

The Croak

The newsletter of the Frogmore Village Community Association
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THE GLOBE INN

Temporarily until more staff are recruited:

Closed lunchtimes except Sunday lunch
12.00 - 2.00pm.

Evening - Bar opens 5.00pm and Dinner from
6.00pm on Wednesday to Saturday.

Pub closed Mondays & Tuesdays.

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE STARTING AGAIN!

In the Village Hall

Thursday 21 October at 10.30am

Thursday 18 November at 10.30am

Thursday 16 December at 10.30am

Thursday 13 January at 10.30am

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 6.30PM
FROGMORE VILLAGE HALL**



Belgian Beer & Chips

**ONLY £5
ON THE
DOOR!**

**Taste fine Belgian beers whilst
munching chips in dips
(Wine also offered)**



WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVOURITE?

**Prizes will be awarded to the Best Dressed
BELGIANS!**

*Actors, Cartoon Characters, Detectives,
Sports Stars....*

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR
ALL ADULTS ON
SATURDAY
11 DECEMBER AT 12
NOON
SAVE THE DATE!**



**BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT FOR THE VILLAGE
FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Can everyone meet at the village hall at 6.30pm to view the guy and then at 6.45pm, there will be a procession from the hall to the Perraton Field with the guy. Fireworks, hamburgers and hot dogs, mulled wine, beer & soft drinks

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MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY

A wonderful tea party was had by all on 12 September. We were all treated to a great feast which Jo Parsons made including savouries and wonderful cakes, which made it even more special as this was the first village event for 2 years due to Covid restrictions. Thanks so much Jo! We were greeted with a glass of Prosecco and we all enjoyed a Pimms or two whilst eating our tea.



After tea, the Telephone Book Exchange was officially opened and the lovely bench by the phone box made in memory of George Howard, was officially opened too.



The theme of the day was hats, and everyone donned a beautifully made hat. Prizes were given to the best children and adults hats.



Our new Chairman, Tim Trumper certainly rose to the occasion running the show. Thanks Tim! Excellent teamwork made Madhatters a great success – thanks to everyone involved.



All in all, a fabulous afternoon! It was so good to see villagers again and to join in a celebration in style! Here are some photos of Frogmore's special day.

Fiona Dye – Secretary FVCA



ALSO: Re Bonfire Night on 5 November – if you are able to help, please contact Tim Trumper by email on frogmorevca@gmail.com. Many Thanks. Tim Trumper, Chair





ESTUARY WALK WITH NIGEL MORTIMER

FVCA are delighted to report that a pre-Covid idea came to fruition on 23 September when Nigel Mortimer, AONB Marine Ecologist and long-time fan of Frogmore Creek, ran an informative walk-and-talk for a cheerful group of 24 Frogmorianians (and 8 dogs!) along the north bank of the Creek. Nigel was able to tell us about the estuary (and yes, it can be called an estuary as well as a ria) at many levels; its importance as a salty habitat, its natural mudflats and reedbeds, the richness of the diatom soup that forms the base of the food chain nourishing inhabitants (worms, fish, wading and fishing birds) and visitors (migratory birds, seals and otters) alike. We could (and did) ask anything we liked – we touched on invasive species including Pacific Oysters, types of seagrass preferred by sea horses, whether dredging upsets the flora and fauna (yes but not for long), what Mermaid's tresses are, how to recognise the kingfisher's flight pattern..... We learned when it is safe to eat oysters and mussels (above all watch out for that red tide!) and what types of jellyfish turn up in our creek. As we turned for home, I could picture herds of limpets grazing against a multicoloured backdrop of peacock worm tentacles (though sadly, Frogmore's are paler than elsewhere as they bleach in the sun!)

If you are interested in a repeat of this in the Spring do let a member of the committee know and we will spend winter twisting Nigel's arm! We have also had a suggestion for a land focused walk-and-talk covering plants and animals along the creek – if you like this idea, please let us know and we will try to organise it.



CEILIDH IN MEMORY OF GEORGE HOWARD

Ruth invited her family and close friends to a Ceilidh to celebrate George's life. Lots of fun and celebration was had, George style, country dancing to the band Banned from the Moor, food and drink and George & Ruth's lovely family reciting poems and singing songs. Everyone raised a glass of George's favourite whiskey in memory of him at the end of the evening. It was a wonderful celebration. George will be greatly missed by all.



NATURE NOTES by Amanda Starkey

The late start to summer this year has had an unexpected side effect. The diversity of butterflies and moths in our gardens has been wonderful. I have seen marbled white butterflies, small tortoiseshells, fritillaries, red admirals, orange tips and of course very many cabbage whites and small whites. I have also been lucky enough to spot on my car after a rain shower, a beautiful emerald moth drying its wings. A pair of scarlet tiger moths visited again this year. There has been the odd sighting of my favourite, the beautiful and special hummingbird hawk moth. Difficult to photograph as it does not land but hovers above the flowers which provide its nectar, staying very briefly as it unfurls its long proboscis to feed, then darting off again. It will, interestingly, return to the same food source on subsequent days. My neighbour, Nigel, photographed a small copper butterfly in his recently established wildlife meadow. Now, with fallen apples from the cooking apple tree, red admiral butterflies are feeding on them as they ferment.



Marbled white



Tortoiseshell butterfly



Emerald moth



Scarlet Tiger moth



Copper butterfly