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September/October 2011

go for the flow

Dear all,

Our grand event is coming upon 15 October. We have been offered lots of publicity so expect a good turnout. We need leaders for the working groups. It would be re-assuring if you could email doff@brilyant.org or ring 01373 300 583 with offers of help. Better still, come along in person to the right of the Cheese and Grain on 17 September and support our work party.

Dorothy-Anne

Grand Litter Pick

HOPEFrome & Friends of the River Frome

**Invite you to clean up your part of Town
Sat. 15 October 10.30 prompt**

Choose your venue and meet a coordinator at one of them

Old Market Yard (Frome Canoe Club)

Wallbridge (Pedestrian Bridge)

The Mount (Community Garden)

St John's Road (Corner Shop)

Stonebridge (Tesco)

Bring gloves and suitable footwear

Afterwards meet at Frome Canoe Club at noon

www.hopefrome.org

www.friendsofthesomersetriverfrome.org.uk

Other River Friend Work Parties

17 September and 19 November

From the web-site

Town Councillors offer to pick litter

Town councillors of all political shades are joining us in the big Autumn clean-up on 15 October. (07/08/11)

Three otters seen at Welshmill

Three otters were seen at about 22.30 hrs on Wednesday 20th of July. They were playing or fishing in the shallows just downstream of the Welshmill weir and bridge. They didn't mind torchlight and fooled around for maybe 20 minutes before swimming off downstream. (24/07/11)

Walking the River

River Friends organised a series of short walks with a river theme during the summer. This was part of Walking for Health. The autumn health walk brochure is now available at the Tourist Information in Frome Library.

Emergency Litter Pick

The editor of the Frome Times contacted us for help to remove a stack of his papers which had been dumped in the river. They had spread over a fairly wide area but with our equipment, experience and safety rules in place we were able to get them out. (13/07/11)

Much interest at the Green Fair

Our stall at the Green Fair interested passers-by and we have three new members as a result. We sold cards with a froggy theme too. (13/07/11)

Trout

There are trout in the river along Rodden Meadow which shows the water is healthy for wild life. (04/07/11)

Health and safety débâcle!

I managed to fall over without a buoyancy aid while wading the river recently. Some days later I developed flu'-like symptoms. Since I am responsible for the health and safety policy I felt I had to go and get checked out for Weil's disease. The Community Hospital system is brilliant – with minimum aggravation a couple of bodily fluids were checked. The nurse was able to tell me that there are only 40 cases a year in this country – mainly from raw sewage. It was also re-assuring that my husband, who didn't fall in, had the same symptoms!

Dorothy-Anne