

The Croak

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Looking Ahead

The first signs of winter are here after a very warm and balmy Autumn and frost is in the forecast.

So it is time to get out your diary and fill it with the exciting programme of events in Frogmore that you will find overleaf.

Andy - your editor

Chairman's Review

After a very successful Regatta and a busy summer we are looking forward to our winter season. There's more about the regatta and a very important notice in the next section.

One other main event was the opening of the Perraton Field and there's an update from George on this later in the Croak. What pleases me is that the field is being used by quite a number of people and, so far, is proving to be a success.

Edward Noyce - Chairman

Regatta 2011

Frogmore Regatta once again proved to be very popular for visitors and locals alike. A bumper crowd enjoyed an action packed afternoon including games, competitions and waterborne events.

The fun Dog Show attracted over 100 entries. There were many more rowing races this year and Singing Paddles gave people the opportunity to have a go at canoeing.

The children's games were very popular and, of course, whilst all this was going on barbecue food, teas and the bar were doing brisk business. The Globe Challenge raft race attracted six 'dressed for the part' crews and to the delight of the home team supporters the Globe Boys emerged the winners of the Globe Trophy and Super Heroes took the new perpetual shield for the most entertaining raft. Gazunda Jazz band entertained those that stayed to enjoy the evening sunshine.



The regatta proceeds go towards FVCA funds in support of the Village Hall and its various activities.

The Regatta committee having served for many years feels that the time has come to hand over the responsibility for organising and running the regatta.

At its meeting on the 4th October the regatta committee resolved unanimously to resign with effect from the regatta party on the 29th October 2011. If the regatta is to continue, it is essential that volunteers come forward to form a new committee.

Anyone who would like to help should contact the chairman of the FVCA, Edward Noyce on 531244.

The Perraton Field

On Friday 29th July the Perraton Field was officially opened, three months before its final completion which will be with the hedge and tree planting.

It was felt that with the school holidays ahead of them children would want to make full use of the playing area without delay and this indeed they have done.

The official opening ceremony was performed by Gordon Waterhouse in his own inimitable and entertaining style, much enjoyed by the hundred plus people who attended. We were blessed with the sort of summer evening which is all too rare and one and all enjoyed the drinks and barbeque laid on by FVCA.

The opening certainly augers well for the future given the very positive views expressed by so many people. We look forward to the completion of the scheme with the hedgerow and tree planting along with the installation of nest boxes and other wild life habitats in October/ November.

'Dates for your Diary!' and 'Village News' - see overleaf.

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Dates for your diary!

Frogllets Halloween Party

Saturday 30th October

In the Village Hall, starting at 3.00 p.m. All local children welcome, fancy dress a must!

Contact SJ on 531673 for more information.

BBQ, Bonfire and Firework Party.

Saturday 5th November

Do come along to this FREE and popular event at Frogmore Village Hall. Gates open at 6.30 pm with BBQ and bonfire. Fireworks at 7:00.

A Guy Fawkes is ready for the Bonfire, we are planning a super display of Fireworks and there will be the usual tasty BBQ and Bar at strictly affordable prices.

Own Sparklers permitted, but only under strict parental supervision with disposal in water buckets provided.

This year there will be a bucket collection in aid of Children in Need, so let's do our bit and help that very worthwhile charity.

Coffee morning

Tuesday 15th November

In the hall starting at 10:30.

Music Quiz - 'Who sang that!'

Saturday 12th November

Tickets are £8.00 - quiz, supper, raffle and prizes! Starts at 7:00pm.

At the GLOBE INN, FROGMORE. A great night's entertainment with quiz-master Steve Hart.

Call in at the Globe or phone John and Lynda Horsley 01548 531351 to reserve your table. Teams up to six. Proceeds will be donated to the Friends of St Martin's to support preservation and restoration works.

Charity Promises Auction Supper

Saturday 19th November

Frogmore Village Hall. Starts at 7.30pm.

Charity Promises Auction, Supper, Traditional Music from 'Up the Creek', Raffle and Bar.

We have lots and lots of promises - special treats, practical help with your garden, pets, computers, keeping fit, outings and visits to delight, sporting and cultural events, holiday accommodation and much more.

Tickets are £8.00 and are now on sale. All proceeds will go to funding St Martin's, Sherford restoration works. Lots of fun for all!

If you have not yet reserved your tickets please contact either Peter or Julie Hadley 01548 531240 or Nigel Smith 01548 531618 or call in at Frogmore Bakery

And there is still time to offer that extra promise to help the cause! Peter & Julie Hadley will be delighted to hear your ideas for the auction catalogue.

Christmas Fayre & Nearly New Sale

Saturday 26th November

In the village hall and opening at 10:30. £10 per table if you fancy selling any items.

Contact Eileen on 531490 or SJ on 531673 for more information.

Seniors Christmas Lunch

Saturday December 10th

12:30 for 1pm in the hall.

If you or your partner / spouse live in Frogmore and are retired then we hope you'll join us at this free event.

Last year's meal was widely praised and much enjoyed. We'll be welcoming you with a drink and serving both wine and soft drinks during the meal. We usually have between 50/60 guests and send festive lunches out to those we know of who are housebound.

It's not to be missed, so look out for more information and be sure to book your places early.

Enquiries: Eileen on 531490.

Village News

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

PARISH CELEBRATIONS - 3rd JUNE 2012

Frogmore and Sherford Village Community Associations have exciting plans for a 'right royal' Parish celebration during the long Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend next June.

So make a note in your diary now for Sunday 3rd June. Celebrations will include a Big Jubilee high-tea 'street party', followed by a water pageant on Frogmore Creek.

There are then plans for an evening BBQ, bar and 'home-grown' entertainment on Pool Meadow. Young and old will have lots of opportunity to participate in costume competitions and waterside fun, making it a 'Diamond' day to remember!

Watch for more information and do speak to your Association committee members to get involved.



Material for next Croak. Deadline is January 10th 2012.

