



# FROGS

## Newsletter Spring 2015

Frome Recreation and Open Grounds Supporters

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### Welshmill Park

We have been involved in discussions with Chris Stringer, who has replaced Simon Woollen at Frome Town Council, about developments at Welshmill. Tess has organised quotations for new play equipment. Peter Baker, the Landscape Architect who devised the original 'Masterplan', and Alice McColl as well as Chris have been involved in evaluating the proposals. FTC has funding available for this project, and we hope that the equipment will be in place by the summer.



FTC has arranged for much-needed re-surfacing work to be carried out on the Pump Track by local organisation Mindset. A couple of bike enthusiasts have advised on the work to be undertaken and are keeping an eye on what is actually done, so that we will still have the best Pump Track in the South West! The outer tarmac ring has been connected up so that will offer the littlest riders a complete circuit.

### The Showfield

Things are moving, but incredibly slowly. Mendip DC has decided to ask the public to comment on the transfer to FTC of their lease for part of the site, and Somerset CC also feels that consultation is needed before they can allow us to withdraw the Village Green Application.

## Frome Children's Festival 2015

Children's Festival events are up and running already! On Sunday 29 March from 10am to 2pm there is a Sport Expo at the Football Club, Selwood School and the Leisure Centre, with lots of free sports taster sessions and special offers at the Leisure Centre. Come and enjoy the day! **Additional volunteers would be welcome – contact Sue as below.**

The Frome Festival Food Feast is on Saturday 4 July and the Children's Festival will be running kids' activities there – **again let Sue know if you can help out.**

The main Children's Festival event will be on Sunday 12 July. 12 noon to 6pm at Victoria Park. FROGS have been asked to help manage a 'woodland area' with wildlife, growing and cooking food, and forest school activities. **Anyone who would like to be involved by providing an activity or helping as a volunteer is asked to contact Sue: [sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org)**

## Rodden Games

FROGS had been asked to organise a wildlife aspect to the Town Council's Wacky Games Day, but the event has been postponed and a new date has yet to be set. If the games are held later in the year we may be asking our wildlife enthusiast friends to assist us again.

## Frome's Missing Link

The illuminated bikes event was a great way to mark the official opening by the Mayor, Peter Macfadyen, of the first stage of the Missing Link cycling and walking route to connect Frome with the Colliers Way at Great Elm. Well done to all those involved in achieving this first step, and roll on the full track!

## FROGS' Constitution

FROGS needs a legal entity and should be registered with the Charity Commission as a Foundation model Charitable Incorporated Organisation in the near future. With Phil's guidance we have drawn up a draft constitution, which we will present to a future meeting for approval. So far, we have six Trustees: Sheila, Cath, Marjory, Sue, Phil and Liz. FROGS supporters are very welcome at our meetings, and we warmly appreciate the work done by active members who have decided not to be Trustees at the present time.

## Frome Half Marathon

Volunteers are needed to assist in marshalling this event on the morning of Sunday 19 July. **Please contact Fran Hunter on 07908284198 or [marshalls@fromehalfmarathon](mailto:marshalls@fromehalfmarathon)**