

The Croak

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VILLAGE FIREWORKS & BONFIRE PARTY - Saturday 5th November from 6.30pm

The FVCA village fireworks and bonfire party will held at Perraton Field, Mill Lane again this year.

Come and join the torch-light 'Procession of the Guy' from the village hall to the bonfire at 6.30pm. Fireworks will be lit at around 7.00pm

All residents and friends are welcome along. The display is free of charge and weather permitting, BBQ burgers and bangers, mulled wine, beers and soft drinks will be on hand. But, if like last year, it is a wet evening, we will return to the village hall after the display for refreshments.

- Sparklers are welcome but please ensure that children are supervised by an adult.
- Bring torches and it's best to wear wellies or stout boots.
- And please leave pets safely at home!

More volunteers are always welcome to help stage and steward village events. If you are able to help the FVCA team this time, please contact Peter Hadley, tel: 01548 531240 email: aphadley@talktalk.net.



DEFIBRILLATOR – NEWS

The British Heart Foundation has now provided Frogmore's community defibrillator which is installed at the Globe Inn. It will shortly be located in an unlocked cabinet on the external wall in the pub car park, available at all hours for anyone who might need to deploy it. The instructions for use are quite straight forward and once switched on the user receives audio guidance (it speaks!). Our thanks to the 'Coffee Morning Group' for making a generous donation towards the cost of the special all-weather cabinet.

We also have CPR and defibrillator training guides and equipment and if you wish to attend a 2 hour session in the village hall, please contact Pauline Howells, Tel: 01548 531703 or Peter Hadley, Tel: 01458 531240 for details.

John & Lynda Horsley and Anthony Greenwood have already used the defibrillator. They kept a pub guest alive until medical assistance and the air ambulance services arrived. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the patient subsequently died of complications in hospital. But congratulations for reacting so quickly and giving recovery a chance!

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FROGMORE REGATTA 2016:

It was another great August Sunday on beautiful Pool Meadow with a near record crowd and a marvelous holiday atmosphere. Our thanks go to all the lovely folk, locals and visitors, who make the Regatta such a special event for us all. It's wonderful to welcome back friends who throw themselves into our homespun games and competitions on the water and on the field and it's a delight to see new faces.

Special thanks, as ever, go to our host, Garry Elliott and the Frogmore Marine Services' team. It was good to welcome back the Dartington Morrismen, our favourite musicians, 'Banned from the Moor', Gill Whitmore's high octane zumba display, Spinney Hollow, Alan Blythe's old time swingboats, train rides and strongman hammer and bell and Kevin Moore's classic cars, supported by 'honest' John Bishop. And new this time we had Simon Bowden's Tai Chi demonstration to add a moment of calm.





Chillington's Mums and Dads swept up the tug of war trophies and the Globe Inn won the raft Challenge for the 4th consecutive year with the Hermitage team taking the competitor's shield. We had mud races, rowing races, the duck race and 40 children's races. Thanks to all who organised and ran the many stalls and games and provided welcomed refreshments.

And our appreciation to all sponsors including Coast and Country Cottages and to Ashby's Easy Stores for their generous raffle draw prize.

We will be turning the clock back to the old times again next year. **Mark Sunday 20th August 2017 in your diaries now!**



REGATTA HELPERS' SUPPER:



This year's Frogmore Regatta 'unsung heroes' award went, very deservedly, to Jo & Nigel Smith. 15 years on the main entrance gate, always welcoming and smiling, missing out on the fun on the field! A cheer went up from the 60 Regatta helpers who enjoyed a fine supper party with hosts, Lynda and John Horsley at the Globe Inn on Friday 7th October.

WHAT'S ON AT THE GLOBE INN:

Tuesday 8 November at 8.30pm – Folk session
Thursday 17 November at 8.30pm Folk session
Tuesday 5 December at 8.30pm – Folk session
Thursday 15 December at 8.30pm – Folk session

DON'T FORGET:

Coffee morning: Wednesday 9 November at 10.30am
Seniors' Christmas Lunch – Saturday 10 December at 12.00

NATURE NOTES:

One of the recent highlights has been the osprey which has been seen in Frogmore Creek on many occasions. We are not sure if it is just one bird that has been here for some weeks, or it may be various ones visiting us on their way to West Africa for the winter.

The two cygnets are now frequent visitors and are nearly as big as their parents. They have been exercising their wings but it will be some time before they will be flying.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT:

The Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council has set up a limited fund to help members of the local community kick start projects that cannot be funded elsewhere.

The project must be of benefit to the community and be carried out by local people. The Parish Council has set up a sub-committee to decide the merits of each individual project and its funding. The sub-committee will not be involved in running the project but will oversee all financial aspects.

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR FROGMORE & SHERFORD:

The Parish Council is lending its support for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, which when adopted would form part of the statutory development plan and become a basis for determining planning applications in the area.

- ❖ The Government is encouraging this initiative and grants are available to assist with costs. Twenty Neighbourhood Plans are presently in preparation within the South Hams. Locally these include Thurlestone, South Milton, Aveton Gifford, Malborough, Stoke Fleming and Strete.
- ❖ The scope of individual plans is for the community to decide. They can focus on a single issue, such as land for housing, or cover a wider range of topics including employment development, renewable energy, local green space and design.
- ❖ Although the Parish Council is the lead in Neighbourhood Planning, responsibility will be delegated to a Steering Group made up of volunteer parishioners. Specific topics might then be assigned to individuals or smaller project groups.
- ❖ The procedure involves public engagement – meetings and feedback, throughout the plan preparation period. The District Council is also involved in giving advice and the Steering Group can appoint professional advisers when needed.
- ❖ Once checked and agreed by South Hams District Council the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be put to the vote in a community referendum. If endorsed by a majority, it then attains statutory planning status.
- ❖ Parish Councillors, Nigel Smith and Peter Hadley are tasked with recruiting initial Steering Group members to begin formulating proposals for parish wide Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Views expressed will enable the Steering Group to establish the full scope of the Plan.

If you are interested in joining the Steering Group and can commit some time and perhaps have relevant experience or expertise (though not essential), please contact either:

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