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## Frampton Fete July 2022 - Treasurer's report



This year was another bumper year for Frampton Fete with a total profit figure of £4 397.29, just below the record set in 2021. This is amazing achievement given that we returned to earlier in the summer, in the middle of many other local events. This is my first year as treasurer and I am pleased to report that every stall made a profit. The net takings and profit after expenses are itemised below and will be presented to the Fete committee in September. The Barbeque sold out on the Saturday evening, partly because everyone was enjoying our Chair, Nina Garcias, performance as well as the skittles. The blend of activities on offer on the Sunday, including; music by Jon Nathan Snell, range of refreshments and different stalls made for a very enjoyable afternoon. I would like to thank everyone who made it such a successful weekend and particularly Nina for her leadership.

Stall	Sales (£)	Net profit after expenses (£)
Sat BBQ	275.76	<b>Both BBQ's 276.74</b>
Sun BBQ	377.50	
Sat Bar	638.36	<b>Both bars + Pimms</b>
Sun Bar	403.50	
Pimms	275.10	<b>727.65</b>
Sat Raffle	193.05	<b>193.05</b>
Sat skittles	55.80	<b>55.80</b>
Sunday Raffle	202.00	<b>202.00</b>
2 Gates	387.40	<b>387.40</b>
Bouncy Castle	102.00	<b>27.00</b>
New2You	364.66	<b>364.66</b>
Cake Stall	160.00	<b>160.00</b>
Tombola	416.35	<b>416.35</b>
Teas	489.40	<b>489.40</b>
Bricabrac	297.91	<b>297.91</b>
Books	69.25	<b>69.25</b>
Icecream	159.61	<b>125.97</b>
Duck race	199.00	<b>199.00</b>
Plants	268.00	<b>268.00</b>
Toys	151.61	<b>151.61</b>
China	88.00	<b>88.00</b>
Beat the Goalie	37.00	<b>37.00</b>
Jane crafts	8.00	<b>8.00</b>
Coconut shy	42.50	<b>24.50</b>
Body shop stall	10.00	<b>10.00</b>
		<b>4 579.29</b>
Miscellaneous expenses		<b>-182</b>
	<b>FINAL PROFIT</b>	<b>4 397.29</b>

Joanne Holmes

Top photo: Skittles Night

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# Frampton Village News

## AGM

*The Editorial Committee will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 25 October at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Following many encouraging comments about the FVN, why not come along and give us your views on your village magazine.*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

*Cynthia Whyte, Chairman/Secretary, Frampton Village News*

### **Frampton Footlights production of Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit' - 23 & 24 June (photos opposite)**

Back in the dark days of Covid restrictions we decided to save our Panto for 2023, and our new director, Polly, suggested that we could perform Noel Coward's famous play "Blithe Spirit". When we looked at the script we were, to be honest, a bit daunted!

However, the leading players agreed to go for it and after delaying to June we put on two nights for the entertainment starved village.

The play is set in a smart residential drawing room, where Mr Charles and Mrs Ruth Condomine (Liz and Mike Elliott) have decided to indulge in a bit of fantasy by inviting a local medium, Madame Arcati (played by Sue Wilson) to hold a séance. He is writing a novel about the occult. They have invited their friends, Dr and Mrs Bradman, played by Paul Champion and

Joanne Holmes, to come and witness the scene.

Edith the maid, played by Janet Faherty, staggers onto stage serving drinks, and so the fun begins.



Madame Arcati appears, alternatively and flamboyantly dressed, but a little flustered, on her bicycle, and eventually the séance begins.

The final character is the Ghost of Elvira Condomine, Charles' first wife who died seven years ago, played by Helen Noel in stunning white attire. At first only Charles can hear her speaking to him, causing Ruth some irritation, but as the plot builds, inquisitive questions from Ruth as to what Elvira was like turn to Jealousy. The play is both humorous and clever and builds to a crescendo after Elvira sabotages Charles' car

in the hope of taking him from Ruth into the spirit world. But the plot backfires when Ruth drives off in a rage and dies, leaving Charles with Edith the maid and Madame Arcati!

All of our performers did a splendid job learning, and with Polly's excellent direction, performing such a complex and fast paced comedy.

Mike and Liz held it all together, and the supporting cast acted brilliantly. Joanne Holmes was in her first major part for Footlights. Edith showed off Janet's skill in amusing the audience, and Paul, as the suave Dr Bradman, broke his authoritative type casting mould with panache.

All in all quite a step up for us, but judging by audience reaction a good one which rewarded the considerable efforts of the whole team, from set builders to front of house and back stage crew.

**Mike The Mic**







## A REGULAR VILLAGE EVENT

Monthly Coffee Morning,  
Frampton Village Hall

10 am to noon

Wednesday 28 September and  
Wednesday 26 October

See you there!

Dawn Potter, Helen Hart and  
Jackie Wilcox



*June, Ann and Joan thank everyone for  
donations to the New to You stall at the  
Fete in July.*

*We did not have quite as many items as last year but  
still raised well over £300, a very worthwhile amount,  
thank you all.*

*Without our buyers and browsers we would not be  
successful and we see many of the same faces year after  
year. We hope to be back in 2023 and we hope to see  
you there.*

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*Don't forget!*

The 2021 - 2022 season for the Green Lottery finished with the last draw in August and another year commences. So, it is now time to renew your annual subscription or to commence a new one. Your continued support enables the Green volunteers to maintain this beautiful asset of the Village Green and Woods for the benefit of the village.

Your membership of the Lottery Club is important as 50% of the subscriptions received is used to help to maintain the Green and the Woods with 50% being paid out in prize money. Last season there were sufficient members to generate a quarterly first prize of £135. Remember the more people who contribute, then the higher the prize money. A draw of the lottery members will be held every quarter (starting November) with 3 lucky prize winners each time. Buying more than one subscription obviously improves your chance of winning!

The lottery is open to all, residents in the village, in the surrounding areas and beyond, to your family and your friends. New members are always welcome, the only restriction being that they must be over 16 years of age. However, adults can buy subscriptions on behalf of their children and grandchildren.

*Subscriptions for 2022/2023*

If you, your children, your family, your dog or your friends enjoy this unique spot, please subscribe and help us to please you. A completed application envelope (enclosed in your FVN) with cash/cheques should be returned to Heather Emery, 5 Rural Lane, Frampton DT2 9NE, telephone 01300 320785. More application forms are available. The subscription of £12.50 entitles you to entry in all four draws.

Cheques should be made out to Frampton Millennium Green Trust. If a direct bank transfer is the preferred method of payment, the transfer should be made to Frampton Millennium Green Trust, Barclays 204545 13295761. Please advise [fmgreenlottery@btinternet.com](mailto:fmgreenlottery@btinternet.com) of any such subscription bank remittance and supply your contact details.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST AND FUTURE SUPPORT!

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**Footlights News*****QUIZ and Supper***

On Friday 14 October, 7pm, following the success of our play, Blithe Spirit, we invite you all to a Theatrical (And General Knowledge) Quiz Night.

The Quizmaster will be our own JONTY EVANS.

Supper will be provided, and the bar will be open!

**Inclusive Ticket £8.** These will be available through our website, <https://framptonfootlights.com> or at Frampton Garage in September.

***LEARN acting skills, in fun workshops***

On Monday 24 and Friday 28 October Polly Ace-Hopkins, assisted by our leading actors, will be holding workshops in the Village Hall from 1-4 pm for budding young actors, aged 7-11, and 11-15 in preparation for our Panto in the Spring.

Contact Karen Graham at email

[secretary@framptonfootlights.com](mailto:secretary@framptonfootlights.com) or any Footlights member.

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# THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

LIZ NAPIER



12 August and it's so hot that I've taken to the shade in the office. A couple of hours early in the morning is enough gardening for me until the rains come. We've had the longest dry spell for many years with practically no rain since June – not good for the gardens but nice if you like the sun. I guess that many of you will be watering your precious plants although, with climate change, we will all have to be more careful with what and when we water. Vegetables, of course, need lots of water but flowers and shrubs are a different matter. Water is a finite resource with only 3% of all the water on earth being fresh water. Water butts are essential for any garden so use rain water if you still have any left!!

Apart from a few tubs and the new plants which were planted in the spring, nothing else in my garden gets watered and certainly not the lawn (you all know my feelings about lawns). So give the lawnmower a long holiday and marvel at the variety of flowers that will appear amongst the brown crunchy grass. If you have a small patch of lawn, why not think about replacing it with plants like thyme and ajuga, both of which can be walked on, are drought resistant and also flower well (and they don't need a weekly haircut!!) It's a win, win thought.

There are lots of drought tolerant plants – bearded irises, erygnium (sea holly), geums, hardy geraniums, verbascum, nepeta (catmint), sedums, to name but a few, together with many of the ornamental grasses. When choosing plants for future hot dry summers those with long tap roots, grey foliage (reflects sun rays) and hairy stems (which trap any moisture) are some of the ones to go for. *Verbena bonariensis* is now at its best with bright purple flowers on tall wiry

stems which don't need staking and it has quite a long tap root. *Stipa tenuissima* appears to float as it sways in the slightest breeze and *Erygnium serbicum* keeps its deep blue stems and flowers well into the autumn and also has a very long tap root. *Briza maxima* is a lovely grass but, beware, it seeds itself everywhere. That doesn't really matter as you can just pull up those you don't want. Strangely enough, *Ceanothus Skylark* and *Ceanothus repens* are also drought tolerant. I didn't know that until a few days ago and, I must admit, I was very surprised to see that not only are they growing and spreading quickly, they haven't wilted at all even with no watering.

Do you have a shady part of your garden? If so, think yourself very lucky as there are so many plants that thrive in shade. In the woodland area, again not

watered, is a *Hosta halcyon*. Now I always thought that Hostas needed damp soil but this one seems to be the exception to the rule (or perhaps it didn't read the label).

*Persicaria filiformis* Lance Corporal is grown for its striking foliage although it does send up wiry stems of small red

flowers later in the year. Another foliage plant that loves shade is *Fatsia japonica* Spiders Web. Mine has yet to flower so I live in hope! Finally I must mention *Monarda Beauty of Cobham*. This was planted 3 years ago and I thought it had gone to flower heaven as there was no sign of it last year. To my surprise, it shot up this year and is flowering its socks off, again with no water and underneath a large whitebeam tree. There are surprises to be had so don't be afraid to experiment with your planting.

Well, I've chatted long enough so now I'm going to



*Erygnium serbicum*, *Briza maxima*, *Stipa tenuissima*,  
*Verbena bonariensis*, *Ceanothus Skylark*



have a moan. It may be controversial but I hate cut flowers. Apologies to all who have a cutting garden, to commercial growers, flower shops etc., etc. I could never bring myself to cut flowers from my garden, bring them into the house, stick them in a pot and watch them die in a few days. To my way of thinking, flowers are best in the soil. Not only do they last longer but they are a vital source of pollen and nectar to our endangered bees, pollinators and butterflies. The resultant seed heads make a tasty treat for the birds with some seed heads lasting throughout the winter. I have daily visits from goldfinches that perch on the stems of knapweed to devour the seeds and those that fall to the ground are soon eaten up by blackbirds and the resident shrews, mice and voles (of which I seem to have dozens!). If you still want some of the outside in your house, why not just use foliage. There are so many different colours to choose from and it was the foliage arrangement which won "best in section" at the recent Flowers in August. That's my moan over and done with so now onto the tips.

Tips for September and October (if we have rain):

Plant daffodils and spring flowering bulbs as soon as they become available but leave the planting of tulips until November

Divide and replant overcrowded clumps of herbaceous perennials

When they've finished flowering, cut back rose bushes by about a third to help them withstand autumn winds

Sow lawns or lay turf when the ground is moist (or choose the option mentioned earlier and ditch the lawn!)

Divide marginal and bog plants to prevent overcrowding

Place netting over ponds to catch falling leaves

Plant new trees and shrubs whilst the ground is still warm, staking trees likely to be vulnerable to strong winds and give them a weekly water for at least a year (two years for trees)

Collect leaves as they start to fall and put them in hessian bags, bin liners with holes punched in them or in a wire cage to make leaf mould, watering them if they dry out. It helps if you chop them up and the easiest way is to run the lawnmower over them

In sheltered corners sow hardy annuals outdoors for early flowers next year

Check all existing tree ties to ensure they are not restricting growth but tight enough to do their job

Don't be tempted to tidy up too much. Leave stems of perennials in situ so that insects can over-winter. It also protects the crown of the plant from frosts

Wander around your garden and enjoy the balmy evenings before winter sets in

One final thing - the *Hydrangea arborescens* *Invincible Spirit* in the monkey puzzle area has more flowers this year than ever before. It hasn't wilted at all although it is partly supported by surrounding shrubs and grasses. Life is full of lovely surprises, especially in a garden so enjoy yours and stay safe. See you in a couple of months' time.



*Persicaria filiformis*  
Lance Corporal

*Hydrangea arborescens*  
*Invincible Spirit*

*Hosta halcyon*

*Monarda Beauty of Cobham*

*Fatsia japonica*  
Spiders Web



## VILLAGE EVENTS

### Recycling/Food and Garden Waste collections:

September 1, 15,  
29

October 13, 27

### Rubbish/Food collections:

September 8, 22

October 6, 20

Wednesday 28 September - Coffee morning

Tuesday 4 October - Millennium Green AGM - 7.30

Friday 14 October - Footlights Quiz and Supper - 7pm

Saturday 22 October - Autumn Big Breakfast, 9am until about 12.30

Tuesday 25 October - FVN AGM - 7.30

Wednesday 26 October - Coffee morning

*To be confirmed* - Saturday 29 October - Family Halloween Party, to include skittles, at the Hall

Saturday 19 November - Grand Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 10 December - International Dining at Christmas

### Future events:

Saturday 25 March - 2023 Annual Sale

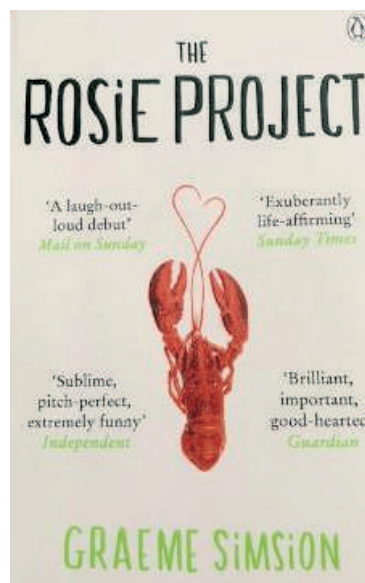
## A GOOD READ

## THE ROSIE PROJECT by GRAEME SIMSION

Don Tillman is an Associate Professor of Genetics at the University of Melbourne. He has a black-belt in Akikido, and can cook a mean lobster salad. He also has Asperger syndrome - but he doesn't know that yet. He is a man who can count all his friends on the fingers of one hand, whose lifelong difficulty with social rituals has convinced him that he is simply not wired for romance. But after his dear old neighbour tells him that he would make someone a good husband, Don decides to get married - and to limit the fallout of incompatibility and highly ineffective dating detection, Don decides to make a questionnaire to find himself the perfect wife. Thus, "The Wife Project". She will be punctual and logical - most definitely not a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker, or a late-arriver.

Enter Rosie Jarman who is not a potential partner for Don's Wife Project. She's a barmaid who is always late, and vegetarian, but she is also beautiful and smart. Rosie has bright red hair, dresses to impress no-one but herself. She's tough and imperfect and very aware of her failings. She is on her own quest to find someone - her biological father. A search that a certain DNA expert might be able to help her with.

This novel is written with one of a kind voice, you experience all of Don's ups and downs with his over-analysis and fears, and then embraces change, eventually learning how to love.







## Notes from the Chair of the Parish Council

Recently Frampton Parish Council went 'walk-a-bout' and inspected the assets we have in the village. There were discussions around how to best serve the community alongside the future financial challenges, cost of living and high number of assets that we are responsible for. We are fully aware of the need to consider a realistic and appropriate precept for the next financial year – something that will need to be carefully studied over the next few months.

We discussed having water accessible at the allotments and now are exploring options for this: do we endeavour to position a tap or provide a bowser? We welcome your views on this.

We inspected the bus shelter on Church Lane and have agreed to make it safe by removing a couple of panels of Perspex for now. Longer term plans are in the pipeline.

We viewed the play park and discussed how challenging the upkeep of this area can be. It's an area that's utilised by several families in the village. It would be lovely to be able to provide new pieces of equipment but they are very costly and will also need to be maintained. We hope to be able to support a working group with their plans as much as possible.

It came to our attention that the Parish Council was eligible to apply for a development fund (allocated

from the development of several properties many years ago); currently called the S106 fund. This fund was in danger of being withdrawn but we are in the process of making an application and minded to support the purchase of new football goals and a re-bound net in the play park area along with a new picnic table for the Millennium Green. This is an exciting development and huge thank you to Wayne, our Clerk, for the time he has spent on preparing this application.

The situation of Frampton on the A356 and not far from the A37 means that traffic is always going to be an issue. The SID on Dorchester Road appears to have been effective and feedback from residents I've spoken to have noticed a positive effect. We will continue to look at measures to encourage adherence to speed limits that are within budget and our capabilities.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held in the village hall at 7pm on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend although resolutions cannot be made during the public discussion period.

If you have any questions, comments or subjects for discussion please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk of the Parish Council, Wayne Lewin on [frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:frampton@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

*Charlie Adler*

## Frampton Millennium Green Club

The August draw was held on 5 August with the winning counters being drawn out of the bag by Helga Saunders. The results are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>£135 No. 18</b>	<b>Holly Taylor</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>£67 No. 127</b>	<b>The Adler Family</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>£22 No. 16</b>	<b>Jill Vines</b>

The next quarter draw will be in November but remember you must first renew your £12.50 subscription. Your allocated number will then be entered into the four quarterly draws for the 2022/23 season.

WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK

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# MY SWIM ADVENTURE

LIZ ELLIOTT

I first started swimming when I was probably eight or nine. My father would take me to the local baths in Salisbury and I remember being taught to glide and then eventually managed to do a width! At my grammar school I was lucky enough to be able to continue to swim, and enjoyed it despite the unheated pool and rather rickety huts for changing! I took my basic Life Saving exams and somewhere I still have my Bronze Medallion and Award of Merit badges. Learning to straddle jump and inflate pyjamas to create a float are probably not part of the syllabus now, but great fun then.

I swam during my time in Brighton, but not with any degree of seriousness, mainly in the pool and only splashed around occasionally in the sea. And that's how my swimming continued for the next thirty years or so with the exception of pool based training for the odd triathlon.

Skip forward to 2020 and no option for a few lengths at 1610 in Dorchester, or anywhere else!

I, like many people, took to trying to swim outdoors. We're so lucky to have the sea close by and with relatively safe water, so, when possible I headed for Weymouth. I wasn't at all good or confident, and struggled to do front crawl with waves, visibility variable and certainly no black line to follow but I persevered. Then in early 2021 I stumbled across a Facebook page for Jurassic Coast Swimming (JCS),

offering sessions for novices wanting to sea swim. I booked in, it was March and bloody cold! I was made very welcome, and no one was expected to do more than they wished.

Over the next few months I improved hugely, Fay is a great coach and comes alongside you in the water on a board, giving tips on how to improve stroke, breathing and sighting technique, using videos of your swimming to help.

I now swim in the sea regularly, usually just popping down to Bowleaze, Greenhill or Chesil at Weymouth. I've learnt about wind direction, tides and currents which is very important as the sea can be unpredictable and dangerous at times. It's never wise to swim totally alone and many swimmers now use tow floats in which they can carry essential items. Certainly when it's cold, the water has to be given a great deal of respect.

In July I took part in the Henley on Thames Swim Festival and completed my first "timed" mile and river swim.

JCS do various swim events during the year, and I recently swam from Studland to Old Harry Rocks (3km) and an adventure along the coast from Dancing Ledge to Winspit on the Isle of Purbeck. Fascinating to swim along our stunning coastline and see the land from a completely different perspective.

