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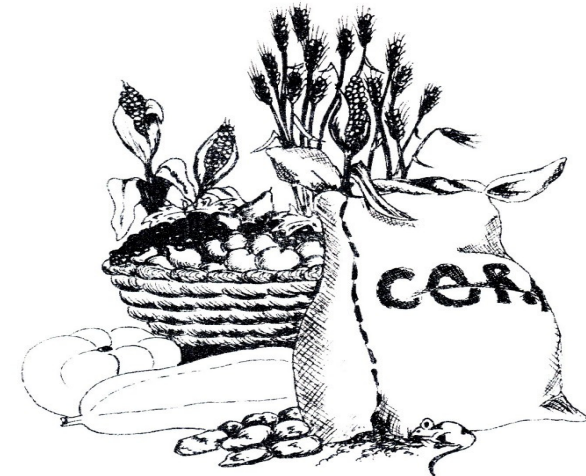
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Palehouse Common**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 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:

14th August : **Jamie Cameron Gillies / Claire Fardell**
28th August : **Lee Shepherd / Judith Antell**
18th September: **Mark Cox / Claire Murray**

**WHO'S WHO AT THE
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Love your neighbour as yourself?

The words 'Love your neighbour as yourself' are perhaps some of the best known and most often quoted of Jesus' words both in Christian circles and secular society. The second commandment, if we all adhere to it, provides us with a balance of mutual care and respect that we can all sign up to.

A recent article in a daily newspaper presented the results of a study that showed the positive benefits of doing a daily 'good deed'. It actually feels good and gives us a lift when we do something positive or kind for someone else. Random acts of kindness really do make a difference and are the epitome of love your neighbour.

But what about 'love yourself'? That one's a bit of an enigma in today's society. If the statistics are to be believed, we are becoming a nation of overweight couch potatoes, who spend virtually every evening in front of the TV, consuming vast quantities of fat and salt laden convenience food washed down with equally large quantities of cheap beer and wine!

If the lads and ladettes do make it out, then a good number can usually be seen sprawled out on the pavement on a Friday or Saturday night having inexplicably lost the use of their legs by the time last orders are called. Not a pretty sight!

So what's gone wrong? Has a significant number of individuals right across the age range totally lost their senses so that they are on a relentless path to self-destruction? Is self-worth and self-respect now an out-dated commodity? Personally, I hope it isn't, but until people have a godly revelation that they are unique and highly valued in the eyes of God then the situation will continue to deteriorate. The apostle Paul writing to the church at Ephesus says "after all no-one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church." I wonder what Paul would write to the churches in the UK if he were around today?

It is unfortunate that self-worth is too often measured against other people, what they look like, what they have, and what they've achieved. Thank God literally that He accepts and loves us just as we are. When we can accept this fact then the flawed image of ourselves will be healed and we will truly begin to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Blessings to one and all - Chris Lawrence

OCTOBER 2010 BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW:Common Worship 2001

03 Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity

10.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

10 Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Service and Baptism

17 Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing

20 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

24 Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Morning Praise

31 Fourth Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Café Style Family Service
(Guest Speaker - Revd Bob from Alabama USA)
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER 2010

07 Third Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing
6.30 pm Evening Praise

14 Second Sunday before Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Service of Remembrance

17 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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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

BLACKBOYS CE SCHOOL

The new school year has had a wonderful start at Blackboys Church of England School: our new Reception children have come in brimming with confidence; they had spent a number of mornings with us back in the summer term and with the help of their buddies soon learnt the ropes!

We have welcomed a new member of staff to the school: Miss Clare Bodfish has taken over Class Two – year 2 and 3 children. She has had a busy first few weeks, but is doing sterling work and has already become a valued member of the team here at Blackboys.

Our topic for our first weeks has had a “keeping safe and healthy” focus to it. All the pupils have been looking about how to keep fit and healthy and to get the most out of their time in school; they have been looking at some very exotic fruit and vegetables as well as making interesting soups and snacks. This theme will be continued in our European Languages Day when each class will choose a European country and try a breakfast from that country as well as make something that would be good for a healthy lunch box for that country.

We have also had a visit from our Travel Plan advisor who is helping us with our Park and Stride project, trying to encourage more of our parents to use the car park at the local pub and to walk up to school on a daily basis. At present a number of parents do this on a Wednesday and Friday, but we are keen to encourage this on a daily basis to help with the congestion in School Lane at the start of the day. I hope that the local community will see a difference!

During the Summer holidays building work has gone on in our school; we now have a small office annex which will enable Mrs Holman and Mrs Peck to keep an eye on our school entrance. It means that they will be even more available to parents too.

These first terms of the school year are always rather long, but we have some wonderful activities planned and I am sure the time will fly past. We have Harvest Festival to look forward to shortly – 4th October - please join us in Framfield Church if you can; our theme is “The produce of the UK”. Our Christmas Celebration will take place in church on 15th December and we look forward to seeing everyone there. There are sporting activities organized, concerts to attend, as well as visitors coming to school. All in all, the next few weeks look to be very busy and very exciting.

J K KING (Headteacher)

21 Sunday next before Advent

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

28 First Sunday of Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Morning Praise

Please Note

- **8am BCP Holy Communion moves to 8.30am**
From October - February (inc)
- **And now for something completely different!**
31st October; Café Style Family Service
Guest Speaker; Revd Bob from Alabama USA
(Once seen never forgotten!)
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☺ - All welcome - ☺

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine). Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours. All communications for Parish Council matters should be directed to Ann.

Framfield & Blackboys WI

Following our usual monthly meeting on June 22nd, a New Members meeting was organised. We had not had one of these for some time and quite a few new members attended.

Our President, Frances Brinkhurst and her Committee welcomed Shirley Kirby, East Sussex Federation County Chairman, to meet them. Shirley gave details of the many opportunities open to W.I. members, including a multitude of courses held at the W.I. Denman College in Oxfordshire, and more locally in East Sussex.

In August we were all looking forward to a Garden Meeting hosted by Corinne Urben. Unfortunately, because of heavy rain falling that day this had to be abandoned.

On Tuesday 12th October, 7.30 pm at Blackboys Village Hall, Gun Lane, Mrs Stella Mitchell will be our speaker again. Her subject: "My Friends the American Indians". Do try and join us for this meeting! Visitors are always welcome.

In November we will be having our Annual General Meeting when a new Committee will be elected.

Please just come along – or contact our President, Frances Brinkhurst (tel. 01825 890759), or myself (tel. 01825 890416) for more details of these meetings, or for more information about W. I. membership.

Margaret J. Bennett

The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Jenny Pratt
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Lisa Smith
The Barbara Briault Cup	Polly Smith
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups	(under 5 yrs) Mai Rose Malandrino (5 to 7 yrs) Rosie Newman (8 to 11 yrs) Kitty Smith (12 to 16 yrs) Polly Smith
The Sampson Bowl	Julia Johnson
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup	Sarah Hill
The Jeffery Victor Ludorum Trophy	The Smith Family
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Neville Pratt
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Jenny Pratt
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art	Valerie Letley
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	Tallis Groves
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	William Bacon
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	Jack Stacey
The National Vegetable Society – Silver Medal & Diploma	Neville Pratt
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society	Terry Everitt
Best in Dog Show – Pedigree	Alan Tubb with Magic
Best in Dog Show – Novelty	Chris Belton with Harvey

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

Our annual Jumble Sale will be held in Framfield Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th October. Jumble can be left at the hall in the morning. The Sale starts at 2pm and will include teas, tombola and a cake stall. Our main charity this year is the Stroke Association. Please come along and help a good cause.

If you need any more information call Val Peaty on 890677.

donated by TW Hopkins of Blackboys. Other entertainment included the welly-wanging, and wheelbarrow racing with some slippery cornering at the turn.

Given the weather, Terry Everitt from the organising committee for the show said “We are hugely grateful to Grassroots for the £5000 grant that allowed the purchase of solid large marquees to provide much needed shelter and they were clearly much appreciated by many!”

We hope to see you at future shows and welcome ideas to develop the show as we move into a new decade. Any help is always welcome as organising such a large event is a mammoth task. Just contact the society.

Full results for every single class and award in the 2010 Summer Show are downloadable from the society’s website on www.fabhortsoc.org.uk - go have a look!

2010 Results:

Trophy/Section/Award	Winner
The Hobbs Barton Cup	Jenny Pratt
The John Dann Cup	Sarah Cooper
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup	Neville Pratt
The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Neville Pratt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	Sue Newman
The David Hazelden Plate	John Small
The Peter Butler Plate	Lisa Moore
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Jenny Pratt
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Jenny Pratt
The Geddes Rose Bowl	Jenny Pratt
The Williams Cup	Valerie Letley
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Jenny Pratt
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Dorothy Makepeace
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Cynthia Cottingham
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Sean Wright
The Henry Cup	Jacky Woodgate



FRAMFIELD PLAYGROUP
The Memorial Hall, The Street,
Framfield, TN22 5NR



OFSTED Registration No: 511222

Charity Commission No: 1040794

PLA Member No: 29899

Well it’s another new year at Framfield Playgroup. We hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday.

We would like to welcome our new children to the playgroup and look forward to having lots of fun learning and playing together.

We also hope that the children that left last term have settled down well at school. Our theme for this term is “Marvellous Mystical Me”.

Our new Pre-School building is well on the way and is on schedule to open 1st November 2010. We would like to invite everyone to an open afternoon on Friday 29th October at 1pm – 3pm to come and meet the staff and have a look around. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A big thank you to everyone who supported us at the Summer Show. We raised lots of money towards the £10,000.00 we have to raise for the new Pre-School so thank you for your continuing support.

Framfield Playgroup offers children a warm, friendly pre-school environment. We have a longstanding team of staff who are dedicated to the children’s learning and development. But don’t just take our word for it – if you are preparing to enrol your child at a pre-school please call us to arrange a visit! We accept children from the age of 2 years old and they do not have to be potty/toilet trained.

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 Jo Rayner (Supervisor) on 07975 567766
 Sarah Ridley (Treasurer) on 01825 891023

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click on playgroup



RAIN and SUN, WINNERS and FUN

Saturday 14th August saw the gathering of the wide variety that makes up The Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show held on the recreation ground and in the Memorial Hall in Framfield. While the weather initially assaulted the guests, it later cleared to leave a warm afternoon with much to entertain the family. So a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** must go to all those people who braved the weather to attend and enter into the spirit of this quintessentially English summer event as well as all the helpers who took entry money, staffed stalls or completed the many varied roles required that resulted in a hugely successful show.

Entries were up again this year (586 in 127 classes) with the spirit of “grow your own” giving more people than ever the opportunity to just “give it a go” in the Novice Section as well as some stunning exhibits from the more experienced growers. Despite the difficult growing season there were many magnificent specimens. The children’s entries were wide and varied from a decorated vegetable whale to artwork and photography. A mouth-watering array of cooked produce kept the judges busy for a good few hours The photography featured many stunning images of the snow earlier in the year and some creative handicrafts graced the tables in the hall as always.

On the field the Pimm’s tent was a vision of colour and offered a selection of summer drinks under cover to ward off the ill effects of the weather. Framfield Football Club provided sustenance from their barbeque as well as assistance in setting up the marquee for the band. “All those who gave their time to ensure the smooth running of the show need an huge thank you,” said Jenny Bacon, chair of the Summer Show Committee. We are grateful to the NFU Mutual for sponsoring the show again this year and to KSV for kindly donating hot drinks for the refreshment tent.

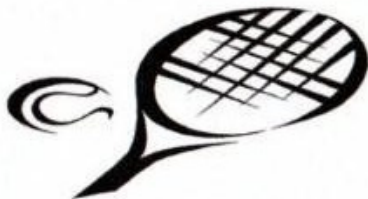
The Brass Band provided a musical backdrop to the afternoon, while Mrs Back To Front yet again kept those younger visitors fully amused. The whole afternoon was kept moving along by the commentary of Nigel Cassford. Maria Naylor of Brook House Farm brought along one of her saddleback sows and piglets and at the end of the day the pig was let loose into the arena for our first hugely successful “Pig Pat Treasure Map” with all squares sold and a £20 prize for purchasing that winning square where the pig “dropped its marker”.

The Fun Dog Show attracted the usual range of excited if increasingly damp participants, both human and canine, with all manner of sizes and tails extensively wagged (as there was a prize for that!)

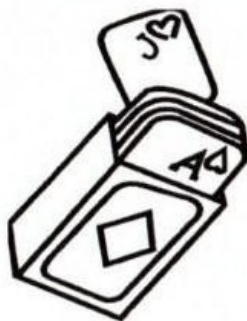
The ever-popular plate smashing, hoopla as well as terrier racing all took place despite the rain. The winners of the bowling for the leg of lamb receiving a voucher kindly

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FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET

LIST OF MARKET DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



23rd October 2010 - 10-12 noon

27th November 2010 - 10-12 noon

18th December 2010 - 10-12 noon

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Blackboys Pre-School
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Tel: 01825 891113

www.blackboyspreschool.co.uk

We had a lovely end to the last term celebrating with a leaver's ceremony, a really fun sports day, where all the children who participated received medals and certificates.

We finished the term with our sponsored walk and fun day where the children and parents enjoyed a BBQ, Tombola, Lucky Dips, Various stalls, Face Painting and a Raffle. The children were kept entertained by "Jimmy the Juggling Jester" who demonstrated plate spinning and balloon modelling amongst other things. We raised over **£320.00** for the Pre School, so a massive thank you for all that helped and to those who came along and supported us.

Our topic this term is space and we will also be preparing for our Harvest Festival, with a visit to Oast Farm in Buxted where the children will have a chance to pick some fruits and nuts.

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 an optional early bird club and / or a lunch club. Our afternoon sessions now run **every** afternoon Monday – Friday until 3.30pm.

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Email: welcomchurchblackboys@googlemail.com
Tel: 01825 840 020

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

Since the last issue of the magazine the committee has, as usual, been busy fund raising. For any of our supporters who came along to our Walk on Ashdown Forest you might like to know that you helped raise a further £250 for MCS. Since then we have helped Dr. Rob Harrison organise a Book Sale in Buxted, and held a number of events in aid of MCS World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We will be standing outside Tesco's with our tins in October – not always our favourite way of raising funds as we realise that we are only one of many charities asking for money, and the general public cannot give to us all. However, one forthcoming event which we hope will be of more interest is our ***Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 17th November from 10.00am – 2.00pm in Luxford Centre, Uckfield.*** Do drop in and see what we have to offer – there will be a number of different stalls, and although Christmas seems a long way ahead at the moment, by the middle of November you may be inclined to buy a gift and support MCS at the same time.

The name Macmillan is still synonymous for Nurses helping with symptom and pain control, advice and information on treatments and providing emotional support; but nowadays MCS also funds hundreds of doctors, radiographers, physiotherapists etc, has information and support centres, offers financial grants, and builds specialist cancer care centres among other things. The latest venture for Sussex is the new ***Cancer Support Centre*** which will be built next to Brighton Hospital and which will help the 7,000 people who are diagnosed with cancer in Sussex each year.

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 0000*** or the website can always be visited on ***www.macmillan.org.uk***. Information can be had over the telephone, or you can request any number of relevant booklets.

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 840441



FRAMFIELD STARRY CHRISTMAS TREE



In aid of MacMillan Nurses

I would like to inform everyone that the Starry Christmas Tree will be in the village again this year. Stars will be available to buy from Hair by Us, Framfield School and Blackboys School as from **21st November**. The lighting up service will be in the first week of December final date to be arranged.

Stars will be £3.00 each and proceeds will go to Uckfield Macmillan Nurses.

Please help us to raise more money for a worthy cause, and remember people how are no longer with us or can't be with us during the Christmas season.

Thank you
Selina Allen

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 safe and clean place to be and for everyone to use.*

Thank you

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 7th when our speaker Bob Ogley's subject will be "Biggin on the Bump"

Our AGM & supper will be held on October 5th. Our speaker on November 2nd 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.

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and will often use piles of grass cuttings or a compost heap in which to breed. The more 'newt-like' lizard you are likely to come across is the common lizard - but only if you have a largish garden on chalk or sandy soils. They are good for the garden as they feed on insects, particularly ants.

If you want to do the right thing by these animals in your garden, provide them with suitable habitats and create the right conditions for them; a pond for newts to breed in, along with dark, dank places in which they can hibernate. Lizards also hibernate and will benefit from a little bit of habitat creation, and above all no chemicals.

Having done that, you can sit back and bask in the glory that you are a real wildlife Samaritan.

Mike Russell
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FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

4th October 2010- 2.30pm Framfield Memorial Hall
Speaker - Ben Pratt(Hailsham)"Living in a Bee Hive"

18th October 2010 - 2.30pm Framfield Memorial Hall
BOCCIA (Indoor Bowls) - Tea/ Cakes

1st November 2010 - 2.30 Framfield Memorial Hall
Chairbased Activities - with Louise Knight

15th November 2010 - 2.30pm Framfield Memorial Hall
Musical Event - "David Brown and his Guitar"

For more information, call Sandy on 01825 840648. Helpers always welcome.

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Do the Right Thing!

By Mike Russell Head of People and Wildlife at Sussex Wildlife Trust

It is always distressing when you really try to do the right thing for wildlife and then it turns out all wrong. Probably the worst case I've heard of was during a spell of very cold weather. Someone was very disturbed to see that birds couldn't drink from the water bowl in their garden as it was frozen so, in a heroic act of great kindness, they put antifreeze in! Not to be recommended.

Recently I was told another tale which had nothing like the drastic effect of the antifreeze and I can assure you that no animals were harmed in the recounting of this story! It concerned newts. Now most people know what a newt is and if there is just one fact they know about them it is probably that they live in water. So recently when a garden was being tidied, the owner came across some newts underneath a pile of rubble and brick, and being quite perturbed by this she returned them to the pond.

Now this wouldn't have harmed the newts at all, it probably just would have made them a bit grumpy. Newts only actually use the water for breeding so they only need it for about four or five months in the year. Once the breeding cycle is complete, the newts will haul themselves out the water and look for some cool, damp shady place to hibernate for the winter. They are quite capable of walking long distances as they have been found up to a mile away from the nearest water.

What would have made the newts grumpier was finding that their ideal habitat for hibernating had been removed so they had to go and look for somewhere else to spend the winter. So, if you really want to help newts, which are lovely creatures to have living in your garden, leave a little bit of rubble and brick or log piles where they can contentedly sleep the winter away.

A newt out of water can understandably sometimes be mistaken for a lizard. A full grown newt and a young lizard can look similar but should you misidentify a lizard as a newt and try and put it back in the water it would indeed be more than a little grumpy, in fact it could be life threatening. Despite looking similar, newts are amphibians, and water is essential to their life cycle. Lizards are reptiles that only need water for drinking.

You are likely to come across two types of lizard in your garden and one of those tries to pass itself off as a snake! A slow worm is, in fact, a legless lizard

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

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

Yours sincerely

David Brend - Delivery Manager