



# FROGS

## Newsletter Late Spring 2017

Frome Recreation and Open Grounds Supporters

### **New Seats Installed at Welshmill Park**

Frome Town Council's Rangers have installed all four of the new seats at Welshmill Park. The seats are made from recycled plastic and it is hoped they will withstand years of use. They are certainly welcome and comfortable.



### **The Roundhouse Garden**

A small group of dedicated volunteers has been busy tending the wildflower meadow and raised beds at The Roundhouse Garden.

The raised bed nearest to Rossetti House has been planted with woodland flowers, including Bugle, Stitchwort, Forget-me-nots, Cyclamen, Enchanter's Nightshade, and wild Strawberries. We will also be adding Bluebells shortly. Do try some of the wild strawberries when they ripen – there are lots there.

The Wildflower Meadow is being regularly cut back to encourage the seeds sown to germinate. We have also been hand-weeding to remove Docks, Teasels and Water Dropwort Hemlock. Cowslips, Dead Nettle, Red Clover, Buttercups, and Wild Geranium have flowered so far.

The culinary herb bed is doing well, though we hope to plant a few more varieties, and the medicinal herbs are also flourishing. We have put in a number of name plates to help people identify the herbs, and will add more.

The next volunteer session will be on Monday 22 May from 6.30pm onwards, with a bring-and-share picnic to follow. Do come along and join us if you can. After that, we may meet less frequently than weekly through the summer. Dates will be circulated!

Teen sessions are going to be held in the Roundhouse Garden on Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm, starting in June. These are funded by the Esme Fairbairn Trust and FTC, and are to be run by Youth Workers and supported by the Town Rangers. A number of projects are planned, including graffiti art on the wooden panels, wood-carving, and creating a barbeque area.

Volunteers are needed to help – if you can, please contact:

[sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org)

## **Wildlife Walks**

Our first walk of 2017 took place in The Dippy, near Keyford.

We spotted at least 17 varieties of birds, which was very pleasing in a short time and a small area. Dan Lupton, who led the walk, said that the habitat was well-managed and varied and birds would find it attractive. Our thanks to Dan for an informative and enjoyable morning.



Here's the full programme:

Topic	Date	Time	Location	Leader
Butterflies& Moths	Sun 18 June	3pm	E Woodlands	Eve Tigwell & Mick Ridgard
Wildflowers	Sat 1 July	3pm	Gt Elm/Mells	Veryan Conn
Butterflies& Moths	Sun 20 August	3pm	Rodden Nature Reserve	Eve Tigwell & Mick Ridgard
Bats	Fri 22 Sept	6.45pm	Cheese & Grain Car Park	Adel Avery

Please go to [www.fromefrogs.org.uk](http://www.fromefrogs.org.uk) or call 01373 473909 for further information.

## Frome Children's Festival

The Children's Festival runs from noon to 6pm on Sunday 9 July this year. It will be in the area from the Cheese & Grain to Welshmill Park and the Roundhouse Garden. Lots of exciting activities are planned – including a zip-wire and rope bridge across the river! Lottery funding has been secured from Celebrate England and the theme this year is cultural diversity. Volunteers are again needed – please contact: [sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org) if you can help.

Additional events coming up are Carnival Fun Day - noon to 5pm on Saturday 3 June with loads of kids' activities in Victoria Park. Sue has appealed for volunteers - especially with decorating small wooden creatures! And Frome FM is organising a Party in The Park - noon to 6pm on Saturday 1 July.

**FROGS next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 June at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along, please contact the Secretary: [lizhutchinson01@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizhutchinson01@yahoo.co.uk) for details.**