

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Newsletter. Issue: Summer 2024.

serving the parish of Frampton Cotterell.

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Frampton Cotterell Commemorates D-Day 80

“A poignant and moving evening appreciated by all in attendance. I was honoured to light the beacon to mark the 80th anniversary of the D- Day Landings, keeping alive the memory of all who bravely fought for the peace that we currently enjoy.” - *Parish Council Chair, Linda Williams.*

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings was commemorated around the world on June 6th, 2024. Frampton Cotterell Parish Council was honoured to lead the village of Frampton Cotterell in our own local commemorations, hosting a large community event at Centenary Field which culminated with the lighting of the Centenary Field Beacon.

Hundreds of local people came out to mark the occasion. Those in attendance enjoyed a drill by the Air Cadets, wartime music by the Crossbow Singers and Frampton Cotterell Male Voice Choir, and poppy-themed cupcakes and drinks provided by the parish council.

Guests also had the opportunity to view a military vehicle and a fire engine close-up, and engage with WWII history through Liz Ferguson's wonderful WWII Mini Museum exhibition. Freshly cooked popcorn was prepared by the Scouts, who provided invaluable assistance throughout the evening.

At 9:15PM, Parish Council chair, Councillor Linda Williams, lit the Centenary Field Beacon, accompanied by Andy Ferguson playing the pipes. Reverend Sharon Lovelock of Zion Church read the International Tribute.

The parish council would like to give special thanks to those who helped make this event possible, including the Frampton Cotterell Scouts and Guides, the Air Cadets, Patchway Fire Brigade, Jamie Meachin, Shirley Wilcox, the Crossbow Singers, Liz Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Rev. Lovelock, the parish council staff and all of the fantastic local volunteers who assisted.

Finally, we would like to thank the hundreds of local people who attended, joining us in honouring and commemorating the sacrifices made by so many on June 6th, 1944.

D-Day Event Photographs



Figure 1: Pipe player Andy Ferguson plays to a crowd of people standing around the unlit beacon at Centenary Field.



Figure 2: The Crossbow Singers and Frampton Cotterell Male Voice Choir perform wartime songs in front of the Red Wheel at Centenary Field.



Figure 3: The Centenary Field Beacon burns brightly as a crowd looks on. Photograph by David Gifford.



Figure 4: Air Cadets stand guard around the beacon at Centenary Field.



Figure 5: Reverend Sharon Lovelock and councillor Linda Williams smile, standing together in front of the burning beacon.



Figure 6: Some exhibits in Liz Ferguson's World War 2 Mini Museum, including examples of wartime food, ration books, and newspaper clippings.

Local Volunteers Scythe Space For Beacon Lighting

In preparation for the D-Day commemoration event, our Climate & Nature Officer arranged for the Somerset Scythe School to lead a group of enthusiastic volunteers in an eco-friendly scything session!

Scything is a traditional heritage skill experiencing something of a revival as climate-conscious folks strive to move away from petrol and electricity powered mowers. Scything not only uses eco-friendly people-power, but it also has less of an impact on soil and saplings and the quiet scythe disturbs wildlife less than noisy mowers.

Having local volunteers trained in scything is fantastic, giving local people the opportunity to learn a unique new

skill whilst having fun, meeting new people and getting fresh air and exercise!

Get Involved!

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council, in collaboration with Frampton Cotterell Nature Group, runs regular (free!) practical conservation sessions across the village - and **everyone** can get involved.

With projects including sapling care, tree mulching, wildflower planting, meadow-surveys, bat detecting, scythe-training, a community allotment and more, we've got activities for anyone interested in local climate & nature!

To learn more, visit our website at www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/climate-nature or email nature@framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk.

Scything Photos



Figure 7: A group of five volunteers and our Climate & Nature Office pose with their scythes in the freshly scythed area around the Centenary Field Beacon.



Figure 8: A volunteer watches on as a scyther "peens", or sharpens, a scythe.



Figure 9: Volunteers Anne, Andy, and Tim scything at Centenary Field.

Tennis Courts Official Opening Ceremony

On Saturday the 8th of June, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council held an official opening ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of the newly refurbished tennis courts at The Park, School Road.

The event saw a lovely turn out, with people of all ages (and a few dogs!) joining parish councillors Linda Williams, Tristan Clark, Alan Lankester and Jonathan Trollope for an afternoon of tennis, refreshments and fun!

For the two-hour duration of the event we opened up the courts for free tennis sessions, including setting up smaller “mini courts” with child-sized nets for our younger parishioners to play on. We also brought along a swing ball set which was the source of a lot of entertainment – especially when Minnie the dog decided to join in!

To make the opening “official”, Parish Council Chair, Councillor Linda Williams, gave a speech to our guests before cutting the ceremonial golden ribbon. Thank you to everyone who attended this event. We would also especially like to thank James Deem from the LTA, and the helpful people who helped council staff dismantle the troublesome gazebo!

After everyone had tired themselves out with tennis, the parish council provided refreshments, including cold drinks, tennis-ball cupcakes, strawberries and cream, and chocolate tennis racket lollies. At this event we also took in the colourful entries for our “Tennis Colouring

Competition”. This competition had some great prizes. First place prize was a free Annual Household Membership for the tennis courts which went to Brienz Bailey-Price! Congratulations, Brienz!

Tennis Opening Event photos



Figure 10: Councillor Linda Williams gives her opening speech before cutting the gold ribbon to open the tennis courts officially.



Figure 11: Climate & Nature Officer, Daisy, and Councillor Trollope play a swing ball match at The Park. A small Jack Russell Terrier (Minnie) joins in, chasing after the tethered ball.



Figure 12: Colouring competition 1st place winner, Brienz Bailey-Price, with her mother and Councillor Williams, holding up Brienz's three winning colouring pages.



Figure 13: Councillors Clark, Williams, Trollope and Lankester pose with tennis rackets on the newly opened tennis courts.

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP PASS



**ANNUAL
HOUSEHOLD
MEMBERSHIP**

**£35
/12 months**

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Figure 14: Annual Household Membership, £35 for 12 months.

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council is now trialling an Annual Household Membership Pass for the tennis courts.

Find out more and sign up for your pass by visiting:
framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/annual-household-membership.

VOLUNTEER TENNIS ACTIVATORS

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help run free group tennis sessions on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 10am to 11am.

Tennis Activators work together as a team to organise and run sessions for their community. Tennis Activators will be **provided with the training, equipment and kit** needed to get started. Volunteers will also receive **free online training, a hoodie, and ongoing online support.**

No experience necessary - you'll be given all the training you need!

To learn more, email tennis@framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk or visit www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/activator-volunteers.

Volunteers Cream Tea & Community Awards 2024

On April 20th, 2024, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council was proud to host our Volunteers "Thank You!" Cream Tea. This annual event is our way of thanking the many volunteers who support not only the parish council, but our whole community.

We would once again like to say a huge Thank You! to all the brilliant volunteers who do so much for our village.

As well as thanking our guests, we would also like to thank the volunteers who so kindly helped support us on the day:

- Julie O'Donoghue for the use of the Miners Club and baking cakes;
- Tesco supermarket for donating some of the food;
- Hannah Tomlin, one of our wonderful regular volunteers;
- Shirley Wilcox for baking cakes;
- Emily Allan, and Matt and Charlotte Webb;
- Steve Bassett for baking brownies;
- and Cllrs David Williams and Tim Snaith for their help with the washing up – there was a lot!

At this event, it was also our honour to announce the six winners of the 2024 Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Community Awards.

- Lifetime Achievement Award for a Group: Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club
- Lifetime Achievement Award for an Individual: Paul (Charlie) Chaplin
- Action In The Community Award: Frampton Cotterell Nature Group
- Individual Achievement Award: Geoff Bell
- Individual Achievement Award: Nick Knight
- Outstanding Young Person: Sophia Higenbottam

This year we received many nominations, all of whom were extremely worthy of an award. To all those nominated, we

say *Thank You* for your fantastic work and contributions over the past year, and congratulations on being nominated.

The Parish Council would once again like to congratulate all of our winners for the 2024 Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Community Awards, and to thank them for their incredible contributions to the local community! **Thank you!**

Volunteers Cream Tea & Community Awards Photos



Figure 15: Our volunteers enjoying their cream tea "thank you" at The Miners



Figure 16: This year's community award winners pose on stage with their award certificates.



Figure 17: Representative of Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club receiving award from Cllr. Linda Williams.



Figure 18: Nick Knight receiving award from Cllr. Linda Williams.



Figure 19: The son of Paul "Charlie" Chaplain receiving award from Cllr. Linda Williams on behalf of his father.

Annual Parish Assembly

On Thursday 16th May, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council hosted the 2024 Annual Parish Assembly.

Those in attendance received reports and updates from the parish council chair, parish council committee representatives, and representatives from other local groups including Beesmoor Road, Frampton Cotterell RFC, The Floral Friends, FACE youth group, and Rev. Sharon Lovelock of Zion Church, among others.

This parish meeting also provided parishioners an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and raise topics for discussion. Many useful conversations were started, including sharing ideas for local environmental work, and discussing the importance of volunteers and improving community engagement.

We would like to thank all who attended this year's annual parish assembly.

If you were unable to attend the 2024 annual parish assembly or if you would like a reminder of discussions and reports, the minutes of this assembly are available on our website. This year's Chair's Report from Councillor Linda Williams is printed below, and is also available on our website.

2024 Chair's Report

Report delivered by parish council Chair, Linda Williams (pictured) at the 2024 Frampton Cotterell Annual Parish Assembly.

Good evening, and a very warm welcome to this year's Annual Parish Meeting. It is lovely to see so many gathered here tonight. I am looking forward to hearing about the groups you represent and their activities from over the last 12 months.

As usual, we will have individual reports from the various chairs of the Council's committees. There will be opportunity to ask questions or offer any other comments and suggestions at the end of each report.

It has been a busy year for Frampton Cotterell Parish Council, including the completion of several major projects begun last year.

One of these projects was the replacement of equipment at Ridings Road Play Area. This play area officially reopened during the February half term. I am delighted to say that the refurbished play area has attracted many positive and appreciative comments, and local children seem to like it!

Our tennis courts project was also completed a few weeks ago, just in time for the lovely bank holiday weather. The official opening for the refurbished courts will take place on the 8th of June.

Other enhancements to the Park have also been completed: the potholes in the carpark have been repaired, and new lighting has been installed.

We have also recently consulted the village about proposals for a pathway at The Park. The parish council will be working closely with stakeholders at the Park to move this project forward, which may well involve a more detailed consultation at a later date.

The parish council has continued to act upon climate change and the environment by declaring a 'Climate Emergency'. We have produced a document which influences everything that we do as Council and pledges to support change in the community through education and other means.

The Council also completed the consultation on South Gloucester Council's Local Plan. This is a very important document, as it will influence the building of more housing, plans for jobs and the local economy and reducing environmental impact.

The alterations to the entrance of the Centenary Field have been completed so that, all being well, the Frampton Festival can resume this year. We have also continued excavations in Centenary Field to establish a pond for wildlife, which will have a highly beneficial impact upon biodiversity.

The parish council's joint "Annual Community Awards" and "Volunteers Cream Tea" events were held in the

Spring. This was a great success - so much so we had to move to a bigger venue at the Miners club in Coalpit Heath! In this year's awards, we saw a strong showing from sports related groups and individuals, with the Cricket Club taking the Group Achievement Award in what will be their Centenary year, and the President of FC RFC, Nick Knight, taking the Lifetime Achievement Award. All winners and pictures of the event are to found on our website.

Through the Council's Youth provider, FACE, we continue to run Youth Clubs and Out Reach sessions. These are partially funded by Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath and Winterbourne Parish Councils, so a big thank you to them! The Youth Café also currently operates out of the Pavilion, and we now have closer links to other youth organisations due to this. The Explorer Scouts also relocated to the pavilion during the refurbishment of the Mafeking Hall.

Going forward, we are looking at improving other play areas in the parish and, now that the covenants have been altered at the Park, we can also make plans for improving the pavilion - but always in consultation with stakeholders and parishioners. You may have seen that we will be marking the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings on Thursday 6th June from 7.45pm onwards culminating in the lighting of the beacon. We will of course continue with our usual activities and events throughout the coming year, from an anti dog poo campaign to Carols around the Christmas tree together with working closely with our

community partners. Many thanks to the local groups, volunteers, and community leaders for your much-appreciated hard work, as well as to our staff and Councillors. Thank you all.

The Dangers of Dog Fouling In Our Local Community

AN ARTICLE BY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN TROLLOPE.

We are a nation of dog-lovers. With the advent of spring and the warmer weather, walks with our four-legged friends become more frequent and commonplace. An important part of being a responsible dog owner involves the not-so-pleasant task of cleaning up after our pets when they make a mess while out in public. It is neither enjoyable nor glamorous, but it is a vital task for dog owners of all shapes and sizes for a number of reasons.

Firstly, there is the **social** aspect to the issue: dog mess is not nice to look at. By leaving it lying around in our parks, paths and pavements, you are running the risk of someone, possibly even a child, stepping in your dog's waste.

Secondly the risk of **disease**: dog mess contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can cause Toxocariasis. This is a serious disease, which can even lead to blindness in humans.

Thirdly there is the **damage to the environment**: dog mess left uncollected can potentially enter our water

courses, and thus be further detrimental to human health. Also, dog poo often contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, both of which can upset the delicate nutrient balance in our local ecosystems and damage biodiversity.

Finally, there is the **legal aspect**. We have not only a moral but also a legal duty to clean up after our dogs in public – failure to do so can result in prosecution and a £50 fixed penalty fine if caught. If brought to court there is even the possibility of a fine of up to £1000.

Frampton Cotterell is a lovely village, full of lovely people. We owe it to ourselves, our neighbours and our community as a whole to **do the right thing** and clean up after our pets.



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New Bleed Kits In Village

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council has facilitated the installation of two new emergency bleed kits, one at The Brockridge Centre and another at The Pavilion.

These bleed kits can help anyone to give immediate and lifesaving help to a person suffering with severe bleeding from a traumatic injury. Access to bleed kits helps ensure

that critical first aid can be carried out in those crucial minutes before emergency services can arrive at the scene.

The exact locations of the bleed kits are:

- The Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2LQ. This bleed kit is attached to an external wall facing Woodend Road, beside the parish council noticeboard.
- The Pavilion at The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2DA. This bleed kit is affixed to the side of the defibrillator box attached to the wall of the Pavilion, facing into the car park.

The parish council would like to thank the **Violence Reduction Partnership** (VRP) for funding and **FACE Charity Youth Group** for their help in obtaining these bleed kits.



Figure 22: Members of the FACE Youth Group and a youth worker pose with the bleed kit at The Brockridge Centre.



Figure 23: Members of FACE Youth Group and a youth worker pose with the bleed kit at The Pavilion



Figure 24: Bleed kit at The Pavilion at The Park.



Figure 25: Bleed kit at The Brockeridge Centre

Drop Kerbs at Ridings Road Play Area

From Wednesday July 10th - 16th, 2024, contractors from South Gloucestershire Council carried out work to install drop kerbs at the entrance to Ridings Road Play Area and on the pavement opposite the entranceway.

We are pleased to let you know that this installation was a success!

It is our hope that these dropped kerbs will improve accessibility for patrons of the Ridings Road Play Area, including wheelchair users and for children in pushchairs.



Figure 26: Newly installed drop kerb on the pavement outside of the entrance gate of Ridings Road Play Area

Brockridge Centre Mini Libraries

Did you know that the Brockridge Centre now has two free mini libraries that all our parishioners can use?

Our main and largest mini library has all sorts of books, from romance novels to recipe books, biographies to Bob

the Builder - we've usually got something for everyone! If you're lucky, you might even find some puzzles + games...

Our new resource is our *Climate & Nature Library*. This mini library contains specialist books on all sorts of environmental topics, such as wildlife guidebooks, GIS for Dummies, and popular science books on the climate crisis. If you want to learn more about the world around us, come check it out!

Please note - whilst you are free to take and keep any of the "general" books in the Bockeridge Mini Library, we ask that you return the Climate & Nature books once you've finished with them so others can read them, too. Thanks!

Crochet & Knit Club

Looking for a creative outlet, a new hobby, or a place to meet new friends?

Come along to the Bockeridge Centre *Crochet & Knit Club*!

Whether you knit, crochet or do macramé, sew, paint or do something else entirely, you're invited to come along and craft in company.

The *Crochet & Knit Club* meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 11am - 1pm at The Bockeridge Centre.

Sessions are free, refreshments are available, and **everyone** is welcome - all ages, all genders, and all crafting abilities.



Figure 27: Yarn Bombing by the Crochet & Knit Club on the Brockridge Centre fence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee & Cake

- Every Tuesday
- 11am - 1pm
- The Brockridge Centre
- All Welcome!

Crochet & Knit Club

- Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month
- 11am - 1pm
- The Brockridge Centre

- All Welcome!

Nature Volunteering & Practical Conservation

- Every second Saturday of the month, some Wednesdays.
- 10am - 12pm
- Various Locations
- All Welcome! Sign up to our nature newsletter to learn more.

Climate & Nature Local Art Exhibition

- August 27 - September 1
- The Brockeridge Centre.
- A fantastic free exhibition showcasing art created by the people of Frampton Cotterell and the local area! Check our website for additional special events and activities on certain evenings during the exhibition week.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

- September 3
- 10:30AM - 1PM
- The Brockeridge Centre
- Join us for a friendly morning of refreshments, cake, and a tombola to help raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support charity. If you can donate new / unused items for our charity tombola, please get in touch!

Scarecrow Trail 2024

- October 25 - November 1
- Various Locations, Frampton Cotterell
- Vote for this year's Scarecrow Trail theme now on our website, at www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/frampton-cotterell-scarecrow-trail-2024-theme-vote

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Courts Development Working Group

- Wednesday 7th August
- 7PM
- Zoom

Full Council Meeting

- Thursday 26th September
- 7PM
- The Brockeridge Centre

Full Council Meeting

- Thursday 31st October
- 7PM
- The Brockeridge Centre

Climate & Nature Local Art Exhibition!

27 August - 1 September, The Brockeridge Centre.

+ special events, activities and workshops!

SHOWCASE YOUR ART! YOU can get involved! All ages & abilities invited to share art!

To learn more, scan the QR Code (below) or visit our website, at www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/climate-nature-art-exhibition-2024



Figure 28: QR Code to Frampton Cotterell Parish Council website page for more information on the exhibition



Climate & Nature

local art exhibition

27 august - 1 september

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the brockeridge centre

www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/climate-nature-art-exhibition-2021

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