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Country Fare, Blackboys. Tel: 01825 890238

TW. Hopkins, Butchers, Blackboys. Tel: 01825 890251

Hair By Us, Framfield. Tel: 01825 890737

Blackboys Inn. Tel: 01825 890283

Hare & Hounds, Framfield. Tel: 01825 890327

Blackboys Service Station. Tel: 01825 890317

Framfield Service Station. Tel: 01825 890663

Press & Banks, Building Contractors. Framfield. Tel: 01825 890255

LOCAL PLAYGROUPS & SCHOOLS

Blackboys Pre-school, Blackboys Village Hall. Teresa Howell

Tel: 01825 763863

Framfield Play Group, Memorial Hall. Jo Rayner Tel: 07881 960875

Framfield CE Primary School, Mrs Janet Wilde Tel: 01825 890258

Blackboys CE Primary School. Mrs Gillian Webb Tel: 01825

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DOCTORS

Bird-in-Eye Surgery, Uckfield Community Hospital.

Tel: 01825 763196

Drs. C. Fabre & D. Wright, Buxted. Tel: 01825 732333

The Meads, Grange Road, Uckfield. Tel: 0844 4773373

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Seaboard Power Failure & Emergencies. Tel: 0800 7838866 (24

hrs) Gas. Tel: 0800111999

South East Water - Leakline. Tel: 0800 0283399

NOTE: Please refer to the advertisements in the magazine for further local businesses.

St Thomas à Becket Church

Parish Newsletter



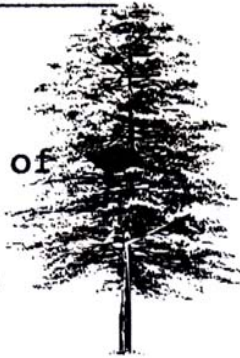
**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007

Future Church Events

SUMMER RAMBLE
Saturday 18th August
Circular Walk on the edge of
Ashdown Forest.

Organiser Sally Clifton




Harvest Lunches
Weekly through September.

Organiser Sarah Hill



If you enjoyed the Lent Lunches
come and enjoy further fellowship
as we meet in various homes
around the parish.

TOTALLY TRAINS. 
An evening of railway slides
in the Church Hall
Tuesday 16th October.

Organiser Peter Tomsett.

Further details of all the above
events can be found in the weekly
newsletter or on the Church web site
www.framfieldchurch.org.uk

SNIPPETS !

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION RAISED £313.02
from FRAMFIELD and £3250.46 from the
UCKFIELD AREA. Thank you all for your
generous giving



ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
Framfield Church Hall FRIDAY 28th
SEPTEMBER 10am-12noon

**S.S.A.A.F.A Coordinator required for local
area.**

If you would be interested in coordinating SSAFA work, with
the help of a number of case workers, in the local area of
Uckfield, Crowborough, Burwash area etc, please contact
MARTIN TURNER on 01892 783803. A recently retired
person who had served for a time in the Forces, or the
spouse of such a person would probably be ideal, but
service experience is not essential. A training package is
available. The new person would take over in January
2008.

Reg. Charity No: 210760

CHURCH WARDENS' LETTER



Rosemary (Rose) James

It is now several weeks since the villages woke up to the news that Rosemary James our dearly loved sub postmistress had been tragically killed in a diving accident in the Red Sea, For several days it seemed very much that the villages were in a state of shock and there was an air of disbelief about the entire situation.

As villagers came to terms with what had happened there was much recollection of personal memories of dear Rose and much reflection on how she had helped so many people, not openly, but in her own quiet but determined way, Her goodness was not confined to the villages, however, and it came to light that she had been supporting for several years a young girl in Ethiopia, Such was the love of Rose for her fellow human beings.

We offer to Jim, Maria, Laura, Rose's mum and the rest of her family our deepest sympathy and heart felt thanks that we were privileged to know a very special lady. The best memorial we can give to Rose is to do all we can in our power to support and maintain the post office in Framfield - she deserves to rest in peace safe in the knowledge that her life's work will continue.

A neighbour and friend

Dear Friends

We wish Eric and Maggie well and pray that God will bless this new phase of their lives.

As from July 1st, the interregnum has officially started and we are now taking steps towards provision for the future.

In his last service Eric said that '*a church is not a building but a group of people*' - how true that is. Since the beginning of April when Eric left, we are both extremely grateful for the way in which many people have offered themselves to assist with the work of the church and to those faithful people who have always done it and are still carrying on.

Much like housework, the work of cleaning, grass cutting and flower arranging etc. is not appreciated fully until those who do it have stopped !

The visible presence of the church is a comfort to many who rarely go inside and a reminder that prayer and worship have gone on in this place for 800 years. This feeling of peace, which many feel inside the building, is due to the presence of the Holy Spirit, the manner in which Jesus said He would be with us after His bodily form had left the earth and the means through which He works today.

We have felt His presence and seen Him work, because prayer ministry and worship still go on in this place.

What is not so obvious is the pastoral work and visiting which continues as before. By its very nature, this is confidential but much appreciated by those who have needed support. We offer private prayer after each service and have a group of trained people who will pray simply or just listen if that is needed.

We have continued to hold two services each Sunday with the help of our own people and some gifted visiting clergy, and would like to assure all parishioners that St Thomas à Becket, as your local church, will do its best to continue to offer the same help that we have in the past. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any baptism, wedding, funeral, visiting or help which is needed in the parish.

For your diaries we are going to hold a breakfast at 10.00am followed by a Family Service in the Marquee on Framfield Recreation Ground on 12th August at 11.00am. Again we can only do this with the kindness of the Horticultural Society which allows us to use the marquee.

It would be great to welcome you to any of our services, whether you are a regular visitor, or just coming to see what goes on inside !

Pat Tindall and Peter Tomsett - Church Wardens

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Two or three events to report on, since the last issue of the magazine, for those of you who came along to support them and who may like to know the outcome.

Unfortunately the afternoon that *The Grange, Framfield* was open to the public under the National Gardens Scheme turned out to be extremely wet. A few hardy people came to look around Kathy and Jack's beautiful grounds and partake of our teas – we raised £212. Over three days at *Hobbs Barton* in beautiful weather the outcome was very different. They were queuing out of the barn at Valerie and Jeremy's for tea and cakes on those days and the magnificent sum of £979 was raised. Our *Golf Day* at East Sussex National was once again very successful; with the auction in the evening raising £9,000 our overall total should be around £11,000.

Our next fund raising affair is the *Annual Coffee Morning* which is held all over England. Numerous events will be held around our area; please look out for advertisements of these and pop along for a coffee, add your name to the list, and let's see if we can break last years record.

Unfortunately there are 739 cases of cancer recorded every day. It's good to know that more people nowadays can be cured than in the past but we still need to raise funds to help everyone connected with cancer. Macmillan Support helps the whole family, not just the patient, as well as funding numerous specialists and over 3000 nurses.

If anyone feels they need personal help or advice on matters relating to cancer or just general information on Macmillan Cancer Support, please ring the **Freephone Macmillan Cancerline on 0808 808 2020** or visit **www.macmillan.org.uk**.

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 890400
Maureen Byford, Secretary 01825 831882

number of sites in the LDF the housing allocation would be imposed by GOSE with no choice as to location.

Chris Dowling (ESCC) reported on the new Government guidelines now in the hands of ESCC to review speed limits and indeed every 30 mph limit will be reviewed in the county. David Andrews detailed the PC's 'wish list' and further discussion would take place with ESCC. Particular reference was made to the junction of the B2102/B2192 in Blackboys and the B2192 (Lewes Road) in general.

The Committees were finalised, although they are reviewed each May.

| <u>Planning</u> | <u>Recreation</u> | <u>Environment</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Peter Friend | Keith Riddle | Myran Eade |
| Maria Naylor | Myran Eade | David Andrews |
| Jonathan Fenton-Vince | Maria Naylor | Ian Paisley |
| David Andrews | Ian Paisley | Jeremy Bacon |
| Keith Riddle | Jeremy Bacon | Jonathan Fenton-Vince |
| Eryl Thomas | Rob Newton | Rob Newton |

Pavilion Update – members had visited the new pavilion in Waldron and Eryl Thomas has contacted Action in Rural Sussex for funding options. A final decision on whether to go-ahead or not will be given in July.

ESCC have agreed to pay half of the costs of repairing all the parish guide-posts which is good news.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 24 July 2007 in the Village Hall, Blackboys.

Please contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, who holds copies of the full PC meeting minutes.

Eryl Thomas (890360); Jeremy Bacon (890236); David Andrews ((07765 320116); Myran Eade (890507); Jonathan Fenton-Vince (07903 234103); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Maria Naylor (0780 1230835); Rob Newton (890103); Ian Paisley (890904); Rita Redman (890276); Keith Riddle (890379).

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine).

Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours.

AEN/10 July 2007

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

AUGUST

- 05 Trinity 9**
10.00am Family Service
6.30 pm Healing Service and Holy Communion
- 12 Trinity 10**
10.00am Family breakfast at Framfield Recreation Ground
11.00 am Family service in marquee
6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 15** 11.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 19 Trinity 11**
10.00am Family Service
6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 26 Trinity 12**
10.00am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Praise

SEPTEMBER

- 02 Trinity 13**
10.00am Family Service
6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 09 Trinity 14**
10.00am Family Communion (CW)
6.30pm Evening Praise

- 16 Trinity 15**
 10.00am Family Service
 6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 19** 11.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 23 Trinity 16**
 10.00am Family Communion
 6.30pm Evening Praise
- 27** 2.15 pm Framfield School Harvest Service
- 30 Trinity 17**
 10.00am Family Communion

OCTOBER

- 05** 9.00 am Blackboys School Harvest Service
- 08 Trinity 18**
 10.00am Harvest Festival Service
 6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)

Church Services : BCP – Book of Common Prayer.
 CW - Common Worship 2001

**COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE
 BY 10th SEPTEMBER 2007
 TO
 ANITA LONG AT THE CHURCH OFFICE – 01825
 891090
 OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9.00am – 1pm
 OR
 ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182
 SUE WHITEHEAD – 01825 891050 (childrens items)**

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – May/JUNE 2007

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, 15 May (the AGM) 26 June 2007.

At the AGM Eryl Thomas was re-elected as Chairman with Rob Newton again as Vice-Chair. The decision was taken to keep all committees the same for one month and then review them in June. Jeremy Bacon and Rita Redman were welcomed on board as 'new' councillors in addition to the nine previously in office.

Adoption of The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007

All Councillors were in receipt of a report dated 5 May 2007 recommending the adoption of The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 as detailed below. Following discussion the meeting resolved:

(1) That pursuant to section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council in place of the model code of conduct previously adopted in 2002 hereby adopts with effect from (14 May 2007) the Standards Board's version of the Model Code of Conduct attached to the report being an amended version of the code set out in the Schedule to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) to the extent that it is mandatory for parish councils and including paragraph 12(2) of the model code and this code shall be the code expected of Members and Co-opted members of the Council.

(2) That the ten General Principles are hereby adopted as a non-enforceable annex to the Code to remind members and the public of the principles underlying the Code.

In June a Framfield resident was in attendance commenting on the apparent inaccessibility of the minutes. It is not practical to put the full minutes in the Parish Magazine but as noted in all my reports I am happy for anyone who requires a copy to contact me. I also leave copies in Country Fare in Blackboys.

With my District Councillor 'hat' on I commented that the Parish needed to be aware of the publication of the WDC Local Development Framework Issues and Options Paper (Core Strategy & Generic Policies) in early July. This document contains a broad view of possible sites for development for the next twenty years. There is far more in the paper than is required (8,000 dwellings need to be built between 2011 and 2026) and the public have a six-week period to state their preferred views. This should be done by answering the questionnaire on the document. The consultation process ends on 13 August 2007. Unless WDC produces the appropriate

SATURDAY MARKETS.

We are into 4 figures now, monies raised at markets.
Thank you for your support-please keep
coming. Our next Market Dates are

**Saturday 25th August
& Saturday 22nd September
Framfield Village Hall**



Any ideas and improvements you think could be
made contact **Sandy on 01825 840648**

A FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday October 18th at 7.30 pm. in the Memorial hall
Framfield. "**An Evening About Climate Change**" a
showing of "**An Inconvenient Truth**" the award winning
documentary made by Al Gore **.FREE.**

All Welcome



From the Registers :

Marriages – those whom God has joined together, let no one divide :

06.07.07 Mark Wray and Ruth Lowdon

At rest:

14.05.07 Donald Barby

17.06.07 Rachael Marian Norton

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A SERVICE FOR ALL PARISH RESIDENTS

Examples of the services available are:

Transport

Essential journeys - Visits to doctor's surgery or
hospital, essential shopping, collection of
prescriptions/changing library books

Resources

Small handyman/woman tasks - eg changing fuses,
altering clocks etc.
Dog walking/care of pets.
Visiting/befriending.

Requests will be received on an answer phone
Tel. No: 01825 891072

Messages will be checked daily (evenings) and callers contacted within 24
hours

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
LOCAL CHURCH**

Churchwardens : Mrs. Pat Tindall (01825 890761) or
Mr. Peter Tomsett (01825 763460)

Secretary to PCC : Mrs. Pat Herbert

Treasurer : Mr. Norman Jones

Office Administrator : Mrs. Anita Long

All communications for church matters should be left at the Church Office, Vicarage Barn, Framfield TN22 5NH which is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. Or, you can telephone the office on 01825 891090 or email framfieldchurch@btopenworld.com.

Please direct all urgent messages to the Churchwardens. Messages left on the office answerphone, outside office hours, may not be acted upon until the next working day.

Details of Operation Godsend are printed elsewhere in the magazine.

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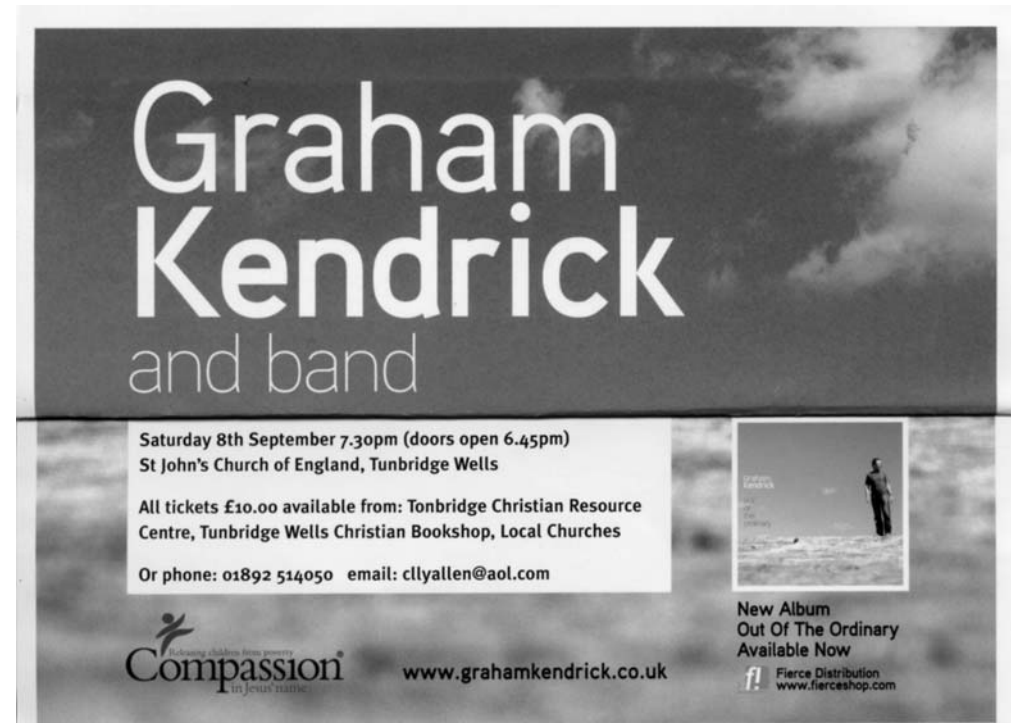
We have served up a mixed bag of results in our friendly games and the weather has beaten us on 4 occasions. We lost in the first round of the Oakshott Cup to Hellingly.

Non-League Fixtures

| | | | |
|------------|------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 21/04/2007 | Away | Sidley | Drawn |
| 28/04/2007 | Away | Maresfield | Drawn |
| 06/05/2007 | Home | Crowborough | Won 118 runs |
| 13/05/2007 | Away | St Lukes | Abandoned |
| 20/05/2007 | Away | Waldron | Drawn |
| 27/05/2007 | Away | Bexhill Athletic | Abandoned |
| 03/06/2007 | Away | Rottingdean | Lost by 7 wkts |
| 30/05/2007 | Home | Hellingly (Oakshott Cup) | Lost by 8 runs |
| 10/06/2007 | Away | Wadhurst | Drawn |
| 17/06/2007 | Away | W G Gracefully | Drawn |
| 24/06/2007 | Away | Summerdown | Abandoned |
| 01/07/2007 | Home | Laughton | Abandoned |
| 08/07/2007 | Home | Hadlow Down | Lost by 120 runs |
| 15/07/2007 | Home | President's XI | |
| 22/08/2007 | Away | Buxted Park | |
| 29/08/2007 | Home | St Lukes | |
| 05/08/2007 | Home | Waldron | |
| 12/08/2007 | Away | Alfriston Six-a-Side | |
| 12/08/2007 | Away | Buxted Park Six-a-Side | |
| 19/08/2007 | Home | The Invalids | |
| 22/08/2007 | Home | Wartlingham | |
| 26/08/2007 | Away | Ripe & Chalvington | |
| 02/09/2007 | Home | London Trinity | |
| 09/09/2007 | | TBA | |
| 16/09/2007 | Home | Wadhurst | |
| 23/09/2007 | Home | Summerdown | |

If you would like to get involved with Blackboys Cricket Club please do not hesitate to contact us.

Colin Eade, Secretary. 01825 890507, colin.eade@gmail.com



Graham Kendrick
and band

Saturday 8th September 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm)
St John's Church of England, Tunbridge Wells

All tickets £10.00 available from: Tonbridge Christian Resource Centre, Tunbridge Wells Christian Bookshop, Local Churches

Or phone: 01892 514050 email: clyallen@aol.com

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St Thomas à Becket Church
Framfield

You are warmly invited to a Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday - 7th October 2007 at 12.30 after the morning service.

Tickets will be on sale shortly - so put it in your diary
We look forward to seeing you.

FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Show

Saturday 11th August 1.30 pm

*Including Fun Dog Show
Entries in ring - Judging from 2pm*

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**INCLUDING PUNCH & JUDY,
WHEELBARROW RACES THROUGHOUT
THE AFTERNOON,
SCARECROW COMPETITION,
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**AT THE FRAMFIELD RECREATION
GROUND & IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

*Admission to show £1.00 (children 20p)
Please note that all entry forms for exhibits should
be delivered to Arthur Makepeace, 2 Mount Pleasant,
Blackboys TN22 5LH or Press & Banks in Framfield no
later than Wednesday 8th August 2007*

For more information please call Kathy Gore 890694

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

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TN22 5NG
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www.blackboyscc.co.uk

We have started our season in Division 7 of the East Sussex Cricket League. Our first game was away to Hellingly II's. We scored 180 for 9 and they replied with 119 for 8. The game was a draw but we earned ourselves 15 points for our efforts compared to their 9.

East Sussex Cricket League - Division 7 Fixtures

| | | | |
|------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 05/05/2007 | Away | Hellingly 2nd XI | Drawn |
| 12/05/2007 | Home | Herstmonceux 2nd XI | |
| 19/05/2007 | Home | Uckfield Anderida 2nd XI | |
| 26/05/2007 | Away | Eastbourne 4th XI | |
| 02/06/2007 | Home | Rye 2nd XI | |
| 09/06/2007 | Away | Tunbridge Wells Borderers 2nd XI | |
| 16/06/2007 | Home | Willingdon 2nd XI | |
| 23/06/2007 | Away | Crowhurst Park 2nd XI | |
| 30/06/2007 | Home | Ringmer 3rd XI | |
| 07/07/2007 | Away | Herstmonceux 2nd XI | |
| 14/07/2007 | Home | Hellingly 2nd XI | |
| 21/07/2007 | Away | Uckfield Anderida 2nd XI | |
| 28/07/2007 | Home | Eastbourne 4th XI | |
| 04/08/2007 | Away | Rye 2nd XI | |
| 11/08/2007 | Home | Tunbridge Wells Borderers 2nd XI | |
| 18/08/2007 | Away | Willingdon 2nd XI | |
| 25/08/2007 | Home | Crowhurst Park 2nd XI | |
| 01/09/2007 | Away | Ringmer 3rd XI | |

Colin Eade, Secretary. 01825 890507, colin.eade@gmail.com

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Monday 6th August

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01825 744131

What is the



requirement for

VEHICLES?

The new law will require vehicles (including those used by churches) to be smokefree at all times if they are used Either to transport members of the public, or in the course of paid or voluntary work by more than one person- regardless of whether the persons are in the vehicle at the same time or at different times. Vehicles that are primarily used for private purposes will not be required to be smokefree.

Smokefree vehicles will need to display a no-smoking sign consisting of the international no-smoking symbol* in each compartment of the vehicle in which people can be carried.

***The international no-smoking symbol consists of a graphic representation of a single burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle of at least 70mm in diameter with a red bar across it.**

GATE HOUSE, FRAMFIELD

The Gate House project is connected to a registered charity, the Rural Housing Trust, and provides five self-contained accommodation units unfurnished at a low rental for young married couples /families for a limited period of several years.

The purpose is to offer a first, affordable, step on the housing ladder to enable savings to be built up for the next move – hopefully, ownership of a house or flat. The project has been running successfully since 1992 but, with the current house-price inflation, the emphasis for serious savings has moved very much to the fore. Accordingly, a savings element has been built into rental payments for the benefit of occupants on their departure, having completed a satisfactory tenancy. The level of this savings element is discussed with all applicants. Priority is given for applicants from within the parish of Framfield although the Management Committee can accept occupants from neighbouring parishes. One unit will become available shortly and anyone who is now interested should, in the first instance contact Lieut Colonel Nigel Drew for further details -

Gate House Cottages. Framfield.

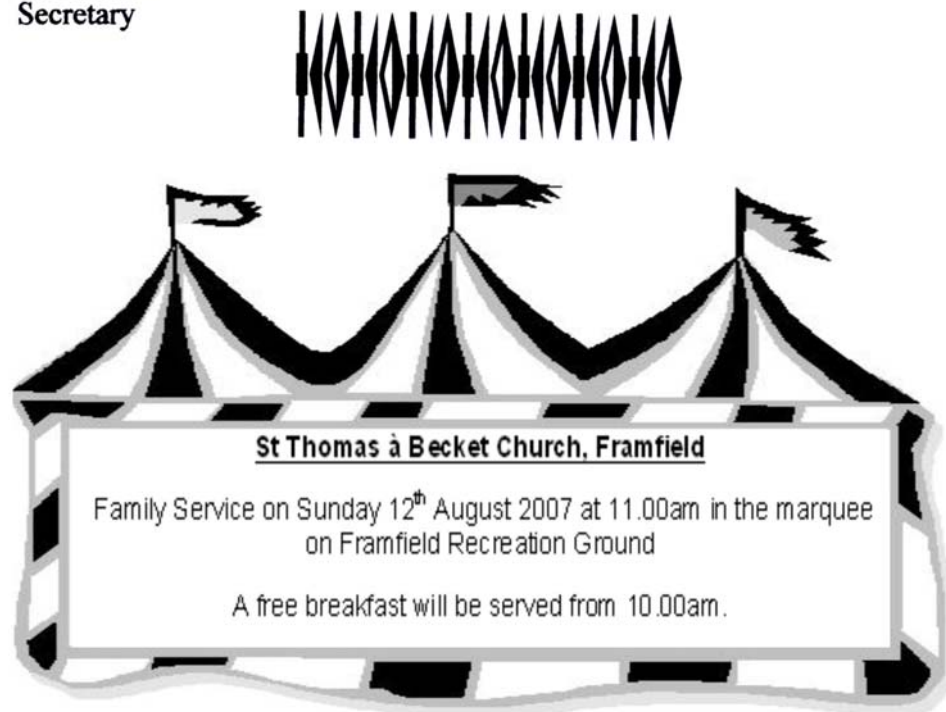
Tel: 01825 - 890208

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday August 7th there will be a guided walk in Brighton, instead of the usual monthly meeting with a speaker. Geoff Mead will be leading us on a 2 hour walk to discover more about how and where both the rich and poor inhabitants used to live. Cost is £3 each and we will meet at Brighton Railway Station at 6.45pm. If you would like to come along please let me know in advance as numbers may be restricted.

Our meeting on September 4th will include a talk about “Water on the Downs”, with Dr Martin Snow. This will take place in Blackboys Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm start. Visitors are welcome as always and entrance will be £2. (£1. for members). If you would like to know more please call me on 01825 890359

Ann Turner
Secretary



HOME SECURITY

A home is best secured when it has locking windows, and good quality locks fitted to external doors. Sometimes improvements to security are put off simply because of the cost.

There are schemes operating in Wealden which might be able to help in certain circumstances. Anchor Housing (based in Hailsham) operate a "Handyman " scheme, with quite low labour costs, and they fit good quality locks. For further information it may be worth a call to Anchor Housing on 01323 442556.

As Crime Prevention Officer, I have access to (limited) funds which can be used where a householder simply has no spare cash to use for improving security. These funds are operated through what is known as the "Homesafe" scheme, and if anybody requires further information about the scheme please contact the Wealden Crime Prevention Officer.

Police Community Support Officer.

We no doubt all remember the old fashioned "Beat Policeman". He disappeared many years ago, and was no doubt missed. All is not lost, however. Police Community Support Officer Nick Arthur is the officer who can now be called upon to deal with the day to day problems that the "Beat Officer" previously dealt with.

Nick is based at Uckfield Police Station, and is contactable by phoning 0845 60 70 999 extension 21175. For anybody with e-mail facility, Nick can be contacted on the following address **nicholas.arthur@sussex.pnn.police.uk**. He will be pleased to hear from you.

David Smith. Crime Prevention Officer. 01323 414008



BLACKBOYS PRE-SCHOOL
BLACKBOYS VILLAGE HALL, GUN ROAD,
BLACKBOYS, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 5JY
Tel: 01435 810149
Mobile: 07931 978071

Email: blackboyspreschool@googlemail.com

Website: www.blackboyspreschool.co.uk

Blackboys Pre-School has enjoyed a hugely successful year, and as it draws to a close we wish our Rising 5s well as they make the move up to 'Big School'. We shall miss them all! However, we have lots of new children to fill their places, and numbers continue to rise which is great for the future of the pre-school. So, it will be all change come September, with lots of new children and also a new manager, as Teresa Howell moves on to pastures new. She leaves it in great shape though, and her contribution to the success of the pre-school has been immense. Thank you!

From September, we are offering two afternoon sessions at the Pre-School, as well as the five mornings and optional lunchclub. Nursery funding is available, and we welcome children from two to five years of age (and they don't even have to be potty-trained!).

We believe that we can offer your child a fantastic start to their education. But don't just take our word for it. Talk to other mums, chat to people in the village, come and visit us!

Please give us a ring (please note the new phone number) to arrange a visit - our new Manager would be delighted to show you around.

FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS WI

Our June meeting got off to a good start - a 3.5 mile walk through the fields and woods at Spoods Farm. The wild violets were at their best as were the trees. The weather changeable with a threat of rain, but perfect for walking.

A welcome cup of tea on our return during which WI business was discussed. Then followed further tea, a selection of sandwiches and home made scones with jam and cream. A perfect June afternoon. Thank you to Peter and Delia.

The July meeting was a coach trip to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton. The weather forecast a dry day and proved to be correct. What an interesting venue, the more we saw the more we wondered how people managed in those dark and lofty houses. No glass windows, only holes in the wall with shutters to keep out bad weather and candles for light. It makes you realise how lucky we are in this modern age.

The highlight of the day was a guided tour of the Gridshell Building. An unbelievable sample of wood craftsmanship and in the basement a collection of hundreds of 'old' tools all assembled according to their uses.

Truly a day to remember. Many thanks to Frances for arranging it for us.

LYN MALYON

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Framfield CE Primary School

Parish Magazine July 2007

Since the start of this year we have been extremely busy. Last term we worked on Artists and Musicians, doing lovely work on the Ashdown Forest to produce clay tiles which now decorate the front of the school, and two beautiful wall hangings. We also worked on Surrealism and year 6 visited Farley Farm the remarkable home of Lee Miller and Roland Penrose. The children composed a number of songs and spent a day working on composition and performance with Simon d'Souza, a musician from Brighton.

The term we have turned our thoughts to health and fitness, calling our topic Fitness Factory. The school has enjoyed a large number of sporting activities, including skipping, football, multi-sports, swimming, yoga and even Tumbletots for our youngest. Class 1 enjoyed a visit to the gym at Utopia where they were shown around the facilities. We are heading off on a walk in the local area this week (hopefully in dry weather). In addition we have worked on what happens inside our bodies and checked the contents of lunch-boxes to make sure they are a good balanced meal. The PTFA gave a week of delicious fruit and vegetables for our mid-morning snack - a chance for everyone to try new foods. The whole school is having the opportunity to cook food to put in lunch-boxes and at the end of term year 6 will be preparing special lunch-boxes for the whole school to enjoy.

This term we have enjoyed having the children from playgroup join our class 1 for their activity sessions. This has been a great experience for the children who are joining us in September. They also thoroughly enjoy their Rising 5s group on Tuesday afternoons and we enjoy having them in the school. We are certain that they will settle very quickly in September.

We are looking forward to our summer holiday and hope that everyone has a good time. See you in September.

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We have had a fun and action packed summer term, our topic being beach and sealife. The children have had lots of fun focusing on the story of The Rainbow Fish and we have created some wonderful wall displays and also made a display table of our own holiday memories.

On 4th July, we had a wonderful Book Day and all the children came dressed as a character from their favourite book. A lady from the Library came and spent story time with us, reading some fantastic books to the children. She then presented our older children with their Bookstart Treasure Chests. Potters Bookshop in Uckfield also very kindly donated a book voucher for every child. Many thanks to them!

We then had our Open Day, which was a great success with lots of new faces coming to explore our setting. We also had a visit from our Wealden District Councillor Ann Newton.

We have sadly said goodbye to our children starting school in September but had a wonderful Graduation Ceremony, presenting the children with their certificates and book called "Starting School". We finished the term with a Sports Day and party.

Although we have closed for the summer holiday, we are holding a stall at the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Show and look forward to seeing you there!

We return to Playgroup on Wednesday 5th September and our topic is going to be Colours and Shapes. We are also starting our Lunch Club for children aged 3 years and over, which will extend our session to 1.00 pm.

Spaces are limited in September for 2 and 3 year olds and we are in fact even registering for September 2008! Therefore, if you are thinking of enrolling your child at playgroup, please do not hesitate and give us a call. We accept children from the age of 2 years old and they do not have to be potty/toilet trained.

For more information or a copy of our prospectus, please contact:

Jo Rayner (Supervisor) on 07881 - 960875 or Claire Renwick (Committee Secretary) on 01825 890302

Alternatively, please feel free to visit us on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning between 9.00 am - 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

It seems incredible that my time at Blackboys School is shortly coming to an end. My nine years at the school have flown by and I take with me lots of very happy memories I would like to thank all the parishioners who have always taken such a keen interest in Blackboys School. I know the school will continue to flourish under the leadership of Mr Sullivan next term.

We are getting very excited about our forthcoming art exhibition and hope as many villagers as possible will come along to view the children work.

The art gallery open at the following times.

Thursday July 19th 6.00-7.30

Friday July 20th 9.15-3.00

The school held another very successful Summer Ball, this was organised for us by the PTA. Everyone enjoyed a three course meal at the Sussex National Golf Course. The evening raised £1,200 for the school.

In school all the classes have been out and about East Sussex.

Class 2 & Class 4 went to Plashett Woods. Class 1 went to Bentley Wildfowl Park. Class 3 visited the Seven Sisters studying rocks and soils, Class 5 took part in a Safety in Action day. They also went to France for a day visit, Chichester Cathedral and they have attended a leaver's service at All Saints Church, Crowborough.

Since moving in to our new school building we have been improving our outside environment. Last month we just completed a sensory garden, where pupils can go to do quiet activities.

Sadly Velda Reed our school cook is retiring after 32 years. I don't think school dinner will ever be the same again, but obviously we all wish her a long and happy retirement

THERE BE DRAGONS

Dragons abound throughout Sussex, or to be more accurate dragonflies, and August is a great time to get out and about to look for them. In fact you don't have to go out to look for them especially if you have a garden pond as even the smallest can still attract dragonflies or even more their smaller cousins the damselflies.

Dragonflies and damselflies both belong to the family Odonata and there are two basic differences between them, dragonflies are bigger, more robust and when they are at rest their wings are held at ninety degrees to their body, whereas damselflies are smaller, daintier and fold their wings down the length of their body while resting. Having got the differences sorted out it's time to start searching for them.

The big dragonflies are more obvious and the biggest of these is the Emperor, a big blue insect that continually hawks over its territory be it a small garden pond or large lake. The males have a light blue coloured body and will chase other dragonflies, insects including butterflies and even small birds that enter their territory. At the opposite end of the scale the UK's smallest dragonflies, the darters, become more evident. The Common Darter is as its name implies with the male a bright red colour while the female is yellow. Just like us humans, the colour in this species fades as they age and they usually end up a dull brown colour at the end of their life.

These two species are just two of the more spectacular but common dragonflies that are relatively easy to see. A really exotic damselfly which is also quite common around here is the very aptly named Beautiful Demoiselle. The largest of our native damselflies, this iridescent blue insect patrols slow moving stretches of streams with plenty of overhanging vegetation accompanying patches of dappled sunlight where the males carry out their not too ferocious territorial disputes. To come across these lovely insects along a river or stream bank is to almost transport you to a rainforest habitat as they are so colourful.

There are only 39 species of dragons and damsels in the UK of which a good majority occur in Sussex, and just a little bit more time spent looking for them can be very rewarding indeed. They are also fascinating creatures in their own right, so here are five interesting facts about dragonflies.

1. They don't sting; they can bite, though very seldom do, despite people in the old days calling them 'devil's darning needles'.
2. Unlike most other insects, they can move their 4 wings independently of each other which enables them to loop-de-loop and even fly backwards! They can also reach speeds of over 30 kilometres per hour.
3. They spend most of their life as larvae under water and the bigger dragonflies can live for 4 years in this stage. When they emerge into their adult stage they only live for a few weeks.
4. Newly emerged dragonflies will move away from water for a few days until they are fully mature, and have often been noted over a mile away from water. When they are ready they look for a territory and a mate by a river, lake or pond.
5. They are carnivorous in both the larvae and adult stages and are able to extend their jaw, which they keep concealed behind a type of shield, when catching their prey.

Just a brief glimpse into the wonderful world of dragons and damsels, so while you are out and about this month take a little bit more time to seek out these wonderful, exotic creatures by the waterside.

Mike Russell
Sussex Wildlife Trust

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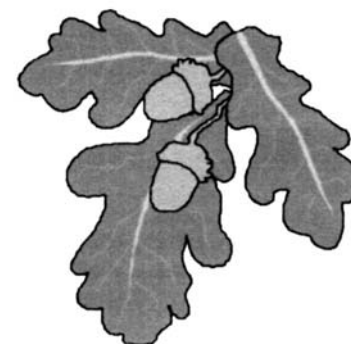


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Ed's Note: My Dragonfly info sent to Bill Oddie went to a central office collating all similar "happenings". She was alive a week later on a nearby crabapple tree, I did take photographs to record the event!



The Childrens ' Parish Newsletter



Their news, their views
and their Art

*All the items contributed to this part of the Newsletter is included with
parental consent*

News for the Parish News Magazine

Hello my name is Megan and when we were in the fields by the oak tree we saw some purple grass. The other thing I saw was a frog in our garden but I was frightened so I didn't go near him. When I was walking in the fields I saw a squirrel which was very interesting because it was just looking at me.

I was out exploring another day with my mum dad and sister and we were going to get some fresh eggs. We decided to go into the woods and we saw lots of rabbit and fox holes. The fresh eggs were delicious.

On another day in the holidays we went into another field and saw some horses. It was very funny because they were play fighting with each other. I heard lots of birds chirping in the woods and saw a robin and some geese flying.

I have enjoyed my walks around Framfield and looking at the nature.

WELL DONE MEGAN!



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addresses on the front of your work..*

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