

# Framsden Fundraisers

Registered Charity No: 1140035

## Annual Update 2024-2025

Framsden Fundraisers has had a busy year particularly focusing on the community and raising some money in order to support the Village and other local charities.

We worked together with St Mary's Church and had an enjoyable time at the 'Olympics'! There were a range of games, including Pétanque, skittles, beat the goalie and the three legged race. The winners were all presented with medals. There was some delicious food and drinks and half of the proceeds went to St Mary's Church.

In September we had a Bat Walk led by the Suffolk Bat Group which is part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Unfortunately because of the cooler weather, this time not many bats were seen, but everyone who attended knows far more about bats and how to look for these fascinating creatures. A collection was taken at the end of the event which was donated to the Bat Group.

We were able to celebrate Apple Day this year, It was amazing to see how many different types of apples our village grows and we saw some very old varieties. Both the Woodland and the Village Community garden grow some interesting apples. It would be great to develop a directory of apple trees in Framsdén, which we can hopefully extend as more trees are found or planted. We also sold apple-based food, both sweet and savory.

Our winter 'Yes, Yes, No!' quiz was very popular. It is so popular that the tables get booked up very quickly and people who don't even live in Framsdén like to come and join in (and often win!)

We had a truly beautiful Christmas tree this year with many thanks to the Helmingham Estate. It was really Christmas card worthy. Some folk came and sang Christmas carols by the tree and we raised money for the Debenham Project, which is a fantastic charity that supports people and families who are struggling with dementia.

In January we had a Games Afternoon where a wide range of games were shared, including Jenga, Scrabble, darts, table football and dominoes to name but a few of the games. Even though it was a miserable afternoon weather wise there was lots of fun and laughter in the Village Hall.

Our most recent event was a talk by Terry Hunt who is a local person who was editor of 'The East Anglian Daily Times'. He told us a little about its' history and how

newspapers have changed so rapidly over the last 25+ years. He also told us of his miraculous recovery from a cardiac arrest and how important it is for everyone to know how to do CPR and use a defibrillator. We are very lucky to have one in the Village and this is one of the things that FF fund.

As the year progresses there will be more events and activities that we would like everyone to be involved in. There is a wide variety of events, including informative talks, another quiz and, of course, the Summer Fete. They are always written up on the Events noticeboard and often the advert is sent through the Framsdén Fundraisers email distribution. If you would like to receive emails about events and think that you might not be on the list please email [framsdenfundraisers@gmail.com](mailto:framsdenfundraisers@gmail.com) and we will include you next time we send an email out.

Of course, 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. My thanks go to all of you who have helped in this way during the last year, but particularly to my fellow Trustees for their support and dedication:

Our Team is: • Louise Nevill (chair) • Richard Nevill (treasurer) • Jan Baldry  
• Margaret Samain • Kirsten Sharpe • Richard Green  
• Andy Chattell • Wendy Simmons (secretary)

Of course, we're always looking for new people with new ideas and energy to join our Trustees, or our team of helpers, so do get in touch if you'd like to find out more. If you have an amazing idea that you would like to do for the Village, but need a little help or support with setting it up, please talk to FF and we will do our best to help you.

The Woodland Group and the Table tennis group also come under the umbrella of Framsdén Fundraisers. If you would like to find out more about their activities please email.

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