

Framsden Fundraisers

Registered charity no: 1140035

Annual General Meeting

29th November, 2018

Chair's Report

It's been another busy year for Framsden Fundraisers running a number of events to raise funds, others simply to bring the community together. From a fundraising perspective the highlights were the village fete and the barn dance both events being run jointly with St Mary Church. In terms of community events, where our aim has just been to recover our costs, there have been many highlights including the village show, walks round the village with Glenn, our first Framble and Christmas carols round the village finishing under the newly dressed Xmas tree at the village hall.

More detail about the funds raised and costs incurred in running these events will be provided in the next agenda item, the Treasurer's report.

Of course, these events don't happen without a lot of planning and effort, primarily from my fellow trustees and increasingly from others in the community who turn out to help set up, run and clear up afterwards. My thanks go to everyone who has helped out during the year but particularly to my fellow trustees for their support and dedication. They prefer to remain invisible but they are:

- Sandy Barron - Trustee and Treasurer
- Erin Blewett – Trustee and Secretary
- Neil Leach – Trustee
- Andy Chattell – Trustee
- Margaret Samain – Trustee
- Mark Felton – Trustee
- Wendy Simmons – Trustee

Of course the other group working in and on behalf of the community is Framsden Pub Group (FPG). Some of you have asked about our relationship with the Pub Group which I am pleased to confirm as follows:

- We support the principle of maintaining a pub (previously known as The Dobermann) in the village and the aims of Framsden Pub Group in trying to achieve this
- Should the pub become a village facility, we would be able to provide more direct support if required

In terms of communication I feel that we have again 'upped our game' this year, moving to two, half year, printed events' flyers together with the very creative and eye catching notice boards outside the village hall and supported by regular updates through the FF email distribution list. A key challenge this year was to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), requiring anyone who wishes to receive FF email updates to explicitly confirm their approval. We currently have 110 email addresses on our distribution list as a result of this exercise.

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One of the things I have been keen to do as Chair of FF is to move us from just being reactive to requests for support to being able to plan ahead to provide greater clarity for us and the other organisations in the village. We now have requests from the PCC and PC for what we would class as significant support next year which we will be considering when we meet in December in relation to our policy on reserves and plans for fundraising events. We will let you know as soon as we can what we are planning to support so that you know what is happening with the funds you have contributed to. Of course, we will also try to respond to smaller, short term requests as and when they arise.

In terms of events for next year we have once again met with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to plan ahead so that we avoid overlap and duplication and also agree where we might run an event jointly, building on this year's successes. This time we were also joined by a representative from the Pub Group so that activities they want to run could be planned in and also the potential for joint activities explored.

This last year we have seen more people than ever attending both fundraising and community events, including people from other villages – indeed some of those have commented, somewhat enviously, on the level of activity we have and the welcome we extend as a village compared to their own.

Finally, you will see later on the agenda an invitation to new trustees as, of course, we're always keen to have new blood and new ideas in the team. As I said earlier when reflecting on the events we have run this year, our trustees devote a lot of time and effort into planning, preparing and running those events as well as delivering their statutory duties. If you have that amount of time and would like to join us we'd be delighted to have you on board.

Of course, if you can't afford that much time but would still like to help on specific events along with the rest of our helpers we would be extremely grateful.