

The Croak

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FROGMORE REGATTA!

Preparations are now in full swing for this year's Regatta which will take place on **Sunday 19 August** at the beautiful Pool Meadow. Due to tide times it will start at the earlier time of **11.30 am** and this will allow all the water-based activities to take place at high tide at the beginning of the afternoon which are Rowing Races, Raft Race, Paddleboards Race and at the end of the day, the Mud Race. In addition to all the usual popular events including Dog Show, Swing Boats, Hawks and Owls, Morris Men, a huge variety of stalls and the ever popular Banned from The Moor band, we are introducing a Home and Garden marquee, with a mini, fun produce show. (See below).



Also, it would be great if the residents of Frogmore could decorate their front gardens with bunting etc. on the week leading up to the Regatta.

As ever we need helpers to set up, help on the day, and importantly, help to clear the site the next day. Further information on all the above can be obtained from Paul Harding harding_paul@btinternet.com or tel: 01548 531780



REGATTA HOME & GARDEN SHOW – 19 AUGUST 2018

Our produce show is starting small and friendly and promises a lightness of touch in judging. Entries welcome from all, especially first timers. Items to be submitted 9-11am on the day. Class winners only named. Go on, give it a go!

HOME CLASSES:

1. A Devon cream tea, sweet or savoury – 4 scones.
2. The perfect Victoria Sponge – your own recipe.
3. Your signature tray bake – 6 slices or squares – classes for women and men.
4. Decorated Cup Cakes – 4 cup-cakes – a class for 14 and under.
5. In a Pickle! – a jar of chutney.
6. A Craft Work inspired by the coast – classes for 11 years and under.
7. A Painting – to include a frog! – class for 11 years and under.

GARDEN CLASSES

1. Hydrangea Head.
 2. Dahlia Stems.
 3. Three or more varieties of herb.
 4. Vegetable Selection – 4 different types, can include salad crops.
 5. Three Perfect Fruits – the same variety.
 6. A Vegetable Creature – entries 11 years and under.
 7. Flower Arrangement in a cabbage – red, white or green, must be stable.
 8. The Vote for Women! – an arrangement in shades of green, white and purple.
 9. A Posy in a Jam Jar – class for 16 years and under.
- For more information and full schedule, see the Regatta page at www.frogmore.org.

BOTTLES, BOTTLES, BOTTLES - Yes, it's Regatta time!

Very soon, a small card will drop through your letterbox asking for bottles for the Bottle Stall which, thanks to your help, traditionally makes a significant contribution to our village funds. So, when you receive our request, please do put a bottle (or bottles) on one side and your Collector will call about seven to ten days before Regatta Day on 19 August. You can also ring Roger or Diana Hardiman on 531139 if you are going away and need someone to collect your bottles earlier. Thank you in advance for your usual generosity.

BRIC A BRAC STALL

Do you have any small items such as jewellery, toys for the Bric a Brac stall? If so, please contact Carole Baston on 531661.

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RETIREMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FVCA

Peter Hadley, our Chairman of the FVCA Committee, resigned in March this year at the AGM, having been Chairman for the past 6 years. Peter has been the instigator of many projects in the village and we have so much to thank him for. He organised our Regatta to 2016, which is a huge and complex undertaking to get everything and everyone set up for the big day.

Peter has worked tirelessly for the village on a number of projects, including: the silt flooding in 2012 and arranging after years to gain funds for added drainage into the Creek; applied for a Frogmore & Sherford Neighbourhood Plan, forming a Steering Group and arranged sessions for the villagers to see the plans and to give their comments; instigated the purchase of a Defibrillator in the village and organised Heartstart sessions; arranged for an Information Board to be created and placed at the head of the Creek, along with new benches; saved the village Post Office by meeting with Dr Sarah Wollaston our MP after it had closed and now we have a part time Post Office; and arranged village events such as Bonfire Night and Seniors' Christmas Lunch to mention but a few!

Peter remains a Trustee on the Committee for the present, and we, the Committee, value his wise comments and input. Peter is also a Parish Councillor for Frogmore & Sherford and will continue to take a great interest in his community. Many thanks to you Peter for all your hard work for the good of Frogmore.

Fiona Foord, Secretary, FVCA

EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

- Sunday 19 August - Frogmore Regatta 11.30am at Pool Meadow
- Monday 5 November – Bonfire Night – 6.00pm at the Perraton Field
- December (date to be fixed yet) Seniors' Christmas Lunch in the village hall
- Coffee mornings – Wednesdays 8 August, 12 Sept, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec in the village hall

WHAT'S ON AT THE GLOBE

Folk Session: Tues 7 Aug and 4 September at 8.30pm
Folk Session: Thurs 16 August & 20 September at 8.30pm



NATURE NOTES BY AMANDA STARKEY

The heatwave of the past few weeks has produced sightings of several less familiar animals and insects.

The first image is a rather charming looking pipistrelle bat which visited Peter Hadley's conservatory one very hot evening. He or she did not stay long and was perhaps seeking a cool place as he hunted for insects for supper.

The second photo is a nest of slow worms which are living in my compost heap. There are four here (I think, slightly difficult to tell!) and it seems to be a family group, although I have seen more, including some very small young. Below the small piece of blue plastic is some skin, sloughed off by one of the adults which shed skin as they grow – not whole skins as snakes do but in pieces, as of course slow worms are not snakes but legless lizards. Slow worms are very beneficial in the garden, feeding mainly on slugs and snails which despite the heat are around in large numbers, as anyone growing fruit and vegetables will have noticed!

Lastly, the attractively marked insect is a six-spot burnet which my neighbours spotted in their garden. Looking at first glance like a butterfly, it is actually a day-flying moth. Fairly common here on the south west coast, but not seen in our gardens before.



EDWARD NOYCE

In memory of Edward Noyce, a Frogmore villager and past Chairman of the Frogmore Voluntary Community Association for many years, the Committee are arranging for a tree to be planted with a plaque in Pool Meadow near the Pontoon. Edward loved this village very much and it is our way of thanking Edward for all his hard work and dedication over the years. There will be a small ceremony when planting the tree and we will notify villagers when this will take place. The Noyce family have approved this dedication.

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you would like to book the hall for any event, please email Fiona Foord on email: fionaefoord@gmail.com or visit our website www.frogmore.info.