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# Parish Newsletter



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**JUNE/JULY 2012**

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*From the Registers :*



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

**12<sup>th</sup> May:**                                **Alex Robinson / Natasha Edmondson**

**At rest :**

**20<sup>th</sup> March:**                                **Audrey Joy Burchett**

**25<sup>th</sup> April:**                                **Doris Cornford**

## **“The heart of the human problem is the problem with the human heart”**

Imagine a billboard 1000 kilometres long and 422 metres high, covered with A4 size photographs. Each photograph is a portrait of every person who is currently living on the planet. If you were to add them all up the number of photographs would total approximately 7 billion. In its entirety this vast collage of humanity would represent the person of Jesus for as the Bible says **we are all made in the image and likeness of God** (*Genesis 1:26-27*).

In our increasingly godless society try as we might there is no getting away from God. Every time you look in a mirror the face of Christ is looking back at you; challenging perhaps, but true all the same.

Image is very important in today's culture. What you look like and what you wear and how you conduct yourself is part of the image that we project onto our fellow man; but is that the real you? Scripture reminds us that **‘Man looks at the outward appearance but God looks on the heart’**. (1 Samuel 16:7)

When we travel as a family we often listen to Roald Dahl stories - one of our favourite stories is *The Twitts*. Mr and Mrs Twitt are an old married couple who play awful tricks on one another. But time and tension has taken its toll. Roald tells us that Mrs Twitt has an ugly face; it wasn't always like this, once upon a time she was quite attractive but she became progressively ugly due to only having ugly thoughts. So it begs the question is Mrs Twitt's declining looks just a surfacing of the wickedness that resides in her heart?

Mr Twitt is just as bad but he hides his face behind a beard that also contains various morsels of food that have been trapped in the hairs. As you can probably imagine, they are portrayed as a ghastly loveless couple.

Jesus had much to say about those who put on a good public image but revealed their true heart condition behind closed doors and by what came out of their mouths. In Matthews's gospel (Chapter 15) Jesus said <sup>18</sup> **But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’** <sup>19</sup> **For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.** <sup>20</sup> **These are what make a man ‘unclean’.**

There was no hiding place with Jesus; he could always read the true condition of a person's heart.

When reflecting on the state of today's society Greek evangelist J. John has a saying - **"The heart of the human problem is the problem with the human heart"** .

He means that it is a fallacy to think that we are all good on the inside. Until we have a revelation of our true condition we will never see our need for God's forgiveness and grace and the necessary heart transformation that can only be effected by the (Spirit) love of God.

Compare the fruit of the unclean heart with the fruit of the regenerated heart found in Paul's letter to the Galatians <sup>22</sup> **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** <sup>23</sup> **gentleness and self-control.** What would you rather have on the inside?

Image and appearance have their place but true beauty lies within. St Peter writing in his first letter said - **that a woman's beauty should come from her inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.** <sup>5</sup> **For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.**

So is God in the makeover or transformation of image business? I believe He is, for when we come to accept Christ for ourselves it is our inner self that is firstly renewed by the Spirit of God. From that point you start to radiate the beauty and love of God that is truly wonderful and attractive. It doesn't happen all at once though, as we are transformed from 'one degree of glory to another'.

Perceptions of beauty are obviously subjective but the transforming power of God can never be denied after all, the Cross of Christ is the place of divine exchange? Sin to righteousness, anxiety to peace and beauty from ashes. So what could one expect if you got your relationship with God sorted out?

For a woman, if you think you may go to sleep one night and wake up looking like a super model then you will probably be disappointed and no chaps you're unlikely to wake up miraculously transformed into the likeness of Brad Pitt or George Clooney. However, if you were to wake up with a new heart, the core of your being brought back to life and overflowing with love and joy; the burdens and trauma of your old life erased then you would be beautiful indeed - and yes, that would be written on your face for all to see!

*Rev Chris Lawrence*

# Diary of Church Services

## JUNE 2012

### **03 Trinity Sunday – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

### **10 First Sunday after Trinity**

- 10.00 am Family Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing (CW)

### **17 Second Sunday after Trinity – Fathers’ Day**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

### **20 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

### **24 Third Sunday after Trinity**

- 10.00 am Morning Praise
- 6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion

## JULY 2012

### **01 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

### **08 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

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

- 15 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 18** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22 Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 29 Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 am Café Service  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

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

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# COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

## By our Roving Reporter – Eve

We managed to have a break in March, going to Lake Como, Italy. We had a lovely week in a very nice hotel overlooking the lake. The weather was warm and sunny (only one wet day all week). We took two trips to Switzerland and a boat trip around the lake. As all meals and drinks – including alcohol – were included, we had a very enjoyable, enjoyable, enjoyable – good time!

The Restoration Appeal got off to a good start with the Steve Knightly Concert. It was an extremely enjoyable evening which managed to raise over £840.00. We are very lucky to have such a loyal Committee of Friends who work very hard fundraising for the fabric of the church. Many thanks to them.

The Church Hall is also in need of a makeover. The sum raised is in the £3,000 area which has been raised mainly by the efforts of John Mordaunt and Joan Burne for redecoration and updating all the electrical systems. Thanks to them and everyone else who gave so generously towards this project. A brighter, more welcoming hall will, hopefully, encourage more hiring's which will benefit our Church as a whole. We are indebted to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

As I write, the weather is very windy not very warm and raining hard, not much like a spring day, but in a sunny afternoon last week I took myself off for a walk around the lanes. It was lovely to see all the wild flowers; primroses, milk maids, fat hen and the mossy banks covered in bluebells, plus many more I could not put a name to. They all appear so faithfully every year never failing to delight us. It makes you feel good and helps us in our busy lives to stop and appreciate our villages and our country life. The Lord is indeed our Shepherd.

We express our sadness upon hearing of the death of Framfield's oldest inhabitant: Nellie Annie Pratt, born Nellie Weaver died at the ripe old age of 99 years just a few months before her 100th! birthday!

Most of Nellie's life was spent here, living at The Grange where her father was the gardener. She attended Framfield School, then worked in the village shop until she married Dave Pratt from Hammonds Green Farm.

At first they lived at Jubilee Cottages then moved to Grange Farm where they brought up their five children. Then they moved to Hudsons where Nellie remained after she was widowed until she couldn't manage anymore and spent her remaining years at Woodlands Nursing Home in Crowborough.

*EVE*

# **WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT**

Last week, Gary and Jason of the Buxted Inn, very kindly provided a superb dinner for 51 people at cost. Their generosity enabled our committee, together with the raffle and a 'pound coin' game, to raise £800. The evening was very enjoyable and great fun. On the 19th May, Uckfield Rotary Club is holding a Diamond Jubilee Charity Ball in aid of MCS, which we hope will be a great success. We have now started providing teas at various open garden venues, these are advertised in the NGS booklet - let's hope the weather improves!

Macmillan's centenary year in 2011 raised a phenomenal £140.5 million, which has reached thousands of cancer patients and families in need of financial support and advice and to receive a care plan following active treatment. The partnership with Boots is going from strength to strength and Boots is introducing training for its pharmacists and No 7 advisors.

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](http://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*

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# *BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

Our 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 of all ages are always welcome. There is a charge of £3 for visitors and £1 for members.

Our Memories Evening in May proved to be a great success, everyone present seemed to enjoy sharing their memories with each other. We focused mainly on what life was like in Blackboys and our local area in 1952/53. After refreshments there was much discussion and revealing of memories relating to where members were, and what they were doing at the time the King's death was announced and also how they celebrated the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

We will not be having a meeting in June as it would have clashed with the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. In July we will be welcoming back Janet Pennington who will be talking about Sussex Inn Signs. We will be having a barbecue in August to make up for the cancelled meeting.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, or the society's activities in general, please contact the secretary on 01825 890359 or email [baturner.18maple@btinternet.com](mailto:baturner.18maple@btinternet.com).

*Ann Turner*

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## *Queens Diamond Jubilee*

Framfield & Blackboys parish council are arranging a family picnic day on Sunday 3 June at Framfield Recreation ground for everyone in the parish. We will be holding a hat competition and races, football, rounders etc.

If anyone would like to offer help or have any suggestions both would be very welcome please contact: *Selina Allen 01825 891110* - Thank you.

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The 2012 Big Battlefield Bike Ride will start from HMS Victory in Portsmouth, a hugely important part of naval history – across the channel to Caen and Northern France. This challenging route traces some of the region's most significant WW1 & WW2 battle sites, including Thiepval on the Somme.

David says: "This will be a great physical challenge, but also an amazing emotional journey as we visit some of the memorial sites in the Somme. We finish our challenge in Dunkirk where we will learn of the incredible rescue efforts from the Little Ships enabling 330,000 allied troops to be rescued from Northern France in 1940, one of which was my Grandfather."

"Having friends and family involved in the armed services, I jumped at the chance to do my bit and raise some much needed funds for such a worthwhile cause and if you do decide to help, then please sponsor me on the following link or just pop by 15 Becketts and donate personally to my mother, Vivian."

<http://www.bmycharity.com/DaveEastoe2012/>

<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/challenges-2012-big-battlefield-bikeride.html>

*Please note I am still able to collect donations until August 2012.*

## **FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB**

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|-----------|---|
| 11th June | Tea with Annabelle Marten<br>The Coach House, Framfield. 2.30 pm          |
| 20th June | Tea with Sue and Eryl Thomas<br>Scaines Farm, Blackboys. 2.30 pm          |
| 2nd July  | Tea with Tanya Edmondson<br>New Place Farm, Framfield. 2.30 pm            |
| 16th July | Tea with Caroline and Glen Swire<br>Grange Farm House, Framfield. 2.30 pm |

*For further info ring Sandy: 01825 840648*

## **UPDATE ON BUS SERVICES**

### **Bus service changes affecting Heathfield and Uckfield areas of Wealden District and the north of Rother District – May 2012**

One of the changes detailed was the commencement of a County Council supported temporary 32 service between Uckfield and Heathfield following the withdrawal of Countryliner's commercial 32 service between Uckfield, Heathfield and Eastbourne. It was noted that there was an intention to reintroduce the 318 as a through service between Hurst Green/Etchingham, Heathfield and Uckfield and, that to keep within budget, some service reductions to the Rider services in the Heathfield area (317, 318 and 355) were likely to be necessary. This was likely to be the case particularly on Saturdays.

ESCC is now able to move forward with the Heathfield area changes. There are also to commercial services operated in the Heathfield area by Stagecoach and Renown and minor changes to Rider services in Uckfield. New timetables come into effect from 21 May 2012 with the exception of the Stagecoach changes which are being introduced from 6 May 2012.

Revised Stagecoach timetables are shown on the Company's website, [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com). A new 'Heathfield and Uckfield' area timetable will be produced, effective from 21 May 2012, to cover the changes to Rider routes.

Some further changes have been requested to Rider services 248 and 249 and the County Council will be in contact with relevant interested parties in the very near future.

If you require any further information please contact the Passenger Transport Services team on 01273 335080.

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## **FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET**

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Saturday - 28<sup>th</sup> July – 10.00 am – 12.00 Noon

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## FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

Letters are about to be sent out by ESCC to residents with revised proposals for Blackboys High Street – toning down the engineering works – de-urbanising their ideas - but hopefully also slowing the traffic down. I will also have a set of drawings so if anyone cannot view them on line, please contact me. The Parish Council are in support of these revised proposals which remove the necessity for an extra street light and build-outs which were not popular with residents.

Sponsors have come forward to repair individual guideposts in the Parish. With Parish Council funds limited, the repair of the guideposts is not a top priority so if anyone would be interested please contact me.

In a separate article there is an update on the bus service through the Parish with a website address and telephone number for queries. I will endeavour to put the bus timetable on the Parish Council website or if anyone requires a copy please let me know and I can print one off.

If anyone spots any problems with the highways/pavements please contact ESCC Highways direct on 0345 6080193 or via their email address [highways@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@eastsussex.gov.uk).

If anyone is experiencing problems with street-lighting I should be contacted in the first instance.

*If anyone requires a full hard copy of the minutes for any of the Council meetings please let me know. All our meeting details are available on our website – [www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk](http://www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk).*

ANN NEWTON/May 2012

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**PLEASE NOTE that the FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW is on SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012 and NOT 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012 as advertised in the flyer**

# LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

## ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

The other day Chloe and I were strolling along our country lane to the post box. Chloe was carrying my letter in her red handbag. Unexpectedly two chickens peered at us through the hedge. Fascinated by these strange feathered creatures she stared at them, standing rock still, while carefully holding her bag. Restraining an eleven stone Newfoundland, who might at any second bound after these unsuspecting hens, could be impossible. I gently removed the bag clutched in her huge jaws and, taking a firm grip on the lead before she could give chase, continued along the lane to the post box. Greatly relieved that I had prevented Chloe from possibly catching these tempting creatures, I turned round to return home. To my horror I saw the two chickens running towards us! Chloe could not believe her eyes. Keeping her close by me I attempted to sidle past them. I managed it and relaxed slightly as we headed home. Then I froze as I heard squawking sounds behind us. There were the two hens, wings out, doing a funny chicken run chasing after us. My big black companion was by now terrified of these feathered fiends who were chasing her. She crept along, close to my side while nervously looking behind to see if she was still being pursued. Soon we were safely home.

This unexpected encounter has been a useful lesson for Chloe to learn as she now thinks chickens are dangerous as they chase dogs, so hopefully she will ignore domestic poultry. Most chickens would be wary of a strange dog. I later remembered that the poultry belonged to a family who also had a fairly big black dog. That explained why they were not frightened of Chloe. They had in fact only followed us hoping for some food.

All kinds of things can trigger an unexpected reaction with animals. An earlier Newfoundland of mine was quite used to seeing some sheep peacefully grazing in a field by the lane and took no notice of them. One day she barked furiously at them which was quite out of character. Rounding the bend I saw one of the sheep apparently trying to attack the dog as it was standing on its hind legs scrabbling at the gate. When I got closer I realised it had its head stuck in a hay-net and it was frantically trying to free itself. I rushed home for help and we managed to cut it free. For weeks afterwards my Newfoundland was very suspicious of the sheep thinking they would try and attack her. If a sheep is upside down in a ditch or tangled in brambles it is much more likely to be attacked by a dog that would normally leave sheep alone, as it looks so different.



When I was a young child I had a pet rabbit called Benjamin and a Cocker Spaniel Sandy. They were fine together as Sandy thought of Benjamin as one of the family, though he would chase wild rabbits. One day I made a rather ramshackle temporary run and shelter on the front lawn so Benjamin could enjoy some fresh grass. At the time my Grandmother's Spaniel was staying with us. I went to check on my rabbit and was horrified to see that both dogs had attacked him. It was a terrible shock for me to see my pet covered in blood and badly injured. I could not believe Sandy could do such a terrible thing. At that young age I had not realised that two dogs can behave entirely differently to one dog; especially as one of them did not know the rabbit. Poor Benjamin was quickly dispatched. I was very upset but cheered up when I was given another baby rabbit I called Biddy, who lived for many years.

It is always worth remembering that unusual situations can trigger unwanted behaviour from our pets.

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Blackboys 2012:

As the UK prepares for a Summer of Sport, Blackboys Pre-School's budding Olympians have been in training for a sporting event of their own. Blackboys 2012 (otherwise known as Sports Day) will be taking place on 27 June at the recreation ground in Blackboys. We've got our fingers crossed for sunshine as the crowds turn out in force to cheer on their diminutive sports stars.

Bundles of fun:

Last term was certainly action packed. In addition to our regular forest school activities and trips to vary our allotment (the potatoes and strawberries are all doing well), we held a street part to celebrate the Jubilee and had a visit from the police. You can keep up with our activities by becoming a friend on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool](http://www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool)

Milk and two sugars:

Our next coffee morning and Open Day will be on Thursday 21 June from 9.30am to 11.30am. It's open to everyone, so if you're a member of the local community and fancy saying hello over a coffee and a slice of homemade cake, we'd love to see you there. If you can't make an Open Day but would like to arrange a visit, just give Jenny a call on 01825 891113.

If you agree with us that accessible and affordable rural pre-school education is vital, you can make a pledge to Blackboys pre-School at:

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*The Blackboys Pre-School team*

## **(Non) Native New Yorkers**

### **By Mike Russell of Sussex Wildlife Trust**

Just before Easter I found myself in New York, a funny place for someone into wildlife you might think, but there was a very good reason to be there. Our son Niall and his now wife Nicola, who actually live in Shoreham, decided to get married in Central Park, New York.

They had a lovely ceremony in the Park; the sun shone, native New Yorkers and other tourists smilingly looked on and the whole service was enjoyed by both families. Birds were also singing and, while I promise I was concentrating fully on the proceedings in hand, I couldn't help noticing that the two most common birds in attendance were.... starling and house sparrow! Quite appropriate I thought for an English couple getting married in America.

These two species are not native to America and it has to be said are not much loved by the local ornithologists, but there is an interesting story as to how they crossed the Atlantic in the first place. Back in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century a group known as the Acclimatization Society released hundreds of starlings in Central Park as part of an idea to introduce every bird mentioned in the Shakespeare scripts to the United States. Apparently there are 600 species mentioned by The Bard, so I'm not sure how far they got with this.

By the 1950s, starlings had colonised the whole continent of North America and today it is estimated that their population is in excess of 200 million (Information from Scientific American 2008) and again it is a similar story for the house sparrow. These two interlopers have been blamed for forcing the decline of many native species such as the bluebird and red-winged blackbird because of their aggressive nature in commandeering available hole nesting sites. Subsequently, this idea has been 're-considered' and the idea is that 'our' native birds are not now the marauding wastrels they were once thought to be. Nevertheless, they are now ubiquitous across the continent and on arriving anywhere in the States, the first bird you might see when you get off a plane is a starling or house sparrow.

Central Park is, in fact, an excellent place to watch birds, a real oasis in the madness of New York City. I did have time to seek out some proper native birds while I was there and saw some wonderful species, including the American robin, inappropriately named by early English settlers as it is actually related to our blackbird! The cardinal is a brilliant bright red bird, while seeing four species of woodpecker within a space of 30 minutes was a treat. New Yorkers have also taken a pair of red-tailed hawks (closely related to our buzzards) to their hearts as they are nesting on one of the tall buildings surrounding the Park.

As well as doing a bit of birding in Central Park I behaved like a proper tourist and visited the famous sites that New York has to offer but I must admit that the Park was a real refuge from the hustle and bustle of the City and a lovely setting to see your son and daughter-in-law commit to spending their life together.

**[www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk)**

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The summer term is a very busy one, the children love watching all the plants growing in the garden.

We have an open afternoon coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> July where you can come in for a visit, we have lots of lovely new ICT equipment from a Big Lottery Grant. (1.15-2.45pm)

We had a lovely time celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee with the school, the children had a lovely tea party in the playground.

We are collecting Tesco for schools vouchers, if you have any spare we would be very grateful.

For all the children moving on to primary school this September, we would like to wish you all the very best at your new school, we hope you have lots of fun & exciting experiences.

We would like to welcome our new children and their families this term, Sofia, Faith, Gareth, Thomas, Saffy, April & Florence we hope you enjoy your time at Framfield Pre-School.

We are open 7.45 - 6pm daily, including a breakfast club 7.45-8.45 and after school club 3-6pm for 2-11yrs.

We still have some availability for morning and afternoon sessions, if you would like to arrange a visit or for more information please telephone Sarah Ridley on 01825 890943.

Thank you

*Teresa Howell*

*Pre-School Manager*

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## OPEN GARDEN EVENT

'The Friends of Framfield Church' are holding a fundraising event in aid of the church restoration appeal on Sunday, 29 July 2012 at The Hundred House, Pound Lane, Framfield by kind permission of Dr and Mrs Michael Gurney.

Why not come and spend a summer afternoon in this delightful garden with panoramic views, set in the grounds of the historic The Hundred House?

The 1.5 acre garden has mixed herbaceous borders, a productive vegetable garden, an orchard, a greenhouse, a pond area with subtropical plants, and a secret woodland copse.

There's also a fine stone ha-ha, an ancient yew tree, and a field and butterfly walk.

And you can enjoy a cream tea while you listen to music played by a local brass band.

**Garden open 2-5pm 29 July 2012**

**Admission £5 (children free), Cream teas £3**

**Parking available**

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## Update - London Moonwalk

Breast Cancer charity fundraising event being held at The Star, Waldron, 2nd June, at 8pm. Christine Thomas from Blackboys is taking part in the 'Moonwalk', 26-mile night time walk round London on 12th May with a work colleague who underwent a mastectomy last year. They are being supported with music by John Crampton, one man blues singer from Brighton and a raffle will be held with prizes gifted by local businesses. Christine can be contacted on 01825-890809 for sponsorship enquiries and also for raffle tickets before the 2nd June.



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The team at British Heart Foundation (BHF) Shop Uckfield is appealing to local residents to search through their wardrobes and scour their homes for any unwanted, good quality clothing, handbags, shoes, books, DVDs, CDs and bric-a-brac – all of which will help the BHF continue its life-saving work in Uckfield.

Donations are at an all-time low but they are the lifeblood of BHF Shops – we sell over 90,000 items a day! Last year our Shops raised £26 million in the fight against heart disease. A remarkable achievement, which couldn't have been reached without your donations.

I'm urging Uckfield people to pop into the BHF Shop with their unwanted items or call 01825 762353 and we'll come and collect. Just nine books can fund a BHF heart researcher's time for an hour – it's easy to make a difference. Pop in and see us or call 01825 762353 for more information.

Best wishes,  
*Andrew Gray*

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### **Framfield Zumba®**

**Framfield Zumba®** for 16yrs+ runs on a Thursday night from 7.30 to 8.30 pm at Framfield Memorial Hall. The class is designed to give you a Latin flavoured dance fitness class whilst getting together with members of the community to share laughs, have fun and get fit! Come and try out a class or for more details call Beth Dale on 07931 317766 or email: [bethdale50@hotmail.com](mailto:bethdale50@hotmail.com).

(Classes for under 16's will need to register their interest with Beth to see if we have enough younger Zumba® fans to run a class) If you cannot join the class but wish to take part in other events, register your interest with Jean: [jeanpidgeon@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanpidgeon@btinternet.com) or Julie: [czornenkyj@btinternet.com](mailto:czornenkyj@btinternet.com)

# Welcome Baptist Church Blackboys

Recently there have been two special days in the life of the church.

**Sunday April 22** Our pastor designate Rev Guy Partridge presented his vision for the work of the fellowship and the blessing of the village of Blackboys **"Building blessings in Blackboys and beyond"**

**Sunday May 6** At Westminster Central Hall the church was officially welcomed into the Baptist Union.

In November we will be launching the church as **New Life Church Blackboys** with the Rev Guy Partridge as our full time pastor. The date to be confirmed.

Each **Sunday** at 4.30pm we meet together in the Village Hall Blackboys for tea and cakes, followed by a short meeting for Bible study, prayer and worship, children are also catered for. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we meet at 10.30am for a Family service followed by refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Activities during the week.

**Monday**            **Girls Allowed** (Ladies Bible study & fellowship)  
8.00pm

Tel: Suzanne Hammond 01435 661054/Emma Doherty 01825 890029

**Young Adults cell group** (Bible study & fellowship 17yrs – 30yrs)  
7.30 – 9.30pm

Tel: Andrew Wright 01825 840020

**Wednesday**    **Life2themax** (Youth Club)  
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Tel: Suzanne Hammond 01435 661054

**Friday**            **Little Stars** (Baby & toddler group)  
Blackboys Village Hall  
10.30 to 12.00 (Term time)

Tel: Emma Doherty 01825 890029

## **Crusaders**

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## **Blackboys Church of England Primary School**

We have had a very busy couple of months with many trips and visits.

We had a wonderful Pre-Easter service at Framfield Church: classes 1, 2 and 3 had composed some prayers while our oldest pupils gave Easter readings. The singing and music was, as usual, of a very high standard and thanks must go to all teachers for their support.

Rev. Chris once more found a way of including balloons very effectively in his Easter message which was both thought-provoking and entertaining at the same time. Thanks to the team at St Thomas a' Becket Church for allowing us to celebrate this important time of year in such a wonderful location.

After the service, classes 3 and 4 walked back to school having a picnic on the way. Meanwhile, back at school, some visitors from Prague had arrived and spent a week with us improving their English and learning about English life and education. Some firm friends have been made and it is hoped that our contact will be maintained through e-mail. The experience was very beneficial for all concerned.

We have had a variety of assemblies in the past few weeks including one by our Dance Club as well as our classes. Class 3 presented their project on Eastbourne which involved many new skills on top of developing their maths (data handling) and literacy through their topic work.

Class 4 studied India last term and the topic came to a fantastic finale when they cooked a splendid curry for parents and staff and gave a wonderful performance of a Bollywood Dance. Everyone was very impressed with every aspect of their work, from the menus, the recipes, and the dance, to the wonderful work that they had completed in Design Technology, and the writing seen in their topic books.

A major focus last term was our Design Technology project which involved staff honing newly learnt skills as well as teaching these skills to our pupils, however, I think everyone agreed that it has been very worth-while. The children have learnt how some important basic mechanisms work including the effective use of pneumatics, cams and levers to create a variety of working models. Alongside this work, the development of the models has also involved the use of maths skills and literacy skills

Many thanks must go to staff and parents for all the support they always give everything we do at Blackboys School.

In the past we have worked closely with Framfield Church of England Primary School: projects have included the joint Opera project over the past two years as well as joining each other for picnics and meetings. Both Schools are looking forward to developing this very beneficial and positive partnership further in the near future.

*JONQUIL KING – Headteacher*

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## PLEASE TAKE THAT MINUTE

## Framfield C E School News May 2012

Firstly, thanks to everyone for your support in this period of transition. This term we have warmly welcomed Mrs Clare Tsparrelli who is working alongside me in Eagles class (year 5 and 6). Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers Mrs Chris Mc Kinnon, our school secretary and teaching assistant who is still unwell.

Last term, before the Easter break we had some special events. Thanks to the coaching from Mr Marsh the football team were the fantastic winners in the VSA tournament held at Buxted School. They proudly returned to school very muddy with a much admired trophy!

Before school on Wednesday mornings Universal Dance run a cheerleading class and we were pleased to watch a performance by them as well as a gymnastic display by Eagles class.

Sport Relief was successfully supported by the whole school, including all the pre- school children and many parents. Thank you for all your fund raising efforts with this event.

We had a visit from P.C Cook to each class reminding us of safer choices, including crossing the road safely, a timely message for our independent year 6 children.

Just before the end of term we held a music concert in the hall which was well attended. We were delighted so many children wanted to perform; we had children singing, playing the violin, guitar, flute, piano and harp. A special thanks to Miss Gaylor for all her help with this event.

At our service with Rev Chris Lawrence in church we were able to show our understanding of the Easter story as well as explain our support for Water Aid, following on from our school topic work. Thank you to so many of you who came and joined us.

This term is full of national events and celebrations. So we are learning about the Ancient Greeks before we look at the modern day Olympics. Weather permitting, we hope to hold many sporting events during School Sports Week 25- 29 June.

Thanks to the marvellous PTFA we are looking forward to a tea party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. During the week the children are going to learn about key people and events from the 60 years of her reign.

During half term some very kind parents are meeting with Pete the Pond to start digging out the pond..... no comments please that we have a lake on the field as I write this! We may be able to officially open our Jubilee pond at our fayre.

Our summer fayre is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 11.00 - 2pm with many stalls and attractions including Jimmy the Juggler, streetdance, cheerleading and country dancing by the children. I do hope you will be able to come along and join in all the fun.

I hope to see many of you at some of our exciting events planned for this term.

*Jacqueline Davies*

### **Stop press Collaborative partnership**

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## *Framfield & Blackboys WI*

During May we went on a private trip to Sheffield Park to see the Gilbert & Sullivan collection of costumes and memorabilia on display in the Oak Hall, as featured in a BBC Antiques programme. We had our Resolution meeting and Ploughman's supper. We went Ten Pin Bowling and also enjoyed a coffee morning.

In June we will be having a Jubilee celebration. We will be wearing a patriotic red, white and blue. There will be a collection of Royal memorabilia on display and a celebration cake to enjoy. Guests are very welcome so do please come along and join us, details as follows:

**Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Blackboys Village Hall**  
**'My life as Henry VIII'**  
***Mr Tony Harris***

In July we will be going on our summer outing. We will be exploring Winchester in the morning with a choice of going on a historic tour of the City or a wander around the shops for some retail therapy. In the afternoon we are going on a connoisseur's private guided tour of Goodwood House.

We are a busy WI with many things planned for the summer. Come along and meet us.

**Corinne Urban**  
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## **London to Gibraltar – by bicycle!**

Josie Dade from Gatehouse Lane, Framfield and Ross McCracken from Little Horsted are attempting a mammoth cycle ride from London to Gibraltar, leaving on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Covering an average of 100 miles a day for 15 days and crossing the Pyrenees for good measure, Josie and Ross are raising funds for the Yellowfish Hutchins Foundation. To find out about the charitable projects supported by the Foundation and to sponsor this gruelling endeavour, please go to [www.yfhfoundation.com/rock\\_ride.html](http://www.yfhfoundation.com/rock_ride.html) or call 01273 782035 for more info.

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