



Edmund Park Newsletter July 2019

Community noticeboard



After fruitful negotiations with Frome Town Council Edmund Park now has a community noticeboard. As the name implies the emphasis is on Town Council and community information. Ideally notices should be stapled to the board. If you have trouble doing this just pop them in to 12 Bluebell and we'll do it for you.

Litter Pick



Date for your diaries. The next litter pick from ASDA up to and around our estate will be on **Saturday August 3rd**. Meet at the front door of ASDA, at 10:30. Litter pickers will be provided but if you have your own so much the better.

MEET A NEIGHBOUR

This month's neighbour is Neil Ramsden



I moved to Frome with my (now) wife, Rhian, in 2017, and rented for a few months while we got a feel for the town, eventually moving to Edmund Park early in 2018. She works in Trowbridge, and a friend of mine that works for Bristol Beer Factory, supplying to a few Somerset and Wiltshire pubs, recommended trying Frome as a place to live.

It's our first house, and our first garden, as we've been renting in London and Cardiff before that for years. So the first thing we did was to turn the garden from a wasteland into somewhere we can sit, barbeque, and grow fruit and veg!

I'm a journalist for a website, covering seafood business news (the kind of niche publication you get in the last round of 'Have I Got News For You'). It was a startup when it began, working out of my editor's kitchen, but that was nearly 10 years ago now. I mainly work from home, though I head up to our office in London every now and then.

I play at Shuttles badminton club, and for Midsomer Valley football club. We also love going to the cinema here in Frome, and we like a good hike and a pub or cafe at the end -- which has been one of the benefits of moving out to Frome from London.

I'm learning to drive at the moment, so apologies if I stall in front of you.

We're still enjoying trying the various pubs and restaurants around, but special mention to the Cornerhouse and their gin club, which has been brilliant fun and very much gotten us into gin. We found the High Pavement early this year, which is probably the best place we've eaten in Frome, but I also have a soft spot for La Bisalta as it was where we ate the day we drove down to Frome with our van on moving day, and several times since as well.

I won't get into books and films as they're two of the things I spend a lot of time doing, and I'm liable to get boring! We did go to see Spider-Man the other night though, that was excellent.

Fire safety

Some of you might be aware of fire safety issues with new build timber framed houses. This is not just a problem with houses built by Persimmon but all new builds, regardless of developer. Please see the attached video and take what action you feel is appropriate for you. <https://youtu.be/mdcueDbfijl>

Where am I?

A different way of looking at Frome.

Answer on the last page



Dog Poo



I'm sure you're all ahead of me on this one but one of our residents wrote to me asking for something to be added in the Newsletter. I made a commitment at the outset to avoid conflict and confrontation so all I'm gonna say is if you have any opportunity in any way to reduce this problem we'll all appreciate it – 'nuff said.

Rail Works

Schedule for railway works in Frome in August. The old railway track is being replaced and a new stone base laid that the track sits on. The work will involve heavy track machinery, so there may be some disturbance.

- Saturday 3 August – Sunday 11 August
- Saturday 17 August – Sunday 18 August
- Saturday 24 August – Sunday 25 August

Bronze casting at the Frome Festival



After a quick look around the exhibition about Singer in Rook Lane Chapel (until 28th July) a walk into the garden area found a group of observers learning about bronze casting. Just the thing to do and watch on a very hot afternoon! If you were lucky you had a seat but the talk and demonstration

were so interesting you did not notice the time spent standing in the heat. Sympathy must go to the caster and partner for not only wearing black but donning a heavy looking leather jacket and long apron to protect themselves from the searing heat from the burner – rising to a mere 1200 degrees. It takes little time for the fire to come to optimum temperature

aided by gas and then to melt the bronze ingot. Whilst the temperature grew and the ingot was melting, an explanation was given of how a design is developed, how a flexible rubber mould is made, then a wax replica of the finished item. This then is dipped into a 'gluey' silica sand and slurry mixture, which is hardened off and resembles an artefact from Vesuvius! A mould for even the simplest and smallest item can be quite complicated with rods to ensure that no air is introduced when pouring the liquid bronze into the mould – in fact it could look quite spider like! The mould is then hardened off which also melts the wax replica, thus ultimately creating the final mould. The liquid bronze is then poured into the mould and allowed to cool. Once cold the crust is hammered away – not a quick and easy job. The rods are removed and the item finished, treated with acid to give colour and polished. The bronze caster works traditionally apart from using gas for fire support replicating the methods of Singer although different in size. A very enjoyable hour spent in the sun!

Recipe

July is raspberry season so I hope you'll enjoy this dessert. It's easy, looks good and tastes fabulous:

Raspberry torte



150g butter/soft tub margarine
150g ground almonds
150g white self raising flour
150g caster sugar
225g fresh raspberries
1 egg
ground cinnamon
Icing sugar

- Preheat oven to 180C, (160C Fan), Gas Mark 4
- Place softened butter, caster sugar, almonds, flour and egg in a bowl with 5ml (1 level tsp) ground cinnamon. Beat well.
- Grease and base line a 21.5cm spring release cake tin
- Spread half the almond mixture into the tin, using a fork to flatten lightly. Sprinkle over the raspberries, keeping a few back for decorating if you wish. Dot over the remaining almond mixture so it almost covers the fruit. *
- Stand tin on a baking sheet and bake for about one hour, covering lightly when well browned. The torte should feel just firm to the touch, with a springy texture. Cool in tin for about 1 hour.
- Dust with cinnamon and icing sugar and any raspberries left over. Serve with cream, fromage frais, yogurt, ice cream – whichever's your favourite.

*** TIP** Don't put raspberries too close to the edge as they tend to burn and don't worry that you can't cover all fruit. The mixture spreads when cooking.

Book Club



We had the second book club meeting at Emma's house and now there are 8 of us.

We talked about "The keeper of lost things" by Ruth Hogan and felt it was a good read and would give it 8/10, so why not give it a try?

Our next book is "Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine" by Gale Honeyman.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th August, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, at Liz's house – hopefully it will be a sunny one.

Do let me know if you'd like to come along – so that Liz has an idea of numbers. Don't

worry if you haven't finished/read the book.

Do give me a shout with any queries, or if you'd like to go on the mailing list for the autumn dates.

Enjoy reading in the sunshine.



Susan

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What's On

With the summer holidays starting and the prospects of the children being home for 6 weeks there are plenty of events going on to help keep them occupied. Here are a few to consider.

Retro Gaming family Sunday 31st July, 2pm Frome's New Venue, free entry. Lots of games to choose from, Mega Drives – SNES – Master System – PS1 & 2 – Wii – N64 – all free to play. Bring along sandwiches or order a take away to the venue. 23 Bath St Frome, Somerset BA11 1DJ

Creative Caterpillars, Welshmill Scout Hut. 1st August 10.30am-11.30am, £5 per child. An art session for pre-school children; an hour of fun exploring paint, mark making, colour, texture and collage. Snacks and fresh coffee available. A repeat event very Monday. Welshmill Scout Hut, Welshmill Ln, Frome, Somerset BA11 3AP

Get Growing workshop 9th August 5.30pm-7pm, free to attend. Pick up your wildflower seeds and everything you'll need to grow your flowers ready for planting on the Old Showfield next year, Rodden Rd, Frome BA11 2AH

Kids Comic Creators Workshops. Cordero Lounge.



Led by Graphic Artist and Illustrator Russ Ellingham (full DBS). Create your own comic page (or book if you attend all 5 classes). This leads up to Frome Comic Con at Frome Community College taking place on 10th and 11th August. See Facebook page for more details.

Frogs Wildlife Walks – Butterflies. 13th August, 2pm-4pm. Adults are £2, and accompanied children go free. Mick Ridgard and Eve Tigwell will introduce us to woodland butterflies. Meet at 2pm at East Woodlands church (not far from Frome). Dogs are welcome but on short leads only. Booking ahead is advised www.fromefrogs.org.uk or call 01373 473909



Summer Reading Challenge at Frome library.

Running throughout the summer holidays for your little book worms. Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and join the Rocket Family on a chase through space to find the aliens and save the Moon Library

And don't forget...

...Frome Children's Festival aims to offer FREE or low cost activities every day in the school holidays. Activities are usually 2 hrs long and vary from day to day, including cooking, crafts, sport, music – the list is endless. Activities are usually held in various venues so that they are easy to reach across Frome. For more details see <https://www.fromechildrensfestival.org/holiday-activities/>



Free lunchtime concerts at the Bennett Centre, Vicarage St.

Every Wednesday 1:00 – 1:45. (Venue for concerts on 28th August & 4th September to be decided).

For more information see www.musicianssouthwest.com

East Woodlands Village Hall is a converted school situated just off the A361 Frome bypass. Every Sunday in August, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, there is a cream tea served. For more information contact Sharon on 07763 093210

Blitz! Presented by Frome Musical Theatre Company's award winning youth group "Spellbound". The story focuses on two families, the Jewish Blitzteins and the Cockney Lockes. Mrs Blitztein and Alfie Locke have adjacent stalls on Petticoat Lane: she sells herring, he sells fruit; their children, Georgie Locke and Carol Blitztein, are in love with one another. Memorial Theatre 8th – 10th August. 01373 462795or www.fmt.website for tickets



The Hall, Bradford on Avon The Hall in Bradford on Avon is a sixteenth century mansion house, lately lived in by Dr. Alex Moulton. Alex developed rubber suspension systems which were fitted on to 12 million cars from 1959 – 2002 including the mini. To celebrate the 60th anniversary of this iconic car and 50 years of its lead part in a film, The Italian Job will be performed in an Open Air Cinema at this stunning venue. 31st August. 8:15 - 9:50pm. Tickets £12 - £19. For more information and tickets go to www.alfrescofilm.co.uk



Photography by Tom Pengilley

Rodden Nature Reserve

You probably pass this site most days but what do you know about it?



The Reserve was created in 2004 as an Environment Agency requirement to reduce flooding from the River Frome, so, in theory when it rains heavily the reserve floods not the town. Extensive work, funded by ASDA, was carried out including reprofiling a hill, diverting the Rodden Brook, rerouting a private road and creating two main lake areas. The reserve remains the property of ASDA and is only open to the public from 1st August to 31st January. Its closure for the rest of the year is to protect wildlife during the breeding season. There's plenty of amazing wildlife to be seen and it has been designated a Local Wildlife Site by Mendip District Council in recognition of the range of plant and animals present. The reserve is managed by Frome Area Wildlife Group (FAWG) who undertake maintenance, enhancement and survey work and ASDA provides funding. FAWG have posted some amazing photos on the noticeboards close to the site.

The construction of our estate to the east and south of the Reserve began in 2017 and was a cause for concern initially, causing major disruption. However a positive side-effect is that a group of residents has indicated an interest in the Reserve and several have taken part in organised walks and litter-picks.

Visit <https://www.rodennaturereserve.org.uk/> to find out more. If you click on “Resources” you will find a 10 year report, compiled in 2018, which gives an extremely comprehensive list of all of the flowers and wildlife which has been recorded.

A walk around the reserve is being planned for later this year so watch this space for further details.



Kingfisher



Mute swan



Otter

Many thanks to Eve Tigwell for providing the photos.

Recommendation

Are you struggling with this dreadful soil that we have? Would you like someone to come and do most of the hard work for you? Well look no further.



At least 2 residents have used Jack and been very pleased with the work that he's carried out for them

Who do you think you are? Hooray a new series starting on Monday 22nd July with Daniel Radcliffe. Have you ever considered researching your family tree but aren't sure where to start? If you'd like some assistance to get you going I'm an experienced researcher and would be pleased to help you. Get in touch with me (Liz) via edmund.park.frome@outlook.com

Where was I?

At the side entrance to Frome Museum, where North Parade and Bridge Street meet. The



Museum is housed in what was originally the Frome Literary and Scientific Institution building which opened in 1869. The building is Grade II listed. The origin of the museum lies in the 1956 Frome Historical Exhibition which led to the formation of the Frome Society in 1958. The museum's collections are varied and include: artefacts and objects of many kinds; a substantial library and archive; historical maps; visual art; historic costumes; and geological, archaeological and natural history material. These are described on their website:

www.fromeheritage-museum.org

Deadline for items for August's newsletter Saturday 24th August

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