

FROME RIVER FESTIVAL 2016

17th-22nd July

A festival to raise awareness of the River Frome including its wildlife, its challenges and the partnerships which exist to try and improve it. Recent pollution events have tempered ongoing river improvement works but we are determined that the community of Frome should use this as a spur to action rather than let it thwart our efforts to improve the river for the benefit of people and wildlife.

Frome is a special place and the river helps to make it special - put this week in your diary and we hope to see you at the events!

Festival program:

Mon 18th: A talk on the "Wildlife of the Somerset Frome" by local naturalists Tony House & Eve Tigwell

Tues 19th: Talks on "The fish of the Somerset Frome" by Professor Mark Everard and "Habitat restoration success stories" by Mike Blackmore of the Wild Trout Trust

Weds 20th: A talk on "Partnership working within the Bristol Avon Catchment – how we are working to improve our rivers" by the Catchment Coordinators and BART.

Thurs 21st: Friends of the River Frome open evening and a talk by Mike Blackmore of the Wild Trout Trust on "Community led river restoration."

Friday 22nd: A talk on "What do we know about the Somerset Frome?" by Jeremy Taylor of the Environment Agency

Sat 23rd: River dipping for bugs on the Egford Brook (meet at the Elm Lane public footpath car park at 10am) and a 'Spray the way to change' Yellow fish graffiti activity (meeting at 2pm outside the Cheese and Grain).

N.B. All talks will run from 7-9pm in Frome Medical Centre.

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