

The Croak

The newsletter of the Frogmore Village Community Association
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ROUNDERS IN JUNE!

Who's up for the Frogmore 'World Series' Rounders Tournament?



It's Sunday afternoon, 25th June on

Perraton Field, Mill Lane with FVCA bar refreshment and BBQ.

Calling all scratch teams - 'family and friends' - 6 players each team (could be more players if needed). Essential equipment supplied. Tuition available on the day and a trophy for the winning team.

The 'FVCA All Stars' will be the team to beat!

All supporters / cheer leaders welcome!

Sign up as individuals or as a team:

Contact: Amanda Starkey Tel: 01548 531163

Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.30pm
Frogmore Village Community Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At the
Village Hall



Committee Member Elections
All Welcome!

Nominations in advance of the meeting may
be notified in writing or emailed to:

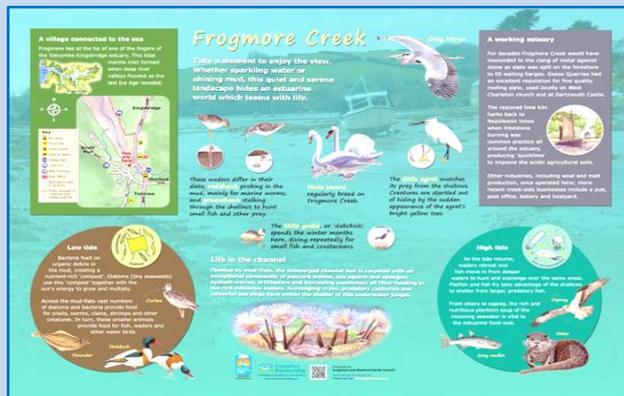
Amanda Starkey

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Email: a_starkey@hotmail.com

Light refreshments serviced after business

FROGMORE CREEK – COMMUNITY FUND PROJECT:



The beautiful nature information panel, funded by the Parish Council, is ready to be installed near the slipway at the head of Frogmore Creek. This is an opportune time for us to be thinking about some additional improvements to the amenities in this area. Extending or renewing the seating and viewing area, resurfacing the concrete base, maybe some planters and a place to display our Michelle McQuinn-Farrand inspired, Frogmore village mosaic. The area is not looking its best right now and taking care of maintenance and a bit of 'TLC' will be important.



The Parish Council has set up a limited fund to help members of the local community with financial support for 'self-help' projects that will benefit the community and our visitors. This is one that the FVCA is also ready to support.

If you would like to get involved in this project, or indeed have other ideas for the village, which might benefit from some community funding, please contact either: Paul Harding Tel: 1548 531780 or Peter Hadley Tel: 01548 531240.

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FROGMORE EVENTS CALENDAR 2017:

- **Coffee mornings** 10.30-12.30 in village hall
12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 10 July, 9 August,
13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov and 13 December
- **FVCA AGM** in village hall – Tuesday 21 March at
7.30pm
- **Drinks evening** in village hall for Regatta helpers –
Friday 28 April at 7.00pm
- **Rounders/Sports Day/BBQ** at Perraton Field –
Sunday 25 June at 12.00 noon
- **Frogmore Regatta** at Pool Meadow – Sunday 20
August 2017 at 12 noon
- **Regatta helpers' party** at The Globe – Friday 6
October at 6.30pm
- **Bonfire Night** – Sunday 5 November at 6.30pm
- **Seniors' Christmas Lunch** - Saturday 9 December at
12.00 noon at village hall

WHAT'S ON AT THE GLOBE INN:

Folk Sessions on Tuesdays 4 April & 2 May
Folk Sessions on Thursdays 20 April & 18 May

NATURE NOTES:

The two surviving cygnets are just becoming independent of the adult swans, and I expect they will be given notice to quit in the next few weeks. Hopefully the adults will then return to their traditional nest site and build a new nest which will be high enough to be above the spring tides. Last year they started their next building in early April and laid their eggs and began incubating at the end of the month, hatching out at the beginning of June. We look forward to another successful year with perhaps more cygnets on the estuary this year,

Over the past few weeks we have had little grebes, great crested grebes and red-breasted mergansers coming up quite close to the bridge during spring tides. Good numbers of ducks, widgeon and teal have been feeding just beyond the spit along with the usual waders and egrets. Sightings of the female kingfisher are not so frequent now as she will be off to her breeding site elsewhere.

OUR COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Frogmore & Sherford Parish Neighbourhood Plan will give you the opportunity to have your views and ideas incorporated into the formal local planning process. Once finalised and adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for our area. It will be a material consideration in all planning and development decisions to be taken by South Hams District Council and thereby guide future development in the Parish.

Putting the Plan into action

A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is in place, following promotion here in the Croak and by the Parish Council. The members are Nigel Smith, (Parish Councillor), Peter Hadley, (Parish Councillor), Keith Turner, David Jinks and Ann Roberts. If you are interested in joining the Steering Group or helping with specific tasks and have relevant experience or expertise (though not essential), please contact:

Peter Hadley Tel: 01548 531240, Email: aphadley@talktalk.net

Nigel Smith. Tel: 01548 531618, Email: nigel.smith@outlook.com or another member of the Group.

Next Steps

Look out for forthcoming 'drop-in' meetings to be held at Frogmore and Sherford village halls and have your say on what should be in the Plan. These sessions will be followed up with a questionnaire, responses to which will be invaluable in shaping the Plan.

Once drafted the Plan will be made available for consultation once more before it goes forward to the District Council and the adoption process, to be determined finally by local referendum.

FROGMORE REGATTA 2017 Sunday 20th August from 12.00 noon:

2016 saw our Annual Regatta sail into a glorious warm Summer's afternoon on the beautiful setting of Pool Meadow (again most generously provided by Garry Elliott and his family). With a crowd to match last years and a boost of £6600 to the village funds, the event proved to be a successful and most enjoyable event for both the helpers, locals and the holiday visitors we always attract.

This year we hope to match or maybe even exceed the success of the Regatta with some new attractions as well as all our highly anticipated regulars. This of course, will not be possible without the support of the local community helping with both the setting up of the event, manning of stalls and attractions on the day, and of course the "get out" on the Monday where we leave the meadow to return to its normal, peaceful setting.

We shall be holding a Social evening on Friday 28 April at 7.00pm in the village hall, where we hope to see all the helpers from last year and hopefully some of the newcomers to Frogmore and the surrounding area, as well as those who, for one reason or another have been unable to help in the past, to come and see how they can join our Regatta Team. Fliers will be posted through your door and notices will appear around the village.

This year we are hoping to use some of the funds raised to do a refurbishment of our Village Hall. Last year we paid for new heaters for the hall, and also a Defibrillator together with its cabinet which is located outside the Globe Inn. Of course, the rest of the funds are used for the day to day running and maintenance of the hall, together with the annual Bonfire Night Event, the Seniors' Christmas Lunch and other events for the benefit of our local community.

So, come along and join us – and you too will have a brilliant Regatta!

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