

The Croak

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KEEP
CALM
AND
PLAY
ROUNDERS

VILLAGE SPORTS DAY

There is an idea to organise a village, family and friends, 'Froggie Rules' rounders /baseball tournament at Perraton Field this summer.

If you are interested please let a committee member know or contact Peter Hadley: 01548 531240/aphadley@talktalk.net

FROGMORE MOSAIC PICTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY



This exciting new project is being created by Michelle McQuinn-Farrand, mosaic artist in Kingsbridge – you will all have seen her wonderful pictures (above) in Kingsbridge. She is creating a picture of Frogmore for us, 4 feet by 3 feet, which will include our creek, bridge, hills, swan, kingfisher, boat and of course a very nice frog! We would like to invite all the villagers of Frogmore to make this a real community project, by coming to one or more of the following workshops to add the mosaic onto the picture. There are initially six workshops which will take place at the Village Hall. Michelle will oversee the project and will be there at the workshop to guide you all in placing as much or as little mosaic as you like onto the picture. The following workshops will take place on:

Wednesday 6 May 10.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 12 May 1.00 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 May 4.00m- 6.00pm

Friday 8 May 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 May 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Saturday 16 May 10.00am – 1.00pm

PLEASE ALL NOTE THESE DATES AND COME ALONG AND JOIN IN TO MAKE A FANTASTIC MOSAIC PICTURE FOR OUR VILLAGE. IT WILL BE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE NEAR THE BRIDGE.

NATURE NOTES BY KEN JOHNSON

There is not a lot happening on the estuary at the moment as the wintering birds have departed for their breeding grounds. The black-headed gulls have gone for the summer but the herring gulls and black-backed gulls seem to be up to their usual numbers. We have seen up to 16 sandwich terns feeding on small fish in the main estuary. They are often seen resting on buoys before they take to the air again to catch their next meal. There are a number of Grey Herons at their usual breeding site, probably now sitting on eggs. The shelducks are also showing signs of starting to breed at various places round the estuary.

There does not seem to be a lot of breeding activity with the swans at the moment, but there is still time. We have had two broods of ducklings by the bridge but sadly the young ones do not seem to have survived.

The garden bird activity is much more positive. We have already had a young song thrush being fed in the garden. The Swallows are back in good numbers, swooping low over the water feeding on insects. The house martins are due any day, and after that we should have the swifts chasing each other about the sky, a real sign of summer.

FROGMORE DIARY EVENTS SO FAR

Frogmore Regatta – Sunday 16 August – noon
Bonfire Night – Thursday 5 November
Seniors' Christmas Lunch – Saturday 12 December - noon

WHAT'S ON AT THE GLOBE

Folk session – Tuesday 12 May – 8.30pm
Folk session – Thursday 28 May – 8.30pm

FROGMORE REGATTA

Sunday 16 August from noon

Ahoy there again me hearties! Now don't forget to mark Frogmore's big day in your diary.

We will have the Dartington Morris Men and music from 'Banned from the Moor' and some new features this year. And there will be the ever popular raft race, rowing races, children's games, tug o' war, duck racing and an array of side-shows, attractions and refreshments.

It's a team effort and it takes a 100 or more folk to run the event. So if you can spare an hour or two, please 'sign up' now to help make it a great day for our community and all our visitors.

Please speak to a committee member, or contact:
Peter Hadley: 531240/aphadley@talktalk.net
Anthony Greenwood: 531107/anthony@seaflovers.co.uk
Fiona Foord: 531784/fionaefoord@gmail.com

And remember - the more we share the work, the more time we all have for fun with our families and friends on the day. *Here's to a splendid 35th Frogmore Regatta!*

FROGLETS' EASTER PARTY



The Froglets' Easter Party was a great success. Sixteen children from the parish came to enjoy face painting, done by the very talented Rachael Meadows, and painting, drawing and colouring Easter pictures and decorating eggs, and generally running riot and having fun! Three children came prepared with Easter bonnets and were rewarded with an extra egg for making such a great effort. Thank you, once again, to all parents that helped and contributed food. The next Froglets' Party will be over Christmas - details to follow.

ASCOT LADIES DAY COMES TO FROGMORE!

Tuesday 19 June 2015 – noon – at Seaflovers

For the second year, Pat and Anthony Greenwood are hosting Ascot Ladies' Day. Get dressed up, and come and enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch, £15 per head/hat! Join in and bet on the races shown on the screen. All this fun in aid of RNIB and Kingsbridge in Bloom. It was a wonderful day last year, so please ring Anthony and Pat on 01548 531107 for tickets.



NEW CHAIRS FOR THE HALL

We remember Eve Gardiner with special affection in Frogmore. Her generous bequeathment to the FVCA has enabled us to buy 70 comfortable new chairs for the village hall. Come and try them out at the next opportunity.

CHARITY SUMMER LUNCHEON

Sunday 31 May - Winslade Manor

Elizabeth and Malcolm Davies are kindly hosting a buffet lunch at home at Winslade Manor - alfresco, weather permitting. Tickets are £12.50 each. All proceeds will go to the St Martin's Church conservation fund. Contact Amanda Starkey: 531163/a_starkey@hotmail.com. Limited numbers.