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Autumn 2012

go for the flow

Good news

River Friends proposal to conduct a strategic review of the river was accepted unanimously at the full Town Council meeting on 22 August. So now the work begins. Not sure when the formal request will appear but I guess it will be soonish.

Bob Sargent, our hydrologist, will lead on the project but he will be using a lot of help from the committee to get it completed within the two month time frame.

Exciting times!

Nick

There are two Autumn work-parties:

15 September, meeting in front of the Cheese and Grain at 10.30am.

10 November, meeting in the foyer of the Cheese and Grain at 10.30am.

Please join us with gloves and suitable footwear for slopes.

Other interesting events.

On 6 September Mary Colwell, an award winning documentary maker mainly with the BBC Natural History Unit, is giving a presentation at 8am at Wesley Church on the potential of "Sustainability and Christianity".

On 29 September at 11am in Welshmill Park there is a celebration Picnic and Bike Ride organised by Frome Recreation and Open Grounds Supporters.

River Walks

The Autumn Health Walks include many along the River Frome and its tributaries. A full list is available in the Tourist Information corner of the library but you may be particularly interested in the ones listed on the next page.

Date & Time	Meeting Point	Route details	Leader
Wed 5 th Sept, 9:15am for 9:30	Outside Frome Library	Easy paths and pavements. Welshmill Greenway. 1- 2 miles.	Dorothy-Anne
Fri 7 th Sept, 10:15am for 10:30 start	Car Park at Stowford Manor Farm, BA14 9LH	4 miles via Farleigh Castle, Iford Manor & Westwood	Tricia
Wed 12 th Sept, 9:15am for 9:30	Outside Frome Library	Easy paths and pavements. Rodden Meadow. 1- 2 miles	Dorothy-Anne
Wed 26 th Sept, 9:15am for 9:30	Outside Frome Library	Easy paths and pavements. Whatcombe. 1- 2 miles.	Dorothy-Anne
Fri 5 th Oct, 10:15am for 10:30	Mells, nr Frome – near the Talbot Inn	4 ½ miles, fields, riverside woodland, Colliers Way.	Liz
Fri 2 nd Nov, 10:15am for 10:30	Outside Frome Library	3 mile walk to Spring Gardens via hilly fields, lane and river	Tricia
Fri 9 th Nov, 10:15am for 10:30 start	Meet opposite Talbot Inn, Mells. Park on the road.	4 miles across fields, Colliers Way & Great Elm riverside. Pub/ cafes at the end.	Terry
Sun 18 th Nov, 10:15am for 10:30	Outside Frome Library	2 ½ miles, Spring Gardens, fields, a couple of stiles	Liz
Fri 23 rd Nov, 10:15am for 10:30 start	Meet near the Memorial Hall, Rode, nr Frome.	Rode via Tellisford. Field paths, some stiles. 3 ½ miles	Alan

News from the website

Balsam Bashing comes to an end for 2012

Between Wallbridge and Welshmill the weather or our efforts last year have kept the balsam at bay. We have only had to remove the occasional plant. We and others have worked south of Wallbridge but now the plants are seeding we would do as much harm as good to continue. Next year, as part of our major project, we may be able to tackle the problem upstream. (29/08/12)

Otter swims through Frome

About a fortnight ago an otter was seen swimming downstream from the Button Bridge. (12/08/12)

Walk and Balsam Bash

On Saturday the usual stalwarts tackled litter on the river banks in the centre of town while three of us enjoyed a walk to Wallbridge enjoying the views of the river and plucking Himalayan Balsam as we went. Next Thursday at 10.30 we will continue walking from the pedestrian bridge at Wallbridge. Please join us - see the events page. (12/08/12)

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