

Community Diary

Friday 7 September	Sociable – with barbecue from 6.30 unless it's pouring. Check with Bill or Heather if in doubt.
Friday 28 September	Harvest Festival (6.30 pm) and Harvest Supper.
Saturday 29 Sept	Harvest exhibition in St Martin's Church (10am – 5pm) Frogmore & Sherford Horticultural Show (opens 1.30pm) Teas in the Village Hall (2 – 5 pm)
Sunday 30 Sept	Harvest exhibition in St Martin's Church (10am – 5pm) Teas in the Village Hall (2 – 5 pm)
Friday 5 October	Sociable (7.30 pm)
Friday 12 October	Supper and entertainment with broadcaster James Montgomery (7.30 pm)
Saturday 3 November	Guy Fawkes' Sociable with bonfire and barbecue – 6.30 pm. Everybody welcome – bring kids/grandkids/in-laws/outlaws
Friday 23 November	Take Note – concert & supper (7.30pm prompt)
Plus, each week in the Hall:	
Every Monday (from 3 September)	<i>The Village People. Drama rehearsals for children(early) and adults (following on). Contact Cathy Alston on 531623.</i>
Every Wednesday	<i>Short Mat Bowls from 7pm. All welcome. David Wilson's the man.</i>
Every Friday	<i>Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am. Mixed class - speak to Bill or Sylvia.</i>

HALL BOOKINGS

The new hall is a perfect venue for any sort of party and can seat 120 people for a meal. The bar/meeting room is ideal for smaller numbers, meetings etc. Discounted rates (at committee's discretion) for regular bookings and individual events benefiting the village. Please speak to Bill Grahamslaw.

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Sherford Community Association News

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WE'RE IN BUSINESS!

After 20 years of fundraising and 2½ years of construction, our wonderful new hall was formally opened on 20 July by the most senior and most junior Sherford-born residents.

Around 150 guests watched Judy Peters unveil a plaque in the foyer, supported by the youngest Sherfordian Esme Doust who was in turn supported by mum Paula – Esme was a day under one month old!

Cream teas were served after the speeches, and it wasn't long before the bar was open and the afternoon drifted into a Sociable and Barbecue.



All this – and a new kitchen too

The Committee has now started the onerous task of spending the £10,000 Awards for All grant we received from Lottery funds.

The kitchen has been gutted ready for a complete refit, including new floor units, worktops and wall cupboards, new fridge, ovens and hob, stainless steel catering sinks AND *A COMMERCIAL DISHWASHER!*

The new kitchen should be fully operational by mid October. So the noble washers-up (you all know who you are) will soon have hands as soft as their husbands' (or wives')!

The SHDC Environmental Health Inspector was invited to visit the hall and approve the scheme and he has confirmed that when complete, our new kitchen will be among the top three village hall kitchens in the South Hams.

Anyone who can remember the original village hall galley kitchen at the front of the old timber hut might reflect that we have indeed come a very long way in 20 years. Come to think of it, the loos – or more accurately, latrines – were worse still!

Awards for All will also enable new floor coverings to be laid throughout the service wing, and the remainder of the grant will be spent on additional tables, chairs, crockery etc.

Welcome to the new residents – two families within the village, and one nearby. You will find Sherford a very friendly place to live, and we look forward to seeing you at some of the community events. We hope you will be very happy here.

If you're not already on our email list, please help us to cut costs by giving us your address so copies of SCAN and other SVCA information can be emailed to you. Send an email to Heather and it will be done!

Forthcoming SVCA Events

Our first supper party of the season (12 October) is an exciting departure as we have booked award-winning broadcaster and producer **James Montgomery** to give an after-dinner talk. James is an amusing and entertaining speaker who has had a very varied career in TV and radio, covering current affairs, light entertainment, documentaries and music, which is his main love.

The cost will be £7.50 per person, which includes a two-course supper.

Next is a musical evening from 12-strong local harmony group **Take Note** (23 Nov).

Take Note sing a wide range of popular music from rock to opera, and their very varied programme for Sherford could include anything from Barry Manilow (yes, really) to Otis Redding, taking in John Rutter, Walt Disney and the American musicals (and funny poems) along the way!

Supper will be served in the interval and tickets for this evening are £7.50.

Bonfire Night will come early to Sherford – there will be a BIG bonfire and barbecue with bangers and bar on Saturday 3 November. All welcome, especially families. (This takes the place of the normal Friday Sociable.) We hope for a really good turnout – no bookings needed, but it would help with catering if you could let Bill or Heather know if you're coming. Free entry, pay for soup, BBQ & drinks.

Please note: supper events must be pre-booked, and demand is always high so to avoid disappointment put your name down with Bill or Heather in plenty of time!

Village Sociables

The monthly Village Sociable is held on the first Friday of every month, and is a chance to get together for a chat and a laugh over a glass of something - just like a village pub, only cheaper. If you haven't been before then do drop in – Sociables start at 7.30, or 6.30 if there's a barbecue going. We now have table tennis, and Heather is keen to start a Scrabble corner. If anybody is up for cards or anything else bring it along.

Friday 7 September is the date of the next Sociable, and if the weather permits we will also have the last barbecue (till bonfire night anyway) – check with Heather or Bill. You can buy a sausage or burger, or bring your own meat/fish etc to be cooked: salads and bread, and traybakes for afters, will be provided @ £2.00 p.p.

There is a bar at all Sociables – please support it selflessly, it supports your Hall!

I'm always looking for interesting news for Sherford's fortnightly entry on the Village Gazette page. If you know of any news, whether it's an anniversary, a personal achievement, an interesting fact about the village, local club news or even an unusual wildlife sighting, then please ring or email me. Heather

Club news

Sherford Short Mat Bowls Club has recently acquired a third mat after Cllr Julian Brazil helped the club to win a grant from South Hams District Council. The club, which meets at 7pm every Wednesday in Sherford Village Hall, now has 14 members and would welcome new players of any level.

Secretary David Wilson hopes to arrange some friendly matches, and next season the club may seek to join the South Hams League.

The Village People is a new drama group for adults and children run by Cathy and Gavin Alston of Sherford with an emphasis on fun. Cathy, an experienced actor, producer and director who started and ran the hugely successful MAD Kids group in Malborough, has already cast a triple-bill production entitled "Fairies, Farce and Frolics" to be staged in the village hall early in December. Two Alan Ayckbourn farces will be performed by the adult cast and a mini-pantomime by the youth cast.

If you missed out on the auditions for this new venture but would like to be part of it all, contact Cathy on 531623 and she will find a job for you! This year the prompt, next year the star of the show ...?

Frogmore & Sherford WI has grown steadily in past years and now has some 36 members. Meetings are held at Frogmore in the winter, Sherford in the summer, on the first Monday of the month. Contact Jane Wordsworth 531258 for more details.

Village news

The new village hall has inspired some fresh events for the village, which will hopefully become annual fixtures. The first ever **Sherford Village Fete** enterprise between the SVCA and St Martin's Church, and it proved to be a resounding success with profits of over £1300 being divided equally between the two causes. Naturally, the event will be repeated next year! Saturday 21 June is the date to note.

Another new enterprise for the parish is the **Frogmore & Sherford Horticultural Society**, which is supported by the Parish Council and was set

up earlier this year. Their first Horticultural Show will take place in Sherford Village Hall on Saturday 29 September, and entry forms are available from Julia Birchall (531799), from Sylvia Grahamslaw or from the church. As well as produce there will be classes for crafts, cookery and preserves, so even if you are not a gardener there is no excuse not to support the Hort.Soc!

The last weekend in September is a busy time with plenty going on in the village. On Friday 28 September is the **Harvest Festival** followed by the **Harvest Supper** – a hot

supper with entertainment, tickets £8 from Churchwardens Jean Dorey (531280) or Maria Skirton (521287). The wonderful traditional harvest decorations in the church will be augmented this year by art exhibits from the Frogmore & Sherford Art Group, and the **harvest exhibition** runs throughout the weekend. Teas will be served in the village hall on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (29th and 30th September), and remember that the Horticultural Show will also be in full swing on the Saturday afternoon so there will be lots to see and do in Sherford.