

## **Frampton Cotterell and District Community Association**

### **Report**

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We are excited to invite the local community to help us celebrate a remarkable milestone: 50 years of Frampton Cotterell and District Community Association at Crossbow House!

This celebration is not just about looking back at our achievements but also about acknowledging the incredible support and participation of our community members over the years.

On Saturday 5th July we will host a special event at Crossbow House from 1pm-5pm. You can enjoy a free tea or coffee with a slice of cake, purchase drinks at the bar and have some free nibbles while mingling with the neighbours. The Guide Dogs will also be selling cakes/biscuits for fundraising?

We want to honour the spirit of togetherness that has defined our association and our community. Whether you've been involved for years or are new to the area, your presence will make this event even more special.

We will also have a photo exhibition showcasing the history of the association and many memories created within our community over the past five decades. Additionally, you will have the chance to meet and engage with various local groups who will be setting up stalls to showcase their work/services. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the clubs and organisations that enrich our community.

Our popular monthly Friday quiz on the 4th July will be themed around 1975. You can contact Crossbow office for further information [crossbowhouse@gmail.com](mailto:crossbowhouse@gmail.com)

One of our founder member Groups, the Crossbow Singers will be holding their 50th anniversary summer concerts on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July and you can obtain tickets by contacting Dave Burman at [dkburman53@gmail.com](mailto:dkburman53@gmail.com)

#### **Progress over the last 12 months**

##### **1. Decorating the Community Centre**

The centre has been successfully redecorated, creating a more modern, clean, and engaging space for the community. The fresh aesthetic has made the environment more welcoming, and feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive.

## **2. Heating in the Main Hall**

New radiators have been installed in the main hall, improving comfort for community groups. The upgraded heating system ensures a warm and inviting space for activities throughout the year, enhancing usability for various events.

## **3. Upgrades in the Ladies' Toilet Suite**

The ladies' toilet suite have been refurbished to provide a more modern and functional space. Improved lighting, updated fixtures, and general enhancements have contributed to a more comfortable and pleasant experience for visitors.

## **Community Feedback**

Since the renovations, groups using the centre have expressed appreciation for the updated spaces, describing them as more inviting and enjoyable to use. The positive reception highlights the impact of these improvements in fostering community engagement.

## **Upcoming Projects**

**1. Decorating Another Room:** Plans are underway to refresh another room in a way that complements the existing decor, ensuring a cohesive and welcoming atmosphere throughout the centre.

**2. Upgrading Flooring in St Peter's Hall** Upgrading the flooring in St Peter's Hall is another key project in the next phase of improvements. Considerations include durability, ease of maintenance, and aesthetic appeal to complement existing renovations. The new flooring will not only improve the look and longevity of the space but will also provide a safer and more functional environment for local community groups and the pre-school, supporting learning, play, and group activities. To support this project, we plan to apply for a council grant, which will help secure funding for high-quality flooring that meets the needs of both the pre-school and community users.

## **What we hope to achieve**

We hope these improvements will attract more bookings and encourage greater use of the space. By spreading the word, we want to highlight that the centre is available for parties, complete with bar access, making it a great venue for celebrations. Additionally, we aim to welcome local groups looking for a regular place to meet, ensuring the space continues to support community activities and events.

### **Current Availability**

For any groups looking for a place to meet, we have the following availability at Crossbow House:

Main Hall - Monday evening slot, Wednesday evening

Charlie's Room - Tuesday evening (starting from June)

St Peter's Hall - Thursday and Friday evenings, some Tuesday evenings