

# FRAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026 ISSUE



# Message from the Chairman

## CLLR ASHTON

What a challenging time to be involved with any outdoor activity over the last 8-10 weeks, incessant rain, prolonged periods of gloom but at least we are not named in the Epstein files.

I am writing this just a few hours ahead of the Annual Pancake Festival at St Michael's Church Hall, I've not been before, I understand that the secret is to get your Pancakes before ex-CLLR's Reams and King get stuck in as you won't stand a chance if you don't.

We had the Valentine's Quiz night on surprisingly Valentines night, a great success and a damn sight cheaper than taking the wife out for a meal. Those of you who did not seize the opportunity and were out of pocket, should takenote for next year.

As ever take note of what's going on and get involved.  
All the best for what I hope, is a very early Spring.



Regards,  
Stuart.

If you would like to know more, all minutes and agendas are on the  
Frampton Parish Council website:

<https://frampton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

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## DEFIBS

There are several defibrillators in Frampton that can be used by  
emergency services and residents in an emergency.

Frampton Parish Council have installed one at Frampton Village Hall  
and another at St Michaels Church, we also now have plans to install a  
new defibrillator at St Mary's Church.

If you would like know where your nearest defibrillator is, visit:

<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

If you suspect someone is in cardiac arrest call 999 and ask for the  
code to open the defibrillator box.

# KEEP FIT & DANCE!



Taught by ex-professional dancer Joanne Sutton.

DANCING IS A GREAT WAY TO GET FIT, IMPROVE POSTURE & BALANCE  
& HAVE FUN!!!

## **Keep Fit & Dance Classes**

Dance based exercises followed by a fun dance routine.....  
DISCO TO BROADWAY!!!

Thursdays 1:30PM-2:30PM

## **Adult Tap Class**

Thursdays 2:30PM – 3:30PM  
Tuesdays 6pm-7pm

All classes at Frampton Village Hall, Middlegate Road, PE20 1AR  
Price - £4.00

**All enquiries call Jo 07784 904305.**

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## **FRAMPTON HISTORY GROUP**

Spring 2026 Programme

**Mon 13 April - Bateman's Brewery – Adam Cartwright.**

Adam is the author of a book about the family-run brewery at Wainfleet and will share his knowledge with us.

**Mon 20 April - It Will All Come Out In The Wash - Jonathan Cooper.**

**Mon 27 April - Middlegate from the Old School to the War Memorial – Joan Deane.** If you have any photos and/or memorabilia of this area please bring it along.

Talks start at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall, Frampton West, PE20 1QZ  
and cost £4 each

Everyone is welcome!

If you would like more information call Joan on 01205 722744.



# The Roaming Villager



FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 28TH MARCH  
19:30



HOT FOOD



HOT DRINKS



BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE



PRIZE HAMPER FOR THE WINNING TEAM

EVERYTHING  
IS FREE!

To confirm your quiz group (up to 6 people) contact:



[clerk@framptonparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@framptonparish.gov.uk)



Frampton Parish Council



07943144282

FRAMPTON VILLAGE HALL  
MIDDLEGATE ROAD EAST, PE20 1AR

## FRAMPTON PRESCHOOL

In this edition we would like to show you something new we have brought into our session "Book of the week". With it being "The National Year of Reading" in conjunction with The National Literacy Trust we thought we would promote how important it is to encourage children and families to read and share books together. It is so important in the early years as it lays the foundation for a child's learning, communication and overall development. Here are some examples of what books we have explored since the start of term.



"The Gruffalo Child"



"The Tiger who came to Tea"



"Tiddler"



"A Little Sunflower"



"Monkey Puzzle"

If you are interested in your child joining our village preschool, please contact us.

We are open term times and sessions are Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 12.15pm daily.

We accept all streams of funding.

Contact us at Frampton Village Hall. Phone; 07983 865496

Email; [Frampton.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:Frampton.preschool@gmail.com)

Message on our Facebook page; Frampton Preschool Charity

OFSTED registered



# HUBBERTS BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PE20 3SG

CASH PRIZES | BAR & REFRESHMENTS | CASH RAFFLE  
MAIN BOOKS AND FLYER SHEET: £10

- WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH
  - WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
  - WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL
  - WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL
  - WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL
  - WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY
- DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM | EYES DOWN 7:30PM



## WHO ARE WE ?

*We are a mixed group of people of all ages, who have a passion for plants, flowers and gardening. We welcome anyone who has an interest in the above.*

## WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE GARDENING CLUB'S MEETINGS HELD?

*We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30hrs Venue: Frampton Village Hall, Middlegate Road, Frampton, PE20 1AR*

**DONT FORGET  
NEXT MEETING  
MARCH 26 2026**



## DIARY DATES

26TH MARCH - VINEHOUSE FARM AND ORGANIC FARMING  
30TH APRIL - A CONTAINER GARDEN  
28TH MAY - AGM AND PAULINE CHUBB COMPETITON

## FEEDBACK

*We last met as a group in November and arranged a lovely club meal at Sutterton Thatched Cottage, this was a well attended event and enjoyed by all.*

*Following 2 months of winter hibernation we open our doors to our first 2026 meeting on March 26th. Where we will welcome both old and new members into our group. We have been busy planning our diary events for the year and are looking forward to sharing those with you.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION: SEARCH FOR US  
@ FRAMPTON GARDENING CLUB@FACEBOOK.COM



## A Brief History of Frampton Marsh Car Park

Back in the day, many people would travel down to Frampton marsh and take a walk along the sea bank. Around two thirds of the distance to the second sea bank, the end of the adopted, public highway was reached. At this point you could risk parking in the landowners, private field gateway. You then had to walk approximately 400 mtrs. along the single track, public right of way footpath, to the sea bank. The sea bank and the marshes were, and still are, free for all to walk.

When the R.S.P.B. purchased the farmland either side of the road between the first and second banks, they turned the farmland into a bird reserve, A visitors centre and car park were introduced and the road down to the sea bank was extended closer to the bank with a second small car park being created approx. 250 mtrs. from the sea bank. This overflow car park gave people with mobility issues the opportunity to access the marshes.

Anyone wishing to visit the marsh and use these car parks are now asked to pay a charge of £6 per car, not person, for the privilege. The R.S.P.B. have installed levelled gravel footpaths, capable of wheelchair/mobility aid access. They have built the hides, visitors centre, cafe, toilets and a ramp to access the sea bank. All these facilities can be used and enjoyed for this £6 charge.

Pedestrian access to the marsh by the general public via a footpath was, and still is, free as it has always been. There never was "full public vehicular access" all the way to the sea bank but Wild-fowlers and emergency services, etc., have access via the landowners permission.

# Dates For Your Diary

FROM MARCH 2026 - MAY 2026

## MARCH

- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> - 10-3pm - Spring Craft Fair at St Mary's Church.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> - March Hare Walk at the RSPB Frampton Marsh.
- Weds 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - FPC Meeting at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> - 10-2pm - Coffee Morning at St Marys.
- St 21<sup>st</sup> - March Hare Walk at the RSPB Frampton Marsh.
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - Frampton Gardening Meet at Frampton Village Hall.
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - Quiz Night at Frampton Village Hall.

## APRIL

- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - History Group Talk at St Michaels Hall.
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - FPC Meeting at Frampton Village Hall.
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> - 10-2pm - Coffee Morning at St Marys.
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - History Group Talk at St Michaels Hall.
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - History Group Talk at St Michaels Hall.
- Weds 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - Frampton Gardening Meet at Frampton Village Hall.

## MAY

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dawn Chorus Walk at RSPB Frampton Marsh.
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> - 10-2pm - Coffee Morning at St Marys.
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:30pm - FPC Meeting at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - Frampton Gardening Meet at Frampton Village Hall.

Wish to join Frampton WI...

We meet every second  
Thursday of the month.  
You can also join our sub  
groups from Supper Club  
to Book Club.



*"To me it means friendship and  
support through good times and bad"*  
Frampton WI Member



**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



framp.tonwi / Frampton WI /  
framptonwi2@gmail.com

**BOSTON LADIES CIRCLE**

# **EASTER**

## **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**10am to 3pm**

**Frampton St Mary's Church**

- **FREE Arts & Crafts Corner!**
- **Over 30 Food & Craft Stalls!**
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Raffle and Tombola**
- **Animal Petting**
- **Transported Project**
- **And MUCH MORE!**

**FREE ENTRY**



# Frampton Parish Churches

## Easter Church Services for Frampton

(For information on all our services, check [www.wybertonandframpton.org](http://www.wybertonandframpton.org)).

Mothering Sunday	15 March	St. Leodegar's	11 a.m.
(This is a group service for all three churches)			
Palm Sunday	29 March	St. Michael's	11 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Supper	2 April	St. Michael's	6 p.m.
Good Friday	3 April	St. Mary's	3 p.m.
Easter Festival (Egg Hunt)	4 April	St. Mary's	10 - 4 p.m.
Easter Sunday Holy Communion	5 April	St. Mary's	11 a.m.

## St Mary's 100 Club

N.B. The April draw will be the last one of the current year and invitations to renew membership will be sent out after that draw.

Entry for the draw costs only £1 per number per month and can be paid monthly, yearly or any amount in between and you can join at any time of the year. Half the money received is returned in prizes – one prize of £25 each month plus an extra prize in December and April.

If you would like to take part please contact Joan on 722744.

### Recent St Mary's 100 Club winners

DEC NO.57

JAN NO. 83

FEB NO.60

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## Coffee Morning & Bacon Rolls

10:00AM-12:00PM



21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
11<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



**Held at St Mary's Church, Frampton**

# RSPB FRAMPTON MARSH

Hello to everyone from the team down here at the nature reserve!

As I am sure you all noticed, most of 2025 was a very dry year. Barely half the usual rainfall, up until the end of October. This obviously had a large effect on us, a wetlands site, with large portions of the reserve drying out. Compounding this was the failure of our pump, which extracts water from the local drainage system.

Proving irreparable, we have had to reach deep into our budget to get a replacement. This isn't the sort of thing you can pop down to Halfords either, they have to be specially ordered, shipped and fitted, which all added extra time. So it wasn't until November when we finally got the new pumps installed. Alas, this has not been a simple ride since, with silt and vegetation clogging up the new pump, and requiring new engineering solutions. We are confident however that we will be able to get the new pumps up and running before too long, whereupon it will make a huge difference to our ability to get water on site.

In the meantime though it has been rainfall which has been filling up the reserve. And it has indeed been a wet couple of months. The Wet Grassland areas are now properly plashy, and covered in ducks, geese and plovers. Frampton Marsh showing once again the sheer volume of winter wildfowl that has made it famous. The big highlight of the winter though has been the party of Snow Buntings that have been living on the seabank, and on the river bank where it heads out into the Wash. Hailing from the tundra, these little finches are an unusual winter visitor for us. It may be they are from an area which does not normally see humans, as with patience people have been getting as close as 6 feet to them, with some wonderful photographs emerging as a result.

Of course, we are now looking forward to this year and the breeding season. Whilst the reserve was dry we did a lot of work on areas where we couldn't normally get to, reprofiling islands, removing reeds to give better sightlines, and rotavating the land to push the vegetation into the soil where it can rot and feed the worms and other bugs that will then go on to feed the birds. After a very successful breeding year in 2025 with 50 nests we have also repacked the Sand Martin Bank with fresh sand, for them to dig new tunnels into.

Sticking with the theme of refreshing, regular visitors might have noticed that the two shipping buoys on reserve that were painted up with designs of wildlife have been looking rather the worse for wear recently. Coming soon, these will be stripped back to the base metal and repainted by Nathan Murdoch, the original artist, and will be looking amazing once again. Looking to the visitor side of operations, we have some exciting reserve events ahead:



- 📅 March Hare walks, with breakfast, Saturdays 14 & 21 March
- 📅 Bat and Moth evenings, monthly
- 📅 Easter Family trail, with yummy prizes!
- 📅 Birdsong Breakfasts, with dates in April and May
- 📅 Dawn Chorus walk on Sunday 3 May, International Dawn Chorus Day

We hope to see you in the warmer spring months ahead. For those with limited mobility, do ring ahead and book one of our mobility scooters, free to hire!



ST MARYS CHURCH  
AT FRAMPTON

KINDLY INVITE YOU FOR A

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
11AM

ALL WELCOME

**For more details or to book contact:**

**Louise - 07961313268**

**lcbalgarnie@hotmail.com**

# Village Halls Information

## **HUBBERTS BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The community centre at Hubberts Bridge is a large function hall that can be booked and used by anyone for events such as weddings, family parties and other social gatherings.

There is ample car parking and has seating for 250 people, a large stage, a newly refurbished kitchen and a fully licensed bar. A smaller meeting room is also available.



**To book please visit:**

**<https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/MainPanel/12565>**

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## **FRAMPTON CHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

Located on Middlegate Road, Frampton, the village hall has a regular booking, five mornings a week in term time with Frampton Pre-school.

The Hall is available for hire for private bookings:

**Please contact Caretaker / Bookings Clerk -**

**[framptonvillhallbookings@btinternet.com](mailto:framptonvillhallbookings@btinternet.com)**

**or 07902510126 (after 6pm).**

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## **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL**



St Michael's Church Hall is a 50+ person capacity function hall, fully equipped with kitchen, tables, chairs, toilets and car parking facilities, located at Ralphs Lane. Single bookings are charged at £11 per hour, with more regular bookings attracting a discounted rate of £8 per hour.

For further details and booking contact:

**Myra & Keith Scott on 01205 722013**

# Useful Resources

## **FIX MY STREET**

*fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk*

Fix My Street is available to anyone to report issues such as potholes and damaged signs etc.

This is a very useful and efficient way of reporting issues.

When reporting you have the option to remain anonymous, however we would recommend completing the report with your details. It is usually worth taking a photograph of the issue you are going to report and uploading it to the site in support of the problem you are highlighting.

Alternatively, you can contact one of the Parish Councillors who can help you complete the report.

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## **DIAL 101**

101 is an easy to remember number which can be used to contact your local police about crimes or concerns that do not need an emergency response.

More information on the 101 number and how it works can be found at [www.police.UK/101](http://www.police.UK/101)

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## **FLY SWAT**

If you spot it, Flyswat it!

Find dumped rubbish while walking or driving - contact Flyswat via their email [flyswat@boston.gov.uk](mailto:flyswat@boston.gov.uk) or by phoning 01205 314200.

When reported, the Flyswat team normally collect it within a couple of days.

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, THE POWER IS WITH YOU...**

Should you receive notification of a planning application that you feel you would like to comment on, we would encourage you to do so!

Your voice carries a great deal of weight when applications are considered. In many cases more than that of the Parish Council.

Copying your comments to the Parish Clerk would give us the opportunity to echo, and perhaps expand on your comments, where appropriate, to the Borough Council.



## Your Parish Councillors

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