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# Parish Newsletter



**Framfield, Blackboys  
and  
Palehouse Common**

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010**

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR  
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*From the Registers :*



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

**26th June 2010:     Nicholas Bagguley / Katherine Wardman**

**At Rest –**  
**15th May 2010:     Anne Mabel Stanley**

**WHO'S WHO AT THE  
St THOMAS À BECKET NEWSLETTER**

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**PARISH MAGAZINE – A THANK YOU**

Susan, Ann and Barry would like to thank all our new and 'old' advertisers for advertising in this year's six magazines. We have obtained a fabulous new range of businesses and skills. This is the basis of our funding and makes sure the magazine stays in print.

However, thanks must also go to the organisations who regularly make contributions to the magazine (schools, pre-schools, societies, clubs etc) – they have been very generous this year and nearly all given donations to keep us going. This now means that we have built up our 'reserves' and are well on the way to being able to keep the magazine up and running next year.

THE 'STAFF'

**Who needs the Church?**

The end of the school term has arrived and with it the expectation of a more leisurely pace of life for a few weeks. Rest and relaxation is fundamentally important for our health and wellbeing but also a time to reflect on life.

The danger of having a perpetually busy life is that life passes you by, the years virtually disappear. How many folk do you know have great plans for when they retire? Great in theory but many plans never come to fruition leaving one with feelings of resentment and regret. Making the most of each day is good advice. Setting out to achieve something you have always wanted to do shouldn't be consigned to the back burner. If you have the urge to do something, do it while you can.

You may be wondering what this has to do with the title '**Who needs the Church**' - be patient Betty I am getting to the point! **The point is we all do!** The increasingly secular world in which we are almost being forced to live in doesn't suit us as individuals or as a community.

Despite the government's latest action to solve the huge national debt, GB Inc is still on the verge of meltdown. On an international scale we appear to have a slightly better standing than Greece that is in a dire place, but in comparison we are even worse off! Perhaps it goes with the saying 'You can fool some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time'. The question of 'who's to blame' will always be asked simply because people's nature is to blame others.

As you may have heard 'Be careful when you point the finger as there are three other fingers pointing back at you'! Have people today lost all moral integrity or the backbone to take personal responsibility or to speak out at things that are just so blatantly wrong?

Restoration of a community and a country starts with the individual. It is so fundamentally important that we all have a good relationship with ourselves. If we don't, then every other relationship we aim to form will be in some way blighted.

The Church was the place and is still be the place where individuals can find their true sense of identity and self-worth. My hobby horse or Godly burden as I prefer to call it is in the restoration of relationships. **The Church actually has the answers to our deepest needs!** The secularisation of the western

world has bred nothing but selfishness, division and greed; the blind leading the blind, both falling into the same ditch. Putting our trust in man clearly doesn't work.

In recent months I have been shocked by the numbers of marriages that have broken down within the parish. With it will be a toll of unhappiness for adults and children to be reaped in the years ahead. However, when the underlying cause of a breakdown in a relationship is left unaddressed then unfortunately history repeats itself. Secular marriage counselling can only go so far. **Wounded hearts can only be truly healed by the love of God, and yes you guessed it, that's the province of the Church.** Whether you choose to acknowledge it or not, the fact remains we were all created by God and for God. There will always be a void in the heart of the individual who chooses to ignore God. He longs to draw us into His presence, forgive our wrongdoing and tend the wounds of our troubled souls. To experience the peace and forgiveness of God is truly precious and beyond words.

***(N.B. If anyone reading this is on the point of giving up please come and have a chat. Either myself or members of the Pastoral Visiting Team will be more than happy to help you; any discussions are in complete confidence.)***

On the point of relationships St Thomas à Becket Church will shortly be running two courses **The Alpha course & The Marriage Course.**

**What is Alpha?** - Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment.

**Who is Alpha for?** - Alpha is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome.

Introductory evening and meal Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - watch out for the posters or sign up on the church website [www.framfieldchurch.org.uk](http://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk).

The second course is **The Marriage Course** which will run over seven evenings. The aim of the marriage course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship that will last a lifetime.

Full details at: <http://relationshipcentral.org/marriage-course> and on the church website.

Blessings to one and all - Chris Lawrence

## **IMPORTANT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW**

**13 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 8.00PM  
FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

The Summer Show has been organised by the Horticultural Society for many years. Over that time it has grown and evolved into a wonderful community event attracting around one thousand visitors and is the envy of many surrounding villages. The Horticultural Society, whilst wishing to continue to support and be part of the Show, no longer feels able to run the entire event and are seeking help and guidance from the people of Framfield, Blackboys and Palehouse Common as to how we might keep this quintessentially English rural event going. It would be very sad if the parish lost such a simple but precious piece of our local heritage.

We'd like as many groups and parishioners as possible to be part of this discussion – so please do come.

The Horticultural Society will of course be organising the show on **SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010** and if you are able to help on the day or in the run up to it in any way please email Jenny Bacon on [j.bacon@zen.co.uk](mailto:j.bacon@zen.co.uk) or telephone 01825 890326.

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St Thomas a Becket Church website  
[www.framfieldchurch.org.uk](http://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk)

Web site for St Thomas a Becket - Our church website has now been running over six years. The site aims to be a useful resource to church members, and also to reach out to potential new members. We hope you will take a look and find it useful. We try very hard to keep it up to date and relevant. Any questions, comments or suggestions, email us.

As we approach the end of another busy and eventful year we can be pleased with the many achievements for all children. This term is always very busy particularly once tests and assessments are over. A most exciting event took place before Easter when we held a Music Concert for children and parents. This was a brilliant time when remarkable talents for young and older were shown for us all to enjoy. The performances ranged from pianists, violinists, flautists, guitarists, singers and we ended with a very exciting performance of drumming. The concert also gave some children the chance to perform songs which they had written themselves - very impressive.

The creative talents of our children know no bounds. We spent a couple of weeks looking very closely at a Renaissance painting - Tobias and the Angel. This was painted by the workshop of Verrochio and can be seen at the National Gallery. It can also be seen in many different guises at this school! The children made many different decisions about what they would most like to study and as a consequence we have a remarkable range of art, design, technology, poetry, story and research. There were a vast number of skills used, learned and improved, and this was true for the staff as much as for the children. I have never seen the school so alive with energy and enthusiasm for so long!

Although we are at the end of the year and ready to say goodbye to our year 6 children and our Deputy Head, Mrs Foskett, who has been at the school for 23 years we are also ready to look ahead. Year 6 have the exciting prospects of year 7 to ponder during the summer, Mrs Foskett is planning a world trip and the rest of us are wondering about what September will bring. 'Wondering' will be an important activity for us as we have found it can lead into very unexpected and exciting areas of learning. I wish you all a wonderful summer break and we certainly look forward to hearing everyone's news in September. I am already 'wondering' what will be in our treasure boxes.....

Janet Wilde  
Headteacher

## DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

### AUGUST 2010

- 01 Ninth Sunday of Trinity**  
10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)  
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 08 Tenth Sunday of Trinity**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Family Service  
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 15 Eleventh Sunday of Trinity**  
**11.00 am** Family Service on Framfield Recreation Ground (*Breakfast from 10:30 am*)  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion
- 18** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22 Twelfth Sunday of Trinity**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 29 Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**  
10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

### SEPTEMBER 2010

- 05 Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**  
10.00 am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing  
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 12 Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Family Service  
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

- 15 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 19 **Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity**  
 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)  
 6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 26 **Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity**  
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00 am Morning Praise  
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

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

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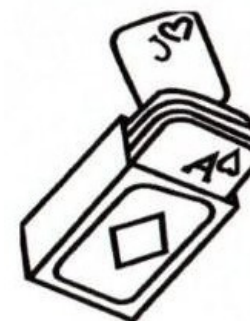
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From PCSO Simon French

Due to the number of incidents of thefts of tools from work vehicles, I intend to start up a tool marking scheme in the Framfield/Blackboys area. All the residents I have spoken to believe this to be a good idea to help combat future incidents. If you carry tools in a van or you know someone that would be interested please contact me on 0845 60 70 999 Ext 27400 or at [simon.french@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.french@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO Simon French, Uckfield Police Station 0845 60 70 999 Ext 27400

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## FRAMFIELD PARISH LUNCH CLUB

**We have a happy Lunch Club group which meets every third Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall. Numbers can range from 18 to 30. We are non-profit making and any money that may be left over is given back for Church Hall funds.**

**I have been helping and running it for 21 years and so now my team of volunteers along with myself would like to retire.**

**Is there anyone who would be prepared to take over from us? It really needs a team of 5 or 6 to share baking, cooking and the washing up. We are happy to carry on until the end of the year. I'm afraid the Club will fold if no one is found to take it on.**

**EVELYN WICKERSON**  
**01825 890481**

## Framfield & Blackboys WI

Here as promised is news of the AGM of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, which took place in Cardiff in June.

The resolution proposed by Bengeo Evening WI, Hertfordshire, was passed with 99.13% of the votes. The full wording of the resolution was:- *"This meeting urges HM Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country"*. Those of us who strive to buy British should welcome this initiative, which will become an official mandate for WI members. So often at present, food is sourced elsewhere and packaged as British, especially processed meat products.

Gill Rogers of Waldron WI was our delegate at this important meeting, which she very much enjoyed. Especially the guest speakers – The Rt, Hon John Bercow MP (Speaker of the House of Commons) appearing via video-link from Westminster, Tim Smit (Chief Executive and co-founder of the Eden Project) and Lee Durrell (Hon Director, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust). The meeting came to a climax with a performance by 'Only Men Aloud'.

Gill reported in person at our June meeting when Richard Hill spoke and showed us an inspirational film about the history and work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Supported mainly by legacies and voluntary contributions, the RNLI does not receive any government funding, and only 3% of this is used on administration. This was the subject of a WI resolution several years ago but was defeated when members realised that government money was subject to cuts as for all other services.

Our July meeting is an outing to Bodiam Castle with boat trips and a cream tea included. In August we have a garden meeting, followed by our meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), 'Slow boat in China' with Mr Albon. Do come and join us on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm, in Blackboys Village Hall.

Visitors are always welcome.

Please contact me (01825 890416, or our President, Frances Brinkhurst (01825 890759) for more details.

MARGARET BENNETT  
Framfield & Blackboys WI

## News from Welcome Church Blackboys

### South Korea Beckons

Longstanding members of the Welcome Church in Blackboys, Simon & Yuri Warner, have bid their farewell and departed to live long term in South Korea. After months of prayer, planning and preparation the time came at the beginning of July for them to embark on this exciting adventure that God has in store for them. Yuri, a native of South Korea, spent several months there earlier in the year visiting relatives and whilst she was out there Simon received an unexpected offer. A church in South Korea with whom they had links through friends in London offered Simon the job as Minister of the church. Simon, a former journalist who in recent years worked for Uckfield based Christian organisation Spring Harvest, was surprised and humbled by the offer and both he and Yuri had to give it careful consideration before accepting.

The move for them has already meant a huge change in their lives and although there have been anxieties along the way they feel excited to be doing what God wants them to do. A good home has had to be found for the family pet dog, some belongings have had to be sold or left behind and some relatives will now be much further away, including their son, William, who stays in England to continue his University education. Their daughter, Zaphinia, will join them in South Korea later this summer.

The church they will be leading has several hundred members, which although quite a different scale to our church in Blackboys is small by South Korean standards where congregations of several thousand are not unusual. The Christian Church in South Korea is very strong and the congregation here in Blackboys is sure that God will use Simon & Yuri's obedience and willingness to step out of their comfort zone in faith to strengthen the church they are going to serve.

On Sunday 5th July the Welcome Church in Blackboys held a farewell dinner for Simon & Yuri that was very well attended. Their commitment and presence will certainly be missed by the church in Blackboys and for some members their departure has yet to sink in.

Welcome Church Blackboys continues to meet at Blackboys Village Hall at 5.00pm on Sundays for an informal family service followed by tea and cake at 6.00pm. All are welcome to come and visit.

Email: [welcomchurchblackboys@googlemail.com](mailto:welcomchurchblackboys@googlemail.com)  
Tel: 01825 840 020



# Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show

**Saturday 14th August 2010 at 1.30pm**

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Well it's now the end of another school year in Framfield Playgroup, and a very busy term it has been, our theme for the term has been "*Keeping healthy and safe*", the children have been trying lots of new unusual fruits at milk bar time, we had a visit from a nurse who brought her stethoscope we all had fun listening to our hearts and looking at parts of our bodies on our new microscopes that connect to the computer, we have also been doing lots of exercise, running races up on the rec and an assault course set up in the hall.

The last week of term has been very busy for us with lots of end of term celebrations, we travelled into Uckfield to Victoria Park on the local bus to have a teddy bears picnic, all our teddies really enjoyed themselves but ate too many jam sandwiches! Dotty, a children's entertainer came to playgroup and surprised us, we had lots of fun and laughter, to end it all off we had a party and graduation ceremony to say goodbye to all the children leaving us to go to school in September, all the staff at playgroup would like to wish all the children best wishes for starting school.

As you can see the building of our new preschool is coming along really well it's all looking very exciting and on schedule to be completed by October 22nd, we still need to do a lot of fund raising towards the cost of the preschool so please come and support us at our stall at the horticultural show, we are having a raffle with some fantastic prizes, tickets will be on sale at the show if you don't already have some.

We are filling up fast for September but still have a few places left, so if you would like information about playgroup please call Jo Rayner (supervisor) on 07975567766.



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No meetings in August.

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Helpers always welcome.

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**NO PARKING PLEASE !**

We have recently been reminded that people are using the Southern Water drive to gain access to the Churchyard. May we remind you that there is no access via that route. The route must at all times be kept open for Southern Water and residents to obtain access. We would appreciate the courtesy to these parties by using the main entrance to the churchyard off Church Approach.

**Thank you for your cooperation**

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Almost 500 people watched the open air production at Pounsley, Blackboys in July of *Pride and Prejudice*, which was organised by Andrew Starnes and family in support of MCS. The weather couldn't have been better for all those bringing their picnics to eat beforehand, the setting was superb and the money raised amazing – approx £5,000. Amy and David Starnes also completed their Stockholm Marathon on our behalf too, raising over £2,500. We would like to thank them all for their support; the money raised is going towards a new appeal that has been started to build a **Cancer Support Centre** alongside Brighton Hospital to help people affected by cancer in Sussex.

Anyone affected will be able to visit the Centre at any stage of their cancer journey and find the support they need. Every year 7,000 people in Sussex are told they have cancer and this centre will offer patients, family, friends and carers:- specialist information advice, welfare benefits advice, counselling services, complementary therapies, a hair and wig service, a café and dietary advice.

Once again on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September the World's Biggest Coffee Morning** will take place in numerous venues around our area and further afield. Since this started in 1990 Macmillan has set up over 2,500 more nursing posts, pioneered over 200 local advice centres and support services and helped millions of people with cancer. So, please – have a coffee at one of the venues and continue to help MCS make history and change more lives.

If you or anyone you know has worries about cancer, if they've just been diagnosed or even if their treatment has ended, the Cancerline, Benefits Helpline, Cancer Information Nurse Helpline and Youthline have all been brought together under one number: **0808 808 00 00** or the website can always be visited on [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk). Information can be had over the telephone, or you can request any number of relevant booklets.

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trigger asthmatic attacks. They are easy to identify as they make tents in which the caterpillars develop, and therefore can be easily avoided.

In response to some local concerns relating to incidents of contact with these caterpillars, they are now under threat from the removal of their habitat, thereby destroying a place on which many other wildlife species depend for their survival.

Our initial reaction to destroy wildlife that comes in conflict with us is symptomatic of our disconnection with the environment. Wildlife scares us; wildlife gone bad must be got rid of. But we actually live in a very benign wildlife environment, the most dangerous species we come across are wasps; the anaphylactic response to wasp stings in a tiny minority of cases can cause real medical concerns.

Far better to find out and understand our wildlife, learn and know what is dangerous and leave it alone, and just be a bit more ready willing and able to live alongside our wildlife and you never know, we might get to learn our to like our new urban neighbours.

**Mike Russell**  
**Head of People and Wildlife**  
**Sussex Wildlife Trust**

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**FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET**

**LIST OF MARKET DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



No market in August.

25th September 2010  
10-12 noon.

**ALL WELCOME**

**Do come and support.**

**Come and enjoy the market stalls,  
tea/coffee, bacon rolls and company.**

**Helpers always welcome.**

**Contact: Sandy 01825 840648**

*Man's best friend*

*I am one of the many good dog owners who clean up after their dog. To those who cannot be bothered to take the minute to clean up their dog's mess I say - how would you like to tread into another owner's dog mess - Not much!!!!*

*Also do you realise that dog mess can lead to illness in children and can even cause them to go blind. Would you like that on your conscience - I think not!!!!*

*Please take that minute and clean up after your dog and make our parish recs a save and clean place to be for everyone to use.*

Thank you

## The Wild Side of Town

If you have been following some of the news items recently you might get the impression that our wildlife has suddenly become dangerous; everywhere you go some animal, reptile or even insect has been inflicting harm on the human species, perhaps finally taking out some revenge for the havoc we create in their environment.

Now I fully accept that it is shocking to find that your young children have been attacked by a fox in their own home, or that being dive-bombed by angry herring gulls is, to say the least, disconcerting. Being bitten by an adder is something I would rather not experience while the rashes caused by the hair of a moth caterpillar can be painfully irritating. These incidents have all generated media interest recently and, not unusually, the over-reaction to them has been completely out of scale with the events themselves.

Taking the fox and herring gull stories first, both these species are born survivors. As we have increasingly encroached and built on their habitats they have had to adapt to our built environment which they have done very successfully. They also take advantage of our slovenly ways thriving on the rubbish we leave around our towns and cities. Living alongside these animals can inevitably lead to occasional conflict which reached a climax recently when a fox was reported attacking two young children in their house in London a few weeks ago. To my knowledge this is the first time that this has happened and I am sure it will be an isolated incident and is not the precedent for renegade foxes to start habitually attacking people at random and also should not precipitate a mass cull, as I have heard proposed.

I know that herring gulls can be a nuisance around our coastal towns, mainly because of their noisy early morning vocal exercises which are more effective than any alarm clock. Like foxes, herring gulls have adapted well to city life, our buildings are very acceptable cliffs to them providing numerous nesting opportunities on which to raise a family. Like all parents they are very protective of their young, who when they leave the nest, tend to go wandering near to humans, triggering attacks on us by aggressive adults which is very uncomfortable. There is growing campaign to try and 'get rid' of our urban gulls ranging from trying to discourage nesting to direct culling - a completely pointless exercise.

One story that has made the papers locally is concerns about the caterpillars of the brown-tailed moth, a creature that is clad in over a million hairs that it releases as a defence mechanism and can cause nasty skin rashes as well as

## FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

The AGM was held in May. Rob Newton was re-elected as Chairman, with Maria Naylor as Vice Chairman. Rob made it very clear that should anyone else wish to take on the role, he would be very happy to vacate the Chair – something he will do come what may next year, particularly as many of the newer councillors will know the ropes by then!

Traffic calming proposals, Blackboys. ESCC are still going ahead with proposals for traffic calming along Blackboys High Street. A meeting had been held between with Chris Dowling, and the ESCC Officer involved to try and progress the proposals. It had been agreed that the proposed extra lighting to the build-out at the eastern end of the High Street was not required due to the number of current lights. At the western end, attempts were being made to minimise the lighting but that no form of exemption would be granted to remove it completely. Modern, low lighting technology was being investigated. The location of the restrictions remains unchanged as do the road junction improvements for the B2102/B2192. The drawings are now in the process of being finalised for formal public consultation.

### Pavilion Update.

- Framfield: A meeting has been held with an architect to discuss ideas for the refurbishment of the changing rooms within the Memorial Hall to include enhanced facilities for the Hall. The meeting had agreed that a purely internal refurbishment would be the better option – less costly and planning permission would not be required. This would include new showers, an extra ladies WC, larger kitchen, plus smaller 'committee' room for meetings. The architect was also keen to renew and improve the ceiling.
- Blackboys: The Council made the decision in June to cease the proposals for a new pavilion. However, the Parish Council supports the proposal to refurbish the current Cricket Pavilion. The Council would need to investigate further ways to achieve this and would welcome early discussion with the Cricket Club on the way forward.

Fred Thurston commented that he is very keen to switch a potential funding opportunity from a new build to a refurbishment and he is subject to a specific timescale.

Selina Allen wanted recognised the huge amount of time and effort that members of the Council had put into the project especially Fred Thurston.

Website: Following on from the 'advert' in the last magazine inviting interest in tendering to design a website for the Council, some six enquiries have been received and no further interested parties will be accepted after the end of July. During the summer months it is hoped to streamline the tenders and agree a provider.

If anyone requires a full copy of the minutes for any of the Council meetings please let me know.

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Rob Newton – Chairman (890103); Selina Allen (891110); Richard Brocklebank (0788 9336446); David Andrews ((07826 835295); Myran Eade (890507); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Felicity Groves (840341); Maria Naylor – Vice Chairman (890946); Ian Paisley (890904); Fred Thurston (890071).

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine). Email: [framfield.pc@virgin.net](mailto:framfield.pc@virgin.net). Messages will be picked up during office hours.

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**THE PARIKIAN ORCHESTRA AND**  
**CHORUS**

**Conductor – Levon Parikian**

**Organist – Seymour Weeks**

**ST. MARGARET THE QUEEN,**  
**BUXTED PARK**

**7.30 p.m. SATURDAY**  
**9th OCTOBER 2010**

**HANDEL – ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA**  
**MOZART – LINZ SYMPHONY**  
**HANDEL - 'LET THY HAND BE STRENGTHENED'**  
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# BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our monthly meetings take place in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm for 8pm start, (unless stated otherwise). Visitors, and prospective new members are always welcome, entrance costs £3. (£1 for members) and includes tea or coffee and biscuit. We do not have a meeting in August, the next one will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> when our speaker Bob Ogley's subject will be "Biggin on the Bump"

Our AGM & supper will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker on November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Mark Perry Nash, talking about "The Reality of Dicken's England".

If you would like to know more about the activities of the society my contact details are below.

Ann Turner, Secretary

Tel: 01825 890359 or email: [baturner.18maple@btinternet.com](mailto:baturner.18maple@btinternet.com).

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## Concert 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Parikian Orchestra and Chorus in aid of St. Peter & St. James Hospice

Levon Parikian first came to St. Margaret's Church, Buxted Park in 1994 to conduct a concert as part of Voices for Hospices, which is a worldwide event in support of the hospice movement. With the exception of 1997 he has returned every year since. The next Voices for Hospices year is 2011 but this concert is an annual event.

The orchestra will consist of about 40 professional musicians, most of whom have played in this concert for several years. The chorus will consist of about 80 members of local choral societies who will all be paying to sing in aid of the hospice.

The main choral work will be Vivaldi's Gloria, and the other items will be Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Mozart's Linz Symphony, and one of the Coronation Anthems by Handel, 'Let thy hand be strengthened'. The soloists in the Gloria will be Elizabeth Roberts (Soprano) and Lindsay Bramley (Mezzo Soprano), both of whom are professional singers who have sung several times at Buxted in this annual concert.

Tickets £12 are on sale at the Hospice Shop, 94, High Street, Uckfield, Five Ash Down Post Office, and the Hospice itself.



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We are well into the summer term now at the preschool, enjoying the lovely weather and getting lots of use out of our garden area, as we are continuing our theme of gardening and wildlife this term. We are also busy practising for our Sports Day which is coming up very soon. We will be saying goodbye to quite a few children at our leavers' ceremony on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, as they leave to embark on new adventures at School. We wish them good luck for September.

We are holding our annual sponsored walk around the village on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July followed by a BBQ and "Fun Day" at the Pre School, with stalls, tombola's and a raffle offering some great prizes.

We had an Ofsted visit in May, and we are all very proud as overall the quality of the provision is **good**. They commented that:

*"Most children are making extraordinarily good progress in all areas of their development as a result of high quality adult input and an impressive range of resources and activities."*

*"Childrens' safety is given extremely high priority within the pre-school" and:  
"Children play and learn in a very attractive, stimulating environment. They enter happily and very enthusiastically take part in activities"*

You can view the whole report by visiting [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

We still have a few places available for morning and afternoon sessions. Please telephone 01825 891113 for further information on these. We have sessions Monday – Friday mornings, including optional lunch club and afternoon sessions Monday – Thursday.

## Water mains renewals in the Framfield Area

I am writing to inform you about an important £400,000 scheme to upgrade our water main network in the Framfield area and protect customers' drinking water supplies.

As part of the Company's on-going mains renewal programme, we are planning to replace the old 3 and 4 inch diameter cast iron water mains with a tougher 90mm and 125mm diameter plastic water mains totalling 2.6km in length.

The existing section of cast iron water mains forms a strategic part of our water supply network in the Framfield area. However, while the cast iron water mains have done sterling work to serve the area, they are now around 70-years-old and coming to the end of their working life. As you may be aware, the mains have suffered an increasing number of bursts. Each time they do burst, it causes considerable damage and disruption to the footpath/highway and interruptions to the drinking water supplies. There is then further disruption to the wider community as a result of us having to carry out emergency repairs and reinstatement.

After discussions with East Sussex Highways, we are intending to start construction from week commencing 19 July 2010, in both Preston Grove and The Bungalows. We will then move on to The Street, Framfield, the week commencing 2 August 2010. This has been arranged to coincide with the school holidays to minimise traffic disruption. Once this section is completed the scheme will continue along the B2102 The Street and Framfield Road, then up Pound Lane and Gatehouse Lane to finish at Upton Farm. The whole scheme is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

The programme will be as follows:

Phase 1a - Preston Grove	19 <sup>th</sup> July through to 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Phase 1d - The Bungalows	19 <sup>th</sup> July through to 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Phase 1c - The Street/B2102	2 <sup>nd</sup> August through to 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Phase 1b - The Street	23 <sup>rd</sup> August through to 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Phase 2a - B2102	20 <sup>th</sup> September through to 25 <sup>th</sup> September and 4 <sup>th</sup> November through to 17 <sup>th</sup> November

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Phase 3 - Gatehouse Lane	27 <sup>th</sup> September through to 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Phase 3 - Pound Lane	18 <sup>th</sup> October through to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Phase 2b - B2102/ Pound Lane	18 <sup>th</sup> November through to 8 <sup>th</sup> December

Construction will be from Monday to Friday between 07.30am and 17.30pm. As our existing water mains are within the highway, we do need to ensure the safety of both our workforce and motorists. Therefore, temporary two-way traffic lights will be required for some parts of the scheme and a full road closure will be needed for the work in Pound Lane and Gatehouse Lane. To reduce disruption at any one time, only a 150-metre-long section of road will be affected by the construction work and the necessary temporary traffic lights.

We will ensure access for customers' properties up until the point where we are laying the main across their access. When that occurs, our contractors will liaise with individuals affected directly and ensure that, if necessary, temporary steel plates are used across any excavation to maintain that access.

We are also keen to ensure that where local residents or community organisations have any specific access requirements, we understand what those are before we start construction to see if we can practicably accommodate them. If you would like to discuss such issues can I please ask you to contact me as soon as possible.

Please be assured South East Water is committed to working with local stakeholders and residents to minimise the inevitable disruption that will occur. Clearly we would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this work will cause but hope you understand how important it is that we act now, and that the short term pain is worth the long term benefits this scheme will deliver. We will keep you updated as this scheme progresses but if you would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01634 276047 or by email at [david.brend@southeastwater.co.uk](mailto:david.brend@southeastwater.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

David Brend - Delivery Manager

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