

FRAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026 ISSUE



Message from the Chairman

CLLR ASHTON

One of the highlights if not the highlight of the year for me is the Annual Parish Meeting. Unlike other meetings this is split into two halves. The first half is the Public element and the second part is the business of the parish. It is the first part that is the best part.

We receive, either in person or by submission, reviews of the year past and in some cases the year to come, details of virtually every group or organisation operating in the Parish. It is always fascinating.

We started with the Handbell ringers who initially seemed to have been decimated by 4 experienced hands leaving, to then having gained another 4 keen amateurs to keep the group chiming.

The History Group keep digging into the village past and are always keen for old photographs, to see if they uncover another corner of our past.

Frampton WI, fuelled by cake and roast dinners, continue to keep an action packed lively and happy ship sailing, reference there to the Cruising Sub Group. The RSPB reserve has had its challenges in the dry weather of 2025 but this yielded its own treasures, a drier site attracted some different visitors. Numbers were down a little but with Frieston Shore down the road visitors had an easy alternative. Frampton Pre School achieved a good OFSTED report and are always on the lookout for new pupils.

Frampton Charities have had a busy year and worth looking into as a resident, as they hand out money for just being old and living in the Village!.

Frampton Church Hall had an upbeat report with bookings up income up and plans for improvement, a welcome good news story from the Hall.

St Michael's Church Hall, in a marvellous state of repair for its age and construction, struggling for more and meaningful bookings leaving the 4 volunteers wondering what the future holds.

Hubberts Bridge Village Hall also in a very good state of repair with bookings healthy, could always be more as could the number of volunteers.

St Michael's Church hold 1 service a month and like the hall wondering what the future holds.

St Mary's Church, have held a number of busy and successful events over the last 12 months, with plans afoot internally to increase its reach in the community.

Friends of Frampton are busy and productive supporting the fundraising for the churches, new members always welcome.

But the highlight of the night was the news from the Gardening Club, last year they looked like they may be pushing up daisies this year but no!. Membership up, finances up, activities up, all looks rosy all of a sudden, well done.

It always makes me feel once again part of the Village, to hear first-hand all that is going on, so please don't hesitate to get involved.

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/>

Join Frampton WI: Become a Member



**£52 from April
2026 to March
2027, pro-rata
rates throughout
the year**

Make Friends

*Enjoy our groups like Book Club,
Crafts, Supper Club, Brunch &
Lunch, Movie Club, Cruise Club
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KEEP FIT & DANCE!



Taught by ex-professional dancer Joanne Sutton.

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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 - £5.00**

All enquiries call Jo 07784 904305.



Frampton Preschool

Would you like your child to be part of
our village preschool?



Your child would be learning through play with other children,
experiencing lots of different activities both inside and
outside and are joined by well qualified, professional adults,
who have lots of early years experience.



If your child is two years and over, come and check us out and
join our Frampton Preschool family!

Term time sessions - 9.15am-12.15pm - At Frampton Village
hall

Call 07983 865496

Email Frampton.preschool@gmail.com

Or message our page Frampton preschool.

Charity number 1036095 - Ofsted registered



HUBBERTS BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PE20 3SG

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

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY
ONGOING

DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM | EYES DOWN 7:30PM

RSPB FRAMPTON MARSH

Hi everyone,

A few updates from us here at RSPB...

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned the arrival of two Black-winged Stilts on the reserve. Excitingly, they even attempted to nest here this year. Unfortunately, the breeding attempt was unsuccessful, despite the birds choosing what appeared to be a safe site within the predator exclusion fence. The pair are still here and feeding up before their migration south. Their choice to nest here is significant, as very few Black-winged Stilts have attempted to breed in the UK in 2026 (only one other site in the UK). It shows that the reserve is providing the right conditions for this rare visitor, and we can only hope they return next year to try again.

Some highlights from this year's breeding numbers include 124 Avocet nests, 23 Redshank nests, 12 Oystercatcher nests, and 68 Mediterranean Gull nests. While not as high as usual due to the dry weather and lack of water, it's still been a successful breeding season, with several key species raising young across the reserve.

Along with the birdlife, a family of water voles have been delighting visitors down at the pond dipping pool. The family can often be seen throughout the day and often come close if you are prepared to wait and give them enough space so they feel comfortable. Water voles have suffered a dramatic decline of around 90% since the 1950s and are now classed as Endangered on the GB Red List. Seeing them on the reserve is an encouraging sign that this important species is finding a home here.

A note on what birds are on the way from Toby our Estate Operations Manager...

August -October sees a big movement of waders arriving from their Arctic breeding grounds with many carrying on their sub-Saharan wintering grounds. Thousands more stay with us for the winter with numbers of Golden and Grey Plover, Knot, Dunlin, Curlew and Oystercatcher all increasing towards the end of the year. Ducks and geese won't be left out of these movements either as we can expect to see, and hear, Brent Geese returning to burble on the saltmarsh, an iconic bird and winter staple on this part of the coast. On the ever-wetting grasslands, Wigeon and Teal will find their niche, the Wigeon grazing the short grass like sheep while teal tuck themselves away among the newly flooded vegetation to feed on the seeds of rushes and sedges.

In other news we are over the moon to be awarded Chairman's Special Award at the 2026 Boston Heritage Awards hosted at Fyde House back in June.

We were also thrilled to have once again been awarded the coveted Visit England rosette for being a high quality visitor attraction. We couldn't have achieved these awards without our fantastic volunteers, who support us in the café, visitor centre, at community events and across the reserve. If you'd like to join our volunteering team, please get in touch by emailing lauren.sharpe@rspb.org.uk or calling **01205 724678**. We'd love to hear from you.

Events and activities coming up...

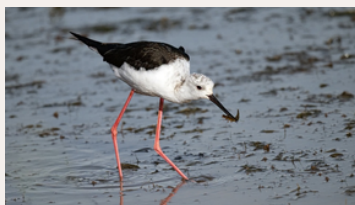
Summer family activity Trail, Photo challenge (both until Sun 6 Sep), Pond dipping and Bug hunting.

Paint Puffins in watercolour with artist local artist Karin Christensen - Thu 24 Sep.

Wetlands bird experience – Learn more about the reserve of Frampton Marsh, and the wildlife which calls it home. Various dates in Sep, Oct, Nov.

Astronomy night with Peterborough Astronomical Society - Come and join us for an unforgettable night under the stars! - Sat 17 Oct

[Scan QR to check out and book on to our events](#)



Above Left : Water vole in the pond dipping poles – Photo by Jeremy Eyeons. Above Right: Avocet chick by Lynn Martin (uploaded to our Flickr page)
Below: Photo by Ray Hall of Black-winged Stilt and its dinner (uploaded to our Flickr page)

Dates For Your Diary

FROM JUNE 2026 - AUGUST 2026

JUNE

- **Weds 10th - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**
- **Fri 12th - 14th - 10am - 3pm - St Mary's Flower Festival.**
- **Sat 13th - 11am - Holy Communion at St Mary's.**
- **Thurs 18th - 7:30pm - FPC Meeting at Frampton Village Hall.**
- **Weds 24th - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**

JULY

- **Weds 8th - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**
- **Sat 11th - 2pm - Afternoon Tea and Lincs Curiosities - St Mary's.**
- **Thurs 16th - 7:30pm - FPC Meeting at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**
- **Weds 22nd - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**
- **Sat 25th - 4pm - 8pm - Drinks in the Bell Tower.**

AUGUST

- **Weds 5th - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**
- **Sat 15th - 10-2pm - Coffee Morning at St Mary's.**
- **Weds 19th - 6:30pm - Bingo at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.**

Councillor Vacancy

Frampton Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and is looking for someone passionate about the local community to join the council. This voluntary role is a great opportunity to help shape local decisions, support village projects, and represent the interests of residents.

Bookings Clerk Vacancy

Hubberts Bridge Community Centre is looking for a part-time Bookings Clerk. This is a paid role and would suit someone organised, approachable, and confident dealing with enquiries and hall bookings while helping support our community centre.

🌸 St Mary's Frampton Flower Festival 2026 🌸

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th June

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy a beautiful weekend celebrating flowers, creativity, and community.



Flower Displays



WI Café – tea, coffee and homemade cakes



Craft Stalls



Community & Local Business Displays



Flower Arranging Competitions – Free to Enter

Competition Categories

- Under 5s
- Under 12s
- Beginners
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Fun
- Other Medium

Why not organise a friendly competition within your own group, club, or workplace and bring your entries along to display at the festival?

Bring your entries in on Thu or Fri 11th and 12th June between 9am and 4pm or contact Louise on 07961313268/

lcbalgarnie@hotmail.com.

HUBBERTS BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

50TH

Anniversary

Anniversary Weekend

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY,
FRIENDSHIP & FUN!

FRIDAY

9TH OCTOBER
— 2027 —

Special
BINGO!



EYES DOWN FOR
A GREAT NIGHT!

SATURDAY

10TH OCTOBER
— 2027 —

BAND
Night!



LIVE MUSIC, GREAT
VIBES, GOOD TIMES!

SUNDAY

11TH OCTOBER
— 2027 —

Tea Party
WITH
ENTERTAINMENT



TEA, TREATS &
TUNES!

THREE DAYS TO CELEBRATE
OUR PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE
Everyone Welcome!

Frampton Parish Churches

St. Mary's in Frampton and St. Michael's in Frampton West will be having their regular pattern of services, details available on the Church Calendar on www.wybertonandframpton.org.

Holy Communion	13 June	St. Mary's	11 a.m.
Marriage Thanksgiving Service	13 Sept	St. Marys's	11 a.m.

Details for the above can be found on the Events page of the website.

St Mary`s 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has taken a number or numbers for the new 100 club year. We have a mix of old and new members. Good luck to you all. 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

March No 62. April Nos. 92, 33 May No. 64

Coffee Morning & Bacon Rolls



10:00AM-12:00PM

15TH AUGUST
17TH OCTOBER



Held at St Mary's Church, Frampton

DRINKS IN THE BELL TOWER

4PM-8PM

25 JULY, 26 SEPTEMBER

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, GLASSES, AND SNACKS.
ALL WELCOME.



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Your local library is open in Kirton!



**Books for
all ages**



**Free Wi-Fi &
PC Access**



**Children's Corner
& Activities**



Opening Hours

-  **Tues 10am-12pm**
-  **Thurs 2pm-4pm**
-  **Sat 10am-12pm**



**New Life Community Church,
Wash Road, Kirton**



-  **Borrow books for FREE**
-  **Friendly Volunteer Staff**
-  **Everyone Welcome! 😊**



JOIN US!



Afternoon Tea

& 'Lincolnshire Curiosities'
with Jonathan Cooper

Saturday July 11th 2pm

in St Mary's Church, Frampton

Booking essential
Tickets selling quickly

Tickets £20
from 01205 722744 or 01205 722191



Organised by Friends of Frampton Churches
Charity no. 1155299

ST MARYS CHURCH
AT FRAMPTON

KINDLY INVITE YOU FOR A
MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 13TH 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>

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 Preschool.

The Hall is available for hire for private bookings:

Please contact Caretaker / Bookings Clerk -

framptonvillhallbookings@btinternet.com

or 07902510126 (after 6pm).

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.

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

FLY SWAT

If you spot it, Flyswat it!

Find dumped rubbish while walking or driving - contact Flyswat via their email flyswat@boston.gov.uk or by phoning 01205 314200.

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

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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