

The Croak

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Editorial

Now the sailing season is upon us again, it's down to the landlubbers to keep tabs on things and bring you up to date with the latest news and events!

Before we do this, however, please note that the Mid-Summer BBQ scheduled for Friday, 24 June at the Hall has been postponed, but more about this later.

Sarah-Jane Norris

"Frogmore Frolics", a homespun variety show held in the Hall on Saturday, 21 May in aid of the charity Help for Heroes was a resounding success. FVCA provided the venue and catering and Steve Hart and Peter Hadley organised the Frolics. With the help of many 'pressed' friends and local volunteers, they staged a hilarious show to much appreciation of the capacity audience. A tasty hot supper was served in the interval followed by a draw for prizes.

With so many performers/ helpers involved, there was an "everyone pays" policy which was gladly accepted by all. The £21 Bar licence was donated, the bar did good trade and all the ladies called upon to provide supper and help with the meal kindly donated the food, so costs were kept to an absolute minimum. As a consequence, thanks to everyone's generosity, the event raised an amazing £1,700 for this most worthy cause. The organisers extend their sincere thanks to a great audience and everyone involved with the "Frogmore Frolics" for such a fantastic result.

Subsequently, a presentation to the Charity's representative was arranged and took place at the Globe on Friday, 27 May, when £500 raised on their Quiz Nights, supported by many of the same people, was added to the total. A cheque for £2,210 was then jointly presented to Help for Heroes on behalf of the whole community involved. This was received with much appreciation and grateful thanks for such a splendid effort.



Rob McGovern (H4H) receiving the cheque

Other events have not been so successful, namely the FVCA monthly Coffee mornings. With limited human resources, the Committee has continued to run them despite attendances dwindling again in recent months. We persevere for the sake of those regulars who do enjoy coming along and it is their generosity and raffles in aid of the Hall that we now have the new hot cupboard in the kitchen.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, however, we had to cancel the May event at very short notice and we apologise to them for this.

The June Coffee Morning will take place as planned but we regret this will be the last one before a summer recess. In September we aim to resume, but the Committee will need some practical support to run occasional events for us when members are unavailable.

Forthcoming Events in Frogmore

June Tues 21: FVCA Coffee Morning – 10.30am – 12 noon

Last one before a summer recess!

June Sat 25: Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.30 - 12 noon.

Entry including Tea/Coffee & biscuits £1. Bric a brac, cake stalls and more organised by Eve Stone in aid of the Air Ambulance.

July Sat 16: FVCA's "Jumble in the Sun" 10.00am -12 noon

This is the big annual one! Donations of any good, clean, saleable items welcomed – books, games, toys, clothes & textiles kitchenware, bric a brac, tools, garden & general household paraphernalia gratefully received. Hall open to receive goods 3 – 5.30pm on Fri 15 July. Collection possible – contact Eileen 531490 or Ken Johnson 531455.

July Fri 29, 6pm: Official Opening of FVCA's Amenity land & Play Area Project to be known as "The Perraton Field". Further details t.b.a nearer the time - all will be welcome

August Sun 14 Frogmore Regatta 2011, 3pm – 8.30pm.

This season we have a 5.2m high tide at 7.30pm and the opportunity to vary our programme a little. At 3pm all the usual stalls will open - games, competitions, swing boats and other attractions, plus dog show, the annual mud race and children's games will take place and the Globe Bar, Pimms and food outlets open. Around 5.30pm, as the tide allows, water events will begin and continue into the evening, with a live jazz band providing entertainment from 6 – 8.30pm, and ongoing Bar and BBQ food available.

Preparations are well in hand and vital volunteers being recruited. If you can assist in any way and haven't already been approached, please contact Eileen Ashby (531490) or Edward Noyce (531244)

Globe News: The last Quiz Evening before the summer break is on Monday, 27 June, commencing at 8pm. They will be starting again in September.

Globe Folk Music Nights continue throughout on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday in the month, the next one being on Tuesday, 5 July at approx. 8pm.

Congratulations to Nigel & Sarah, Frogmore's resident folk musicians, on their recent wedding!

Frogmore & Sherford Annual Horticultural Show Saturday, 10 September, 2011.

Don't miss this popular and fun to enter community event -look out for details available from both Village Halls, Frogmore Bakery and other places. Contact: Nicki Boulton on 01548 531701 or Jo Smith on 01548 531618. Entries close 24 August - later entries not accepted.

Whilst every care is taken to ensure that the contents of the Croak are correct the FVCA does not guarantee the accuracy, and cannot accept liability for, the consequences of any error in the material.

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Mill Lane Play and Amenity Area

The scheme has been a long time in its gestation but it now looks well on its way to completion with, as we go to press,, the drainage, fencing, stream crossing and paths completed and the shelter, pedestrian access and seating due for completion by the end of June.

The tree planting however, will have to be delayed until Oct/Nov to ensure that planting will be successful, but the FVCA, at their meeting of 13th June, decided to hold the official opening of the site, which will be known as the Perraton Field, on Friday 29th July, to ensure that the site could be used during the holiday period this year.

Every effort has been made, during the planning and construction stages, to address the fear of those concerned with the impact of the scheme and the FVCA will continue to do so. The site will be kept as a low impact rural area with the emphasis on encouraging and developing wildlife and a diversity of wild flowers. The field area will be for informal play with various grass levels to ensure wild flower diversity. The upper part of the site will be maintained with a view to adding to the already diverse range of plant and bird life and the FVCA will welcome input from all members of the community who feel able to meet these aims and to achieve a facility which we can all enjoy and be proud of.

The FVCA would like to record their thanks to the Perraton family for making the site available and to the Lottery Fund, who through Groundwork UK, have provided the funds to make the facility possible. Their input has ensured that the scheme has been brought about at no financial cost to the community.

There will be another edition of the Croak before the Official Opening on 29th July, at which all will be welcome – more details then.

George Howard



Stream crossing before



and after.

Ann & Rob Roberts – Frogmore Bakery Ltd

As many of you know, in August 2006 we (viz Ann, Rob, Ann's sister Jean & husband Adrian) took over Frogmore Bakery & Post Office from John & Mary Eaton, who had traded there for over 30 years. It was a steep learning curve with loads to do upgrading the bakery and shop. Rachel and Andrew Eaton have been and remain, lynch pins in the business.

We had always set a target of 5 years to keep the shop going for the community and that timespan has almost been achieved. We now need to retire and hand over to someone else with the energy and enthusiasm to drive the business forward. There are still unexplored opportunities to further enhance trade which could be of interest to potential buyers and we hope and pray that the right person will come forward and secure the business for the foreseeable future. Under current legislation, the jobs of employees are largely protected so that a buyer will probably take on the staff at the outset.

Needless to say, the shop needs the ongoing support of all its customers, old and new, from the surrounding area to ensure it can remain viable for the future. If you have not visited recently, you may be pleasantly surprised at the variety of goods for sale.

Bettesworth is a reputable commercial agent from Torquay and they are acting jointly with Charles Head from Kingsbridge. In order to keep the asking price realistic and to make available accommodation with the business, the front flat is being offered together with the freehold of the ground floor and the business. The process may well take some time in this current economic climate but in the meantime it is 'business as usual'.

Rob Roberts

New feature Froglets Corner



FROGLET'S CORNER

The Box

By Macy Tucker (aged 6)

**Six socks in a box
A fox slipped over the box of six socks
The box slipped over the pair of socks
There was locks on the box
And there was electricity shocks on the box
There was clocks on the box
And rocks on the box
And forks stuck in the box!**



If any other Froglets out there would like to have a story, poem, or even a picture in the Croak, please contact Sarah-Jane Norris, 11 Apple Tree Close, Frogmore (531673)