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From the Registers :



Marriages – those whom God has joined, let no one divide:
22nd July: **James Fraser Thomson / Victoria Claire Brown**
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9/11 - Ten Years on – Is forgiveness possible?

It seems incredible that ten years has passed since the atrocity in New York where 2,996 people lost their lives. The recent reports on the TV bring back to mind the magnitude of this act of terrorism and the many lives that are still being affected. So is it possible to get over an event like this where so many loved ones were killed?

We all know it to be true when we say that ‘we can acknowledge the past, but we cannot live in the past’. Life has to go on; but to move on with life and not be perpetually affected by past events, forgiveness has to be given. This is not to down play the enormity of the crime committed by the terrorists, but those who carried out the actual atrocity would in their own death never be brought to justice in this life. Forgiveness is necessary so that those left behind can experience peace within themselves so that they can go on living.

For the Christian and the God fearing, forgiveness is mandatory, but in fact it applies to everyone - part of the Lord’s prayer says - **‘Father, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us’**. It’s a conditional prayer and God will not forgive us until we forgive others.

It is often hard for our human minds to comprehend how we could in some circumstances even begin to consider forgiveness, but forgive we must.

9/11 was on a huge scale but it can be equally hard to forgive the everyday hurts that upset us. It can be a variety of things; a lack of consideration, being sworn at, a distaining look or gesture, a breakdown of trust within a relationship etc. I have lost count of the times I have heard the phrase “That person hurt me so much, I can never forgive them!”

So what makes forgiveness so difficult? The offense that requires forgiveness will undoubtedly have caused us pain in some way – physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. From a human standpoint we cry out for justice to right the wrong; if we are honest we want pay-back! Rodney Hogue, an American pastor, writes about this point and our reluctance to forgive -

'Our reluctance to forgive comes when we feel that forgiveness somehow lets our offender be discharged from what they have done.

Genuine forgiveness recognises that we do not have the right to become enforcers of justice. We relinquish that right by committing that person out of our hands and into the hands of God, our perfect and holy judge.

God will deal justly with all. You will not be letting someone off the hook; you will be transferring that person from your hook to "God's hook."

Saint Paul writing to the church in Rome said:

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Even in an age where we sometimes feel that the law is weak or powerless we need to grasp the bigger picture. God is the God of all justice and nothing is hidden from His view.

Not forgiving others also has a negative impact on our lives which in the long term may result in physical or mental illness. Nobody is completely immune from the ups and downs of life; what is important is how we handle them. Saint Paul offers some advice:

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour.... ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin". Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:25-27)

In essence, deal with matters frankly, honestly and quickly. Letting things fester gives the devil place in our lives resulting in grudges, bitterness and the lack of opportunity to forgive or be forgiven. In all these matters we have a choice but I will leave the last word on effects of unforgiveness to Joyce Meyer –

"Harbouring unforgiveness is like drinking poison in the hope that the other person will get sick! Unforgiveness poisons anyone who holds onto it, causing themselves to become bitter. And it is impossible to be bitter and get better at the same time!"

Rev Chris Lawrence

Diary of Church Services

OCTOBER 2011

02 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion

09 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Family Service

16 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

6.30 pm Evening Praise

19 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

23 Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Morning Praise

30 Fourth Sunday before Advent (All Saints' Day)

10.00 am Café Service in Memorial Hall

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion

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06 Third Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

6.30 pm Evening Praise

13 Second Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Service of The Word

- 16** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 20** **Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion with Prayer for Healing
- 27** **Advent Sunday**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Morning Praise

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

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Framfield Church - Summer Events

By **Roving Reporter - Eve**

On the 16th July the church came alive with the 'Sound of Music'. The evening started well and noisily with Barber and Taylor with Amy Reed. They entertained us with their songs and music until the interval, during which the bar was open and a wonderful buffet was served in the Church Hall. Then came the main event of the evening which was Harmony Glen from Holland. They had a varied array of instruments from which they produced some unusual sounds.

They played and sang songs from Ireland, Sweden and Holland finishing up with a Russian song (I think!). The whole event was a great success attracting about 190 people and earning £1,200 profit for much needed church funds.

Our ancient churchyard is being managed to protect wildlife, wild flowers, butterflies and insects, with conservation areas and mown pathways making public access for reflection and peaceful recreation. Take some time out to look at our new oak information boards which have been beautifully created by Raymond James, explaining the management plan. They can be found at both churchyard entrances.

On 25th July our Senior Fellowship group had the end of term tea party at Doris Izzard's home. Extra guests were invited and we had a delightful tea with sandwiches and cakes. The Fellowship re-commences on 12th September and new members are always welcome. The lady to ask for all information is Marian Filtness who will be only too happy to welcome you to the fold. She can be contacted through the church office.

Sunday 14th August, after a very successful Saturday Summer Show, saw the marquee being used for our annual morning service. It began with a breakfast of bacon rolls, doughnuts and coffee. Bernie and Jean French gave us a thought provoking talk and there was a guest appearance by Miss Broccolli Spears who was a great hit with young and old alike.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped contribute to the above events.

MY LIFE WITH FUR AND FEATHER

CONFUSING CONVERSATIONS.

Over the years I have had many phone calls from people about their pet's behaviour or training. These calls often come at unexpected times. It is then difficult to do a mental switch from thinking about preparing dinner to helping a worried and sometimes very distressed owner. Abandoning my half peeled potatoes I grab my note book so I can make some scribbled notes as I listen carefully to their problems. Because they are stressed, nervous or very upset, it is extremely difficult sorting out all the relevant facts. Are we talking about their own dog who had upset all the neighbours, or is it the neighbour's dog that has upset the caller? "No of course it's not my dear little Millie" replied one offended lady. It's my mother in law's dog that's badly behaved and needs help!

Sometimes it takes a while to sort out whether the pet is a dog or a cat. Occasionally it's not the animal at all, but Granny who has moved into the family home, or the teenage son who has upset the family pet! So I try to establish the facts early on in the conversation, if possible.

One day I had a call from an elderly sounding lady with a very strong accent. It was very difficult to understand her especially as she was quite agitated. I asked her what the problem was. She replied that her pet had turned very aggressive and was attacking her. I struggled to understand and hear her properly. I asked her again to explain what was happening. "He goes for me when I try to cross the room and attacks my head." Worried about this I enquired if he was big. It must be a very large dog I thought if he could reach the poor woman's head. "Oh yes he's very big." she replied, "He's got mean little eyes though" I asked her what breed of dog it was but did not catch what she said, I asked her to repeat it. I still could not sort out what on earth it could be. It seemed to start with a P and I frantically tried to think of a breed that fitted her description, a Patterdale terrier? No that was too small. Irish Wolf Hound right size but it had sounded like PA something. I made one more effort. "What did you say it was?" The poor exasperated lady told me once more. "It's not a dog it's a parrot!!"

By now I could just about understand her accent and it all made sense which was a relief. She had thought she had called the number for a parrot expert but phoned me by mistake. I explained that I was a dog behaviourist. She sounded disappointed about that but brightened up when I said I would try to help her; but obviously would not charge as I did not know anything about parrots, but did know about chickens which

might be helpful! She then explained that she had been away in hospital for some time and someone else had looked after her parrot. He had obviously missed her company and become very upset and bored. When she returned this cross frustrated bird decided to teach her a lesson and get his revenge.

I suggested lots of new interesting toys and suitable treats to entertain and interest her disgruntled pet. This should also distract him from his aerial attacks. I thought the situation would also improve when their old familiar routine and interaction was resumed.

A week later I was delighted to hear the good news that all was harmony in the household and there were no more ruffled feathers.

Hazel Carter

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FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET LIST OF MARKET DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Saturday 26th November – 10am - 12noon

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Our next meeting is our AGM & Seasonal Supper on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm. On 1st November Chris Hare will be talking to us about Bonfire Riots. We will be holding our Christmas Event on Friday 9th December in the Blackboys Village Hall at 7pm. This year's "entertainment" will be entitled The Turning Year, with Dr Geoff Doel and Dr Mick Lynn.

In the past several suggestions have been made that the society should have "An Evening of Memories" An informal evening when local people would be invited to come along and share their memories by giving a short talk and/or by joining in an open discussion about our "local history". There would also be a small display of appropriate documents, photos, artefacts. If you would like to take part or know someone I can contact who might be willing to participate please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm start, unless otherwise stated. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome and although most current members are senior citizens, we welcome all ages.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, or the society's activities in general, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email baturner.18maple@btinternet.com.

Ann Turner

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Website – why not check it out – www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

ANN NEWTON/Oct 2011

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Around 50 brave people arrived on Ashdown Forest in driving wind and rain for our annual Macmillan walk last month! Thankfully, by the time we had coffee, it “brightened up” and the walk and lunch was very much enjoyed by all. We were so pleased to make in the region of £400. The many teas we do, throughout the summer, in open gardens, have raised an amazing £5000.

The *World’s Biggest Coffee Morning* is back and we hope there will be much support on *Friday 30th September*. Last year was a record-breaking total of £8.2 million. The Uckfield committee will be holding several coffee mornings at various venues, one of which will be Pizza Express in Uckfield and we shall be grateful for lots of local support for this worthy cause.

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 phone 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 890400

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



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email: enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk

We can't believe the summer is over already!

Following our exciting collaboration with the Mohair Centre in Chiddingly, staff members will be braving the elements as they undertake Forest school training. From learning to make camp fires to using tools with younger children, this will bring some new skills to Pre-School to make the Blackboys experience even more special.

Our allotment goes from strength to strength. It has now been divided into separate plots. The herb garden is up and running and the next project is to sort out the dedicated vegetable and fruit mini plots. We have had a very generous donation of tools from a member of the community who wished to remain anonymous. We cannot thank her enough. If you have unwanted tools or seeds that you can spare for our Growing up Green project, call into the Village Hall or give Jenny a ring on 01825 891113.

This term we'll be celebrating Halloween with our annual party, which gives children (and parents!) an excuse to dress up in spooky outfits, enjoy entertainment and party food. Pumpkins are optional. Be scared - be very scared....

More than just a village pre-school, Blackboys Pre-School is an important part of village life. We have a number of events coming up open to all members of the community.

The first Blackboys Pre-School Cafe of the year is taking place on Thursday 29 September open from 9.30am - 11.30am. Pop along and enjoy a drink and a slice of

homemade cake, catch up with old friends or make some new ones! Children welcome. This month we will also be participating in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 19 November at the Village Hall to raise money for Pre School. If you'd like to make some money out of unwanted treasures in time for Christmas shopping, there's a nominal fee for sellers. Pop along and pick yourself up a bargain. Refreshments available. The Pre-school's own table will be selling toys, books and Christmas puddings.

While you're having a clear-out, rather than send your unwanted items to landfill, we can arrange for them to be recycled. Ecokids will give us £550 for every tonne we collect. Our next collection is at 10am on Monday 21 November from the Village Hall. Bring your bags, or if you'd like us to collect, drop us a line by telephone or email.

Check out our website at www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk for details of other events and to sign up to our email newsletter.

Blackboys Pre-School is open Monday to Friday from 8.45am until 3.30pm. We have places available for September. For information or to book your child in for a no-obligation free trial, call Jenny on 01825 891113 or email: enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk.

The Blackboys Pre-School team

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Technology Rules OK?

By Mike Russell, Sussex Wildlife Trust

Struggling as I do with the overwhelming amount of e-mails I get, the sheer volume of information I think I need from the internet and the general vice-like grip that modern technology has over my life, I seek refuge outside whenever I can, clutching my binoculars and just looking at the real world. It is cathartic, calming and links me back to what is real. Just the other day I desperately needed a break from the screen so went out onto the nature reserve at Woods Mill when a familiar sound caught my ear. Sure enough, sitting on a low branch over the lake, was a kingfisher; how good was that!

Actually I think I'm probably over playing the hard done-by bit too much. I freely admit that I am in a very privileged position having access to a wonderful nature reserve and I do spend quite a bit of my time in wonderful places looking at wonderful wildlife. But you probably get the gist; technology plays a significant part in nearly all the work and leisure aspects of our lives. How much we embrace that is very much down to the individual.

Having given the impression that technology is the antithesis of wildlife, in reality it can and does contribute enormously to wildlife conservation. The range of equipment now readily available has stimulated a lot of interest in the natural world; people are now going out to look at wildlife and have new ways of finding out what they are looking at, and if they are still not sure then they can soon find someone who will know.

Digital cameras have made wildlife photographers out of everyone. You can take some excellent photographs now with even the most compact of cameras and you can very quickly upload the pictures to a specialist website, log onto the Open University ispot or, best of all, contact our WildCall Officer Jess Price who will be happy to help you identify what you have seen.

You can download apps for the new Smartphones to enhance your wildlife experience. Best of these has to be the ibat which enables you to identify the bat you are looking at by uploading the sounds to a website. Bats are extremely difficult to identify in flight, but now technology has made this possible. Sussex Wildlife Trust has now produced its own app for visitors to the Woods Mill nature reserve at Henfield– visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for download details.

In September last year, I wrote about how satellite tagging tracked a nightingale to its wintering grounds in West Africa and how that one bird delivered more information on nightingale migration than all those previously given a leg ring. This year five cuckoos have been given satellite tags by the British Trust for Ornithology and I have just read that all five of them have made it to Africa. With the information received from the satellite we now know the route they take, where they stop to feed, how long it takes them and their final destination in Africa. All this information helps us to know what is needed to help conserve this fast declining species.

Technology has given a new stimulus to the amateur naturalist and is really just a new phase in what is a long and honourable tradition in the UK, an interest in and curiosity about the natural world. In the past we would have gone out with a shotgun then a net or more recently binoculars and an expensive camera. Now we can take a Smartphone. But the results are just the same - contact and often a thrilling experience with the natural world - something that never changes.

Mike Russell

Sussex Wildlife Trust - www.sussexwt.org.uk

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

3rd October 2.30pm - Boccia (Bowls)
at - Framfield Memorial Hall. Tea/Biscuits

17th October 2.30pm - Christmas Card Making with Selina Allen
at - Framfield Memorial Hall. Tea/Biscuits

7th November 2.30pm - Chairbased Activities
with Louise Knight and Bring and Buy
at - Framfield Memorial Hall Tea/Biscuits

21st November 2.30pm - Music with David Brown & Co
at - Framfield Memorial Hall - Tea/Cakes.

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We all had a lovely summer break, and have started back for our first full year in our new Pre-School. I would like to welcome all our new children this term: Rupert, Felix, Michael, Austin, Daisy and Emma, I hope you all enjoy being at Pre-School.

At the summer show we had a Raffle and Guess the name of the Bear competition, this in total raised £141.60 for the Pre-School (including a cake sale at the end of term) a very BIG THANKYOU to everyone for all their help and support with this, especially the parents who helped out on the day.

Our theme for this term is Animals. We are planning a trip to Blackberry Farm and hopefully getting some of our pets to visit us at pre-school.

Unfortunately we have a little sad news, over the summer break our pre-school garden was vandalised, property was damaged and removed from the site, luckily most of it has been returned to us. Mr James, who kindly helps with the gardening, noticed that the apples had been picked from the tree and thrown at the pre-school windows.

On a very positive note we have been awarded an Awards for all grant for ICT equipment worth nearly £10,000.

We still have places available for morning and afternoon sessions. Please telephone Sarah Ridley on 01825 890943 for further information, or to arrange a visit. We are open every day from 9am-6pm, including optional breakfast club 07.45-08.45 and after school club 3pm-6pm for children aged 2-11 years.

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A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays come every year and we all celebrate in our own way. Some like to gloss over their advancing years (me included), whilst others like to throw a party and celebrate. Some have more reason to celebrate than others, be it a milestone year or the fact that they have overcome an illness that was likely to prevent them from seeing another birthday.

On Friday 2nd September friends and family got together in the Village Hall to celebrate a birthday that combined both of the above. What made this such a special event, apart from the numbers of people who had travelled from as far afield as Wigan and Northern Ireland, and the talents of Simon Joslin (DJ & guitar virtuoso) and Terry Everitt's band Tortishead, was the fact that no presents were to be given. Instead we were asked to give a donation to the Lymphoma Association and Maidstone Oncology.

In these times of economic uncertainty it is amazing that in excess of £1600 was donated by all who attended and for this reason, I thought it would be right to share this with the parish and also to wish Sandra Jones a very Happy Birthday and congratulations on raising so much money.

Lots of love, The Sniffs - (on behalf of everyone who came to your party!)

PS. If you would like to know what the milestone year was, it will cost you a small donation to a very worthy cause.



When talking to Col. Nigel Drew I was amazed when he told me that the first Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural show was started by his grandmother in 1926. So that means this Summer Show was the 85th event. I rather think an awful lot must have changed in that time. I wonder if there was a dog show, a dance display or a forerunner of Mrs Back to Front. There certainly would not have been a bouncy castle and it's hard to believe the refreshment tent would have been as marvellous as the one we now have.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to be at this year's show but I have had many reports of how amazingly successful it was. This was due to the Villages coming up trumps with brilliant ideas to add to the event and of course all the extra help and labour in running it. I'm told everything went smoothly and there were many new attractions. As Chairman I think, on behalf of the two committees, everyone who worked so hard and enthusiastically to make this show, which is so important to our two communities, such a memorable new beginning to a truly Village affair.

May I remind you of the next two talks for the Society:

Wednesday 28th September: Mr. Nigel Philips who is a garden designer will be talking about 'Making Use of What You've Got'. Blackboys Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th November after the A.G.M. Mr. Ed. Ikin who is the head gardener at Nymans will give a talk entitled 'Caring for Nymans - A Blend of History, Green Gardening and Management'. Blackboys Village Hall 7.30pm

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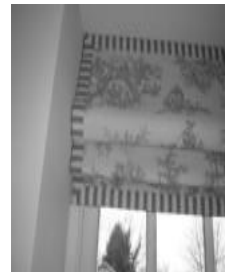


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Framfield CE Primary School

We have had a very good start back to the new school year, despite having to dodge between raindrops! The children are enjoying a few minutes additional playtime in the playground before school starts. Over the summer holiday the children made story boxes around different animal themes (including dragons). These are delightful and the children and their families are to be congratulated on the very interesting range of items they have included. Each class is now taking their ideas forward as they learn about different animals and enjoy even more books to read.

Our new group of reception children have settled in brilliantly joining year 1 in Peacocks class. All of them were able to participate in the rising 5s groups during the summer term when Framfield Pre-school worked with us to support their transition. As a result the children clearly feel already a firm part of the school. We welcome them and their families. Our oldest children in Eagles class have begun their very important task of buddy to the youngest children and it is delightful to see how well they cooperate, sharing their news, their lunchtime and their play.

We made some changes over the holiday so that Peacocks class are now at the back of the school next door to the pre-school. This is a good arrangement which supports our partnership really well. Puffins class – year 4 – are now at the front of the school and looking forward to planning a cottage garden in the flower beds. Kingfishers –years 2 and 3 - have remained in their room and are looking forward to taking over the outside play area and playhouse.

Janet Wilde
Headteacher

Welcome Church Blackboys

We had a great Blackboys Farm Camp over the Summer with several families enjoying the camping experience. The weather was kind to us (mostly!) and we enjoyed songs around the campfire, fishing, treasure hunt, circus workshop, pond dipping, cricket, swimming and more. Watch this space for the date for Farm Camp 2012 - most likely to be the last weekend in July!

We now have an All-Age Morning Service @ 10.30am every 4th Sunday in the month after which we share a meal together. The other Sundays are an Evening Service 5-6pm with cakes and tea beforehand from 4.30pm. All are welcome and we would love to see you - we meet @ the Village Hall, Gun Road, Blackboys.

Other things going on this Autumn include:

Little Stars - weekly babies & toddlers group which meets in the small Hall @ Blackboys Village Hall every Friday during term-time 10.30-12

Crusaders - our Friday after school gospel club in Blackboys Primary School

Life to the Max - weekly Wednesday night youth group for secondary school age children

Young people's Cell Group - meets weekly on Monday evenings

Girls Allowed - every other week Monday discipleship group for 'mature' girls!

If you'd like to find out more about any of the above, or you and/or your children would like to come along, please don't hesitate to contact Emma Doherty 01825 890029

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Framfield & Blackboys WI

Framfield & Blackboys WI have had a very busy summer with outings and tea parties. We had a garden party in August on a beautiful summer's afternoon. Delicious tea, a fun competition and a raffle all added to our enjoyment.

Our bookstall at the Framfield Show was very successful and we thank all who purchased books CD's and DVD's. It raised funds to pay towards our speakers next year. Many thanks also to those who donated the books.

Framfield & Blackboys WI are part of the East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes (ESFWI). Many exciting events are offered throughout the year, organised by the Leisure and Learning Committee. Recently some of our members went on a Bowls taster day. The day started with coffee and biscuits followed by coaching from experienced players at the Bowls Club. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch complete with apple pie and cream. In the afternoon we played matches with a prize for the overall winner, ending the day with tea and cake and a raffle. It was a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

A coach trip in September to Buckingham Palace was another event organised by the Leisure and Learning Committee. It was a wonderful experience to go inside the Palace, walk where generations of Monarchs have walked, to see the throne room and the crystal chandeliers and opulent decor. It was a special treat to see the fantastic Faberge collection and also Kate Middleton's

wedding dress. The wedding cake was also on display in the ballroom where they had held the wedding reception. We ended our tour with tea and a walk in the garden alongside the lake.

We have a very full programme coming up, including a coach trip to Canterbury, an outdoor Bowls afternoon organised at the end of September at a local Bowls Club and a workshop for Christmas flower arrangements.

Our Meetings to the end of the year are as follows:

September 13th at Blackboys Village Hall – ‘Dorothy in the Workhouse’ Speaker, Mrs Kinnison Bourke

October 11th at Framfield Memorial Hall – ‘My time at Bletchley Park’ Speaker, Mrs Betty Houghton

November 8th at Framfield Memorial Hall - A.G.M.

December 13th at Framfield Memorial Hall - ‘Christmas Party’ with ‘Sounds Accord’

The meetings start at 7.30pm and we always welcome visitors. You may join us for up to 3 meetings before deciding whether to become a member of our WI and those joining now will get free membership until the end of the year.

Details of meetings are also posted on our notice board outside Framfield Memorial Hall.

**Corinne Urben
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