

## **Framsden Fundraisers – Half Yearly Report – June 2011**

I am delighted to be able to provide this “mid term” Report for the second year of Framsden Fundraisers. As previously, if you have any comments or ideas then please do let us know. Details can be found at- [www.framsden.org.uk](http://www.framsden.org.uk)

Framsden Fundraisers has, since my last Report, received confirmation of formal Charitable status and this will help in procuring grants for our bigger projects.

### **Fund Raising and Events**

The second half of 2010 included our inaugural and hugely popular Produce and Vegetable Show, whilst a packed Church enjoyed the Autumn Concert which included the highly acclaimed vocalist Laura Wright and other talented musicians. Christmas Events included a Wreath Festival and Carols around the Village Christmas Tree which brightened the street throughout the festive period.

2011 has begun with a number of well attended events including the popular Quiz Night, a St George’s Day Supper with the hugely talented Charlie Haylock, our first Golf Day, made even better because of the glorious weather, plus our most recent event – a very enjoyable and excellently organised Safari Supper.

Going forward plans for the Summer Barn Dance in Framsden hall Barn, on the 25<sup>th</sup> June ,are well in hand with a few tickets still available. Our main Autumn event this year will be a Grand Fete, combined with an extended Vegetable and Produce Show and mixed doubles Petanque competition, on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, also at Framsden Hall Barn.

Framsden Fundraisers are deeply indebted to Lord Tollemache and his staff for their help and support throughout and without whom so many of our events could not take place in the exciting way that they do.

The Table Tennis Club, with two bright new tables, operated during the Winter months and is now taking a Summer break, but scheduled to commence again in late Autumn. The chosen ‘sport’ during the warmer months is Petanque, and we have a team in a local league and we are currently sitting in the top half of the table.

### **200 Club**

Our next draw is going to coincide with the Barn Dance and if anybody wants to join in advance of this event then please contact us.

Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join from this month – the cost for each number commencing with the draw at the end of June and running through to Christmas is just £14. Do please support us and contact Mark Felton on 01473 890058 or [mark@flindor.com](mailto:mark@flindor.com) for more details.

### **Woodland Group**

This new group have been progressing well with the restoration of Eades Orchard, in Church Row, and are looking to continue developing other sites in the longer term. The first event held in the new woodland area was the “Big Lunch” on the 5<sup>th</sup> June ; if you need more details regarding the Woodland Group then please contact their Chairman, Alex Sharpe at [alex.sharpe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alex.sharpe@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Church**

FF continues to support the Church and have helped with working parties and with the safe removal of a large tree from the Churchyard.

In addition, we are looking to refurbish the War Memorial, sited next to the Church Tower, and following support from the PC and PCC we hope that this work can be concluded before the end of the year.

## **Village Hall**

One of our medium to longer term, ambitious, projects involves trying to replace our Village Hall. However, before so doing we need to work with the Parish Council in securing a new, long term Lease from the Church and hope to be able to report progress on this matter shortly.

In summary, none of our efforts would be successful without support from everyone within the Framsdon and wider communities and to this end we are most grateful for the support that we receive. We would very much like to broaden involvement and include more members of our community; therefore if you can help in any way in promoting further involvement, your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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