

Framsden Fundraisers

Annual Update to the Annual Meeting of the Parish – Apr 2023

The year started in May when, thanks to the organisation of Nigel, Rosie and Julia, the Safari Supper returned to Framsden with thirteen couples participating in a very enjoyable evening. We also held yet another well attended Walk and Talk with Glenn.

We had originally planned to hold our village fete in June but decided to offer something different this year as the Parish Council's plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee developed into a wonderful range of activities for the village.

Instead, together with Christine and the St Mary's Church team, we held a gentle summer's evening get-together with a bar and BBQ which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

In July, we offered an opportunity to improve our awareness of accessing and using the defibrillator which was well received – an important reminder of things we need to know without the stress of having to deal with a real incident.

September saw the return, after a 3-year absence, of the Barn Dance to the wonderful Framsden Hall barn, thanks to Lord and Lady Tollemache, with willow stripped, baskets woven and much merriment.

We also held our first 'bat walk' which proved to be very popular. Numbers were limited and a follow up event is planned for next year. The bat walk was followed up by a 'bat talk' which was also well attended and enjoyed.

The Yes, Yes, No Quiz Bingo evening returned in October with a new team from Debenham taking the overall prize!

A Walk and Talk with Glenn took us into November together with an intriguing talk from Peter Blemings about the development of the Bartlet hospital in Felixstowe.

We started the New Year with a fascinating talk about medical detection dogs which raised £154 for the charity from donations on the night. This was closely followed by another outing for the Yes, Yes, No Quiz Bingo evening and a First Aid talk and training which we subsidised.

In terms of funding, we contributed to Debenham First Responders and covered the cost of racking for storage in the newly refurbished village hall lean-to. We made a successful application for Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Funding (£500) to contribute to the costs of festoon lights for events in the village hall garden and stage lights in the village hall itself for events such as the village revue. Of course, we continue to fund the village defibrillator and Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS).

None of this happens without a lot of planning and effort, primarily from our trustees and increasingly from others in the community who turn out to help set up, run and clear up afterwards. Our thanks go to all of you who have helped in this way during the last year.