	BBQ & Bar	And more...
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