



## Friends of the River Frome Newsletter - January 2016

Happy New Year to all River Friends!

The group continues to work hard on behalf of the town's wonderful river corridor and we hope that you are happy with our efforts and continue to support Friends of the River Frome in 2016.

This year is already filling up with important dates and activities in which **YOU** can participate, so please get your diaries out ready... In particular see below how you can help monitor the health of the river.

### **Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 9th 7:30pm at Frome Canoe Club (next to the Cheese & Grain)**

A reminder of our Annual General Meeting. Come and meet the team and other river friends. Dorothy-Anne Bryant, our ex-chairperson and stalwart member is standing down from the committee so come and say adieu and thank her for all her hard work.

We are pleased to welcome Chris Stringer as our speaker for the evening. He is Frome Town Council's Environment Officer and he will be giving us a presentation about the Council's plans to enhance the river environment in the coming year. Chris has a number of projects in hand so come and find out what the Council is up to on our behalf! He is an engaging speaker with a wealth of expertise and it will be good to hear about this important and interesting work.

There will be the usual small amount of official business regarding committee members, finances and work in progress. Oh, and tea and biscuits of course...

### **'LOVE YOUR RIVER' DAY - Saturday 13th February at Frome Canoe Club 10am to 3pm**

Come and learn a bit more about our precious rivers. The event is to raise awareness of the forthcoming fish habitat improvements at Rodden Meadow and Weylands. This project is sponsored by the Environment Agency to improve fish habitat and encourage a greater public interest in

fishing.

We will be having a litter pick along the river in the morning as part of the event so come and give us a hand. Bristol Avon Rivers Trust and Frome Town Council will be providing information about various aspects of river care and maintenance. Frome Canoe Club will be on hand if you are interested in finding out more about canoeing and Frome Angling Club will be offering expert advice on the where and how of fishing.

**We will need volunteers 'labourers' (of any ability) to work on this exciting habitat project and help make the grant money go further. Contact Nick 01373 471687 or [nickray51@gmail.com](mailto:nickray51@gmail.com) if you could offer some time.**

**There will also be information about how you can help monitor the health of the river, see below.**

We do hope you can come on the day and learn more about the project.

### **RIVERFLY MONITORING - Training session March 19th**

#### **Help monitor the health of the River Frome**



Would you be able to give a little time each month to help monitor the health of the river? Bristol Avon Rivers Trust is running a free training session for RiverFly Monitoring on March 19th in Frome. We need six people to learn how to record samples of mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies on a regular basis. This can be a vital indicator

of potential threats to water quality and wildlife.

See further info about the training on the Bristol Avon website here:

[http://www.bristolavonriverstrust.org/what-we-do/riverfly\\_monitoring/](http://www.bristolavonriverstrust.org/what-we-do/riverfly_monitoring/)

Bob Sargent will be providing local support for the monitoring team so contact him on 01749 850654 or [bobjsargent@gmail.com](mailto:bobjsargent@gmail.com).

<<<<< THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! >>>>>

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