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New Year 2013

**Friends of the River
Frome**

Annual General Meeting

12th February 2013 7:30pm

Frome Canoe Club, Old Market Place, Frome

go for the flow

Everyone is cordially invited to the group's annual AGM Tuesday 12th February 2013 7:30 at Frome Canoe Club, Market Yard.

The group has had a very active and productive year and we'd love to tell you all about it! Come and meet the committee and show your support.

We will also be giving an overview of the River Frome Strategic Review which the committee has developed on behalf of Frome Town Council. We are hoping that genuine actions and improvements will come out of the review so this coming year looks like it could be quite exciting.

With that in mind we are keen to add a couple more people to our committee who are passionate about the river and can help us make a difference. If you are interested in offering some time then please do contact me to find out more.

And of course, many thanks for your continued support.

Nick Ray – Chair

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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting.
3. Actions arising from last meeting.
4. Chair's report – Nick
5. Treasurers report – Pete
6. Election of committee.
7. Balsam Project 2013 – Dorothy Anne
8. A.O.B.
9. Presentation of River Frome Strategic Review – Nick and Mike

Dates for 2013

9/10 February?

16th February

9th March

from 11th May

6th July

Missing Link

Litter pick

Big litter pick

Balsam walks.

Festival tidyup

Other dates

19th May

FROGS Welshmill fun day

If your annual subscriptions is now due!

Please send your £10 to:

The membership secretary
9 Rossiters Hill
Frome

Somerset BA11 4AL

Or visit the joining page of the web-site.

Scott and Sue Adams from Somerset volunteering were in Frome last summer and were distinctly aware of the improvement of the River as they remembered it from 18 years ago when it was grim and full of rubbish and trollies. So congratulations to the group on the improvement.

Dreaming of having a boat

Frome River!
Wider than a smile.
I'm crossing you in style,
Someday

River Walks

The Winter Health Walks include some 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.

Date & Time	Meeting Point	Route details	Leader
16/01/13 9:15 for 9:30	Outside Frome Library	Easy paths and pavements. Rodden Meadow. 1- 2 miles	Dorothy-Anne
01/02/13 10:15 for 10:30	National Trust car park - Westwood BA15 2AF 813590	4miles along the river Frome to Farleigh Castle and Iford. Fields, stiles, mud.	Gillian
20/02/13 09:15am for 09:30	Outside Frome Library	2 miles, Welshmill Park, Fromefield and Willow Vale. Roads and paths.	Liz

If you want to get the news promptly you can now follow us on Twitter for updates on events and other relevant information. We are FORF and can be found at @forfrome and/or keep up to date on fromeriverfriends.org.uk

From the Missing Link, "We hope to have planning consent for the Welshmill Bridge to Whatcombe Farm section by mid January. If this is so we need to clear the route along the riverside promptly before bird nesting starts and developer's contractors start work in March. We would like to propose a provisional date for a work day on the 9th or 10th of February for this job.

We are in discussion with Sustrans on the best way to construct this link. They would prefer a summer work camp with volunteers able to devote a week or even two to laying the path in conjunction with professional machine drivers who do the great bulk of the heavy work. Volunteers are still vital trimming and performing other tasks which cannot easily be done by machine such as fencing etc. Some preparation work such as vegetation clearance can be done earlier. This contribution is essential as it provides the value of the match funding for possible grant funding."