

# The Croak

The newsletter of the Frogmore Village Community Association  
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## 2015 FVCA AGM NOTICE:

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm in the village hall. All very welcome. Nominees are urgently required to join the Committee. If you are unable to be at the AGM and wish to be nominated, please email [fionafoord@gmail.com](mailto:fionafoord@gmail.com).

## WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

Please look on [www.frogmore.info](http://www.frogmore.info) for all the information regarding our village. It is modern and easy to use.

## SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

It was crackers, carols and Christmas cheer at the village hall on 6th December. A sumptuous traditional Christmas lunch was enjoyed by 60 festive seniors. Congratulations to our hard working chefs, Pat and Anthony Greenwood and Pauline Howells.



George Howard led the carol singing to a delightful musical accompaniment from Sarah and Nigel Sture and Brenda Burnside. Special thanks to the many helpers who put up the Christmas decorations, served lunch and drinks and cleared up afterwards!

## VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE:



### Calling all volunteers!

Help is wanted with outside maintenance work at the village hall. If you can spare an hour or two to join in with pressure washing, ground cleaning and general tidying please call or email Anthony Greenwood. Date and time to suit all. Tel: 01548 531107 Email: [anthony@seafloowers.co.uk](mailto:anthony@seafloowers.co.uk)



## NEW PROJECT FOR FROGMORE:

Michelle McQuinn-Farrand, Kingsbridge mosaic artist, will be invited to design a picture of Frogmore to be displayed outside in the village. Michelle will hold workshops in Frogmore village hall in April and all villagers will be invited to decorate the design with mosaic to make this a wonderful community project. Dates to be advised later.

## **FROGMORE REGATTA:**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 12 Noon.**



Ahoy there me hearties! It'll be Frogmore's big day soon enough!

*Time to get organised for this year's Regatta. Many will remember the buffeting we got from the tail of Hurricane Bertha last summer. Well let's batten down the hatches and be ready for 'em this year!*

Despite the weather, over 1,500 joined in last August and we will be planning for a record crowd this time. Many families fix their holidays each year just to be with us! Our thanks, as always, to Garry Elliott and family for agreeing to host us again on beautiful Pool Meadow.

The *Dartington Morris Men* return this time and we also welcome back '*Banned from the Moor*' who played us such delightful music. As ever there will be the Globe Challenge raft race, tug of war competitions sponsored by Frogmore Marine Services and Frogmore's @the Bakery, children's sports, dingy races, donkey rides, swingboats, dog show and much more.

But as always we need volunteers to make it all happen. Please join in wherever you can!

- ❖ *This year's Regatta organising committee will meet from April and we need a dozen volunteers for a variety of roles – some light duties and some requiring a few more hours, but it's all a friendly team effort!*
- ❖ *Then we need our band of 100+ helpers before, during and after the event to make all go with a swing. As always the Saturday-before 'field riggers' and Monday-after 'de-riggers' are really important.*
- ❖ *And then if you have new ideas for activities, entertainments, improvements etc. please just let us know.*

So whatever you can offer we would love you to be part in this year's Frogmore Regatta!

Just chat to a committee member, make a call, or drop a note to:

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Peter Hadley, Tel: 531240

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And remember - the more we share the work, the more time we all have for fun with our families and friends on the day. And there's a helpers' party afterwards.

***Here's to a famous 2015 Frogmore Regatta!***

## **EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2015:**

Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm – FVCA AGM in Village Hall

Saturday 4 April 4.00 – 6.00pm – Froglets' Easter Party in Hall

Sunday 16 August commencing at 12.00 – Frogmore Regatta

Saturday 12 December at 12.00 noon – Seniors' Christmas Lunch

## **VILLAGE SPORTS & GAMES DAY – FROGOLYMPICS 2015?**



We've had fun family and friends sports & games days on Perraton Field in June for the last two years.

- ❖ Do we want it to be an annual village event?
- ❖ Are you ready to participate?
- ❖ Will you get involved in organising the day?
- ❖ Do you have new ideas?

Let a committee member know, or just email or telephone Fiona with your views:-

Tel: 01548 531784, email: [fionaefoord@gmail.com](mailto:fionaefoord@gmail.com)

## **NATURE NOTES:**

The latest on the swans since the demise of the female swan is that his new female seems to have settled in and they are regularly seen together on the estuary. She had originally turned up with a cygnet from last year, but the young one was not made welcome after a few days. It remains to be seen if she can be persuaded to nest successfully in Frogmore this year.

We have been privileged to have been visited by two gold crests for the last two weeks. (See below). These are the smallest UK wild birds. They have been feeding on tiny insects round the trees and over the stream behind the bus shelter, not stopping in one place for more than a second.

The female kingfisher has been visiting briefly over the last few days, this is a little unusual as it has usually left by now to their breeding site so that they can excavate their nest burrow in a suitable river bank.



## **WHAT'S ON AT THE GLOBE:**

Saturday 14 March at 5.00pm – Six Nations Rugby

Sunday 15 March 12.00 to 2.00pm – Mother's Day Lunch – booking essential

Thursday 19 March at 8.30pm – Folk Session

Saturday 21 March at 7.00pm – Music Quiz

Tuesday 7 April at 8.30pm – Folk Session

Thursday 16 April at 8.30pm – Folk Session