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Easter – It is with your heart that you believe.

By the time you read this Easter will be upon us; the time of year when we lament the death of Jesus on Good Friday but rejoice in His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Traditionally we associate Jesus' death with the forgiveness of sin for all of mankind but all too often in our thinking Jesus is left on the cross rather than living in the good of the resurrection. The cross of Christ is a place of transition where the old life is done away with and the opportunity for beginning a new life is waiting in the wings; should be wish to embrace it.

One of the questions I have been asking myself and others over the past few years is why aren't there more people with a living faith? Is it because folk see the church or God as irrelevant in today's society? Is it a lack of knowledge or knowing the difference between faith and religion? Perhaps the name 'Jesus' is off-putting? The reasons are many and varied but one thing is for sure – we will all have thought about God at some point in our lives.

Consider these words from St Paul – '**...if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**'¹⁰ **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**'¹¹ **As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'** (Romans 10:9-11).

'Believe in your heart' is mentioned twice in this passage but what exactly is it to believe in your heart? From a biblical perspective the heart has nothing to do with the organ that pumps blood around our bodies as it clearly resides in our brains! The heart is at the very centre of our souls (our mind, will and emotions). It is the place where we think about the world we live in, where we make our value judgements about ourselves and others and ultimately the choices we make and then put into action.

The emotional state of the heart affects us physically, mentally and spiritually i.e.

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit"
(Pv 15:13).

God places the highest regard on our hearts as it is here that we believe in Him or dismiss Him. God speaking through King Solomon said this - **My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.** ²¹ **Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;** ²² **for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.** ²³ **Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.** (Pv 4:20-24).

It is through the six senses (sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste and spirit) that we absorb information and the experiences of life – good, bad or indifferent but it is all stored in the heart and processed in the heart and here lies the problem; the heart is full of mixed messages and emotional turmoil.

Is it any wonder that there is so much negativity in our lives when we expose ourselves to gossip, bad news and violence, particularly through the media? We end up by being brain washed into particular patterns of thinking that are neither true nor healthy. I believe this is why God makes the statement in Jeremiah 9 - **that the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?** Greek evangelist J John says 'The heart of the human problem is the problem with the human heart'. We just don't fully understand ourselves – if we did we would have resolved our own problems and the problems of the world years ago.

So is there a solution? In my experience it is often when we are at our wits end, when we are rung out and admit that we have failed to solve our own problems or that we are so desperately unhappy that the doorway to God is prised ever so slightly open. It is 'out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks' and the words are uttered 'God help me'! This is baseline honesty between you and your creator and the light of the risen Christ floods in. The veil of deception is lifted and the gift of faith is implanted in your heart and you know with certainty that God is real - ¹⁰ **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.** This is Easter!

A very happy Easter to everyone in the parish - Rev Chris Lawrence

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ALL WELCOME!!

Diary of Church Services

APRIL 2013

07 **Second Sunday of Easter**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Parish Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

14 **Third Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

17 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

21 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

28 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

MAY 2013

05 **Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

12 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am Family Service (Ascension Sunday)

6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

15 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

19 **Pentecost**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

26 Trinity Sunday

10.00 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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Sore legs were also suffered by 2 children in our oldest class, Jacob Doherty and Hannah Lambert, who qualified through 2 previous rounds to represent South Downs Area in the East Sussex Cross Country Championships. It was a tough muddy course and our two runners acquitted themselves well.

Our PTA have worked hard this term organizing a very enjoyable quiz night and an Easter Raffle. Money raised is going towards revamping our library. Many thanks to all the members for their continued enthusiasm and support.

Although we have enjoyed the snow, we are looking forward to Spring: we also have our Easter Service shortly on the 25th March at 09.05 and would love to see you all there.

G Sullivan (Head of School)

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Despite the recent snow we are looking forward to Easter and our Spring holiday. We hope you will be able to join us for our Easter church service on Thursday 28th March at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing the Church full for this important celebration.

J Davies (Head of School)

Blackboys Church of England Primary School

There have been lots of exciting events and opportunities at Blackboys School since we last wrote.

We have sadly missed our Class 2 teacher Miss Bodfish this term, who had an accident in the first batch of snow. Her class has been taken by Mr Fifield, who has impressed children, staff and parents with his dedication and enthusiasm. Always one to take on a challenge, he organised the class for a very successful assembly based on their Fire and Ice project. We look forward to welcoming back Miss Bodfish and thank Mr Fifield for all his efforts.

Red Nose Day was a real success at Blackboys with the idea of "Doing Something Funny for Money" taking the form of a Pyjama Day. For a donation, staff and parents came to school in their nightwear, donning PJs, dressing gowns and slippers. Class 3 took on a Comic Relief Challenge—embarking on a tough and treacherous challenge to climb the equivalent height of Mount Everest. Mount Everest stands at 8,848 m (29,029 ft) high and Class 3 managed to climb the same number of feet. Each child needed to climb a phenomenal 1000 feet! The 1000ft was scaled using the 1-foot-high PE benches and, despite sore legs, the enthusiastic climbers reached their total with time to spare. Well done Class 3.

**WE ARE
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Our committee have had a fairly quiet couple of months since being very busy with events around Christmas. However we are now planning various fund raising activities for later in 2013. The diary will be full during the spring and summer months, making tea and cakes for a large number of Open Garden days. Dates for these can be found in the NGS booklet. In addition to this we have two street collections planned.

Tom Carter, our new Fund Raising Manager for East Sussex, joined us for our last meeting and told us that the regional team also have many exciting events planned, which we shall endeavour to support.. These include a walk around Bewl Water in June and a golf day at the Royal Ashdown Forest, later in the year.

We continue to send money to the new Sussex Macmillan Support Centre, a development designed around the needs of people with cancer.

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.

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Lots of exciting events this term!

We celebrated the UNICEF day for change this year and raised £56 as a result of our Change Hands sale which was run by the School Council with help from some children in Eagles class. This goes to their appeal

Sports and competition is an important part of our schools and on 6th February we attended the Uckfield Swimming Gala and swam really well. Although we didn't win, all the pupils really enjoyed themselves and benefited greatly from the experience. Another event of the sporting calendar included the Cross Country race at Beacon Community College on 27th February. It was really hard at about a mile and a half long. Although the children got really muddy, it was again a very valuable experience for all those who took part and we did very well to get round! On top of that, we have also entered several chess competition recently - lots of exciting events going on for us all.

As part of the East Sussex Children's Book Award 2013, some of our older children went to Park Mead School to meet the author Megan Rix on 4th March. Megan Rix appeared wearing a nurse's uniform and carrying a gas mask and a suitcase - the children were not too sure why - nor were the teachers, but they all enjoyed themselves and found her really amusing. It is always great to have the opportunity to meet real live authors and I know it has inspired our children to write their own stories.

Our fabulous PTFA have been very active and raised a great deal on money for us over the past few months; money supports the school greatly and enables us to buy a number of extras as well as pay for coaches for school trips - this in turn saves parents money as the cost of coaches for school trips puts the cost of the trip up substantially these days. Many, many thanks to Mrs Patterson and the team for all their hard work - I know that they have lots of events planned for the future too.

**The FAB Partnership
(Framfield and Blackboys Partnership Schools)**

We have had a very successful term with many exciting partnership events. It started with a joint staff planning day together. As a result of this, Peacocks class and class 1 joined together for a range of learning activities linked to their topic of Africa. This culminated in a wonderful assembly to which parents were invited. Everyone enjoyed themselves and new friends were made between children and parents. In addition both classes prepared some African food for parents to enjoy for a donation. A total of £74.27 was raised and this has been sent to the charity 'Send a Cow' which helps African families and orphans.

Eagles class and class 2 have both studied the classic narrative poem The Highwayman they performed with puppets and drama to each other. Puffins and class3 have both studied the same fiction books and are now writing their own books to share alongside some art work in the coming week. Kingfishers have really enjoyed their transport topic as well as reading a range of books by Anthony Browne. They are looking forward to working with class 2 next term.

The sharing of staff meetings and resources has also proved very useful as well as saving us a little money and sharing the expertise to be found in both schools.

We have now come to the half way mark with our partnership and on the 11th March representatives of both Governing Bodies met to review its achievement; we were able to feedback from parents, pupils and staff and I am delighted to say that it was all agreed that the partnership is working well for everyone. We will review again at the end of the academic year and are very grateful to all staff, pupils and parents for helping to make this initial six months so positive.

Jonquil King (Executive Headteacher)

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8th April - Chair-based Activities and Bring and Buy Stall
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22nd April - Outing to Paradise Park, Newhaven (By Coach)
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Nature Notes

I've just experienced a real spring-like day on 18th February! Honeybees are flying around looking for pollen and nectar, and also for people to sting if they get too close to the colony. The target flowers will be mainly Crocuses and Snowdrops, but there are a few Celandines, Primroses and Violets around as well.

A pair of Buzzards was courting over the South Downs this afternoon, and being shouted at by two Carrion Crows. These and other raptors are now on the increase as thankfully, they are not persecuted as much as they used to be. I heard a report of a Goshawk near the Holy Cross Church Centre a few days ago; it was plucking a Pigeon, and eventually flew away with it. Watch out also for Kestrels hovering as they search for prey, especially by roadsides, and Sparrowhawks either soaring overhead or shooting like an arrow through the trees and along hedgerows ready to pounce on an unwary Sparrow, Bluetit or other small bird.

There is a country rule that all hedgerows should be trimmed by 6th March, in order to avoid disturbing nesting birds and dormice etc. I have been trimming a hedge at the University Ecology Field Trials Plot today, and was delighted to see that Elder is well into breaking bud, and Hawthorn is just starting. Soon these hedgerows will be transformed from brown to green, and will provide cover for nesting Chaffinches, Long-Tailed Tits, Blackbirds, Songthrushes, Dunnocks (Hedge-Sparrows), Robins, Wrens and many other birds. Dormice also will use the hedges as motorways to get between woodlots. Many birds that nest on the ground such as Yellowhammers, Chiffchaffs, Whitethroats and Blackcaps will use the hedges as singing posts. If you are awake at about 06:00 hrs. you will be treated to the dawn chorus from Blackbirds, Songthrushes, Dunnocks, Robins and Chaffinches right now. These will soon be joined by many other birds as we progress through March, but as the days progress, so sunrise will get earlier, until it will be 05:30 by early April that the best chorus will be heard.

There will be other seasonal movements to be seen and heard as the amphibians wake up from their winter sleep, and there will be croaking from the ponds and Frog spawn will soon follow.

Martyn Stenning

they feed like hoovers, sucking up vegetation and any other life forms attached to it.

During the removal operation, 1,762 carp were removed, but there were other species as well, native to the UK, including 1,777 rudd, a fish much smaller than the carp. In addition, 11 tench came out and these are known as 'the doctor' fish as they are particularly slimy and it was believed that other fish rubbed up against them to heal any scars. There were also 10 eels and 77 perch - the prodigy of the 20 or so I released into the lake over 20 years ago when I was warden to try and predate on the carp fry to help manage the population; it obviously didn't work! We are not sure how the 10 goldfish arrived, someone obviously sneaked in and surreptitiously released them. In the end a total of over 800lbs of fish was removed. We are grateful to Miles Gosling of Mayfly Aquacare near Lewes, who organised the safe removal and re-homing of all the fish.

As the draining progressed, our ecologist Graeme Lyons surveyed for invertebrates and found two, both great diving beetles, and that was it. It is not going to look brilliant for a year or two but eventually the lake will return (we are going to let it fill up naturally) and this time we hope it will be full of dragon and damselflies, skaters and whirligig beetles which will dance across the surface, while water boatman will hunt just beneath. Frogs and toads will have a greater chance of successfully spawning and a greater diversity of aquatic plants will colonise. All this will attract more birds to feed on the increased food supply.

That's the plan and it's going to be very interesting to see how it all works out and hopefully, once visitors get over the shock of seeing the drained lake without fish, they will understand why we have taken this action.

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Shock to the System

by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Visitors to the Trust's headquarters at Woods Mill, Henfield will be in for a bit of shock this year, no fish! Even worse, no lake! Over the winter the Trust has carried out a long-planned and much needed fish removal programme which involved draining the lake so that the fish could be more easily captured and moved on to other waters.

Understandably, people will be disappointed; one of the reasons that people visit Woods Mill, especially those with young families, is to feed the fish and they come armed with whole loaves of bread to throw into the lake causing a feeding frenzy. We too as a Trust have been guilty of perpetuating the frenzy as for decades part of the schooldays here is to bring the fish to the surface so that that the children can see them and discuss and learn all about them. And that is the cause of the problem; a well-fed fish population has blossomed to the detriment of any other wildlife.

Woods Mill nature reserve should demonstrate good wildlife management to encourage a diverse range of species and one of its great strengths is in the amount of different habitats within a fairly small area. At the centre of the reserve is the lake. It is not a natural lake; it was dug out in 1945 by Canadian squaddies stationed nearby for the then owner of Woods Mill, a Mr Chaplin, and then stocked as a fishery for local people. The Trust acquired the reserve in 1966 and, when fishing ceased, the fish proliferated.

The great majority of fish were common and mirror carp which are not native species to Britain, although they have been in the country since medieval times. They originally stocked moats and were introduced as an important source of food, but quickly became a favourite species for fishermen. Although we had a lot of fairly big fish in the lake, they rarely reach into double figures in terms of weight because of the density of the population, whereas carp exceeding 50lbs in weight can be occasionally caught in some ponds. The problem is with carp is that

Make Hay While the Sun Shines.....

.....and where better to do it than Framfield Churchyard?



As I write, they are forecasting more snow! But the bluebell shoots, nest-building birds and Brimstone butterflies are already telling us that spring is just round the corner. The churchyard flora will soon be growing again, and we're making plans for another beautiful display of wild flowers, butterflies, bees, and of course the slow worms.



So, as in previous years the message is



“Your Churchyard Needs You!”

And we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our

first Work Party on

Saturday 18 May

(lunch is provided).

For more details please contact **Sally 01825 712755**



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TN22 Club success!

Members attending the first session of the new TN22 Club held at the Hadlow Down Village Hall described it as a 'breath of fresh air.' Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent lunch cooked by a team of dedicated local volunteers and said they would 'definitely be back!' One member said 'the day was absolutely brilliant. What impressed me most was the wonderful friendly atmosphere which made us all feel so welcome. Even had I gone on my own I would have felt included and the food was delicious.' The afternoon was rounded off with a group of children from St Marks School, Hadlow Down performing songs with a guitar and skiffle band.

From the 21 who attended the first club day on 13 February, the numbers have grown to 30 members planning to attend on Wednesday 13 March. The Club is now opening its doors at the earlier time of 11.30am, giving members the chance to catch up over coffee before lunch. Further plans are in place for additional activities later in the year and the first club outing will be taking place in May.

Members are being drawn not only from Hadlow Down itself, but from Blackboys, Framfield, High Hurstwood, Fairwarp, Heathfield, Five Ashes and Uckfield.

The Club's success is also due to the goodwill of a fantastic group of local volunteers all with a desire to support older people in their community. If you are interested in joining the team – there are still opportunities to get involved in many aspects - including driving, cooking and socialising.

If you would like to join the TN22 Club or know of someone who could benefit from coming along – please call Suzanne Hammond on 01435 661054 for a chat. Each session costs £4.50 and transport can be arranged for a small fee.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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The Chairman will therefore give his permission for applications to be discussed and commented upon under delegated authority in line with the terms of reference of the Committee. Subject to there being no additional information coming forward within the 21-day statutory consultation period, the comments will be passed onto WDC in the usual way.

If any member the public, whether the applicant in an application or an interested party wishing to make representation to the PC, please contact the Clerk at the earliest opportunity once they are aware the application is live or the yellow site notice has been put up on site.

Letters of support or objection should be addressed to WDC in the first instance and copied to the PC for information.

If there are any queries please contact the Clerk, Ann Newton, on 01825 890182 or framfield.pc@virgin.net

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The Week, when those little red envelopes drop into our letter boxes, runs from 12th to 18th May 2013. Last year the Parish raised £238.84 out of the total in the Uckfield area of £2,828.99.

Christian Aid believes firmly in the right of all people to live in peace and security, free from violence and fear, and works in Asia, Africa and South America to fight disease, hunger, poverty and inequality.

Christian Aid has a network of partners around the world. They work with local communities to reduce the risk of disaster and build resilience. But when disasters and emergencies do strike, the charity is ready to respond – helping to save lives and rebuild communities after earthquakes, floods, famine and other disasters.

The generosity of Framfield and Blackboys helps towards all this, so please take a good fat contribution to one of those collecting points listed on the envelope.

DEREK THOROGOOD

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show

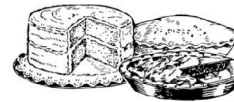
10th August 2013 12 o'clock midday

Following on from the great success of the Show in 2012 please come and join us again this year on Saturday 10th August. There will be masses to see and do, including many horticultural and numerous other classes, children's rides, Mrs Back to Front, dog agility displays, Zumba, Deb's Dancers and the Fun Dog Show along with many other exciting stalls and sideshows. Delicious food will be available and the Pimms and beer and Tea tents will offer liquid refreshment.

Please note the **new entry time** of 12 o'clock!

Although the Show is not run for profit, attendance at the 2012 Show was so good that the Horticultural Society found itself with surplus funds. Some of these are to be used for bulb planting in communal areas around the villages of Framfield and Blackboys for everyone to enjoy.

Help wanted!



Can you bake for the tea tent?

Could you help out on a stall?

Would you help us set up on Friday morning?

Could you help to clear away after the Show?



We'd be very grateful for any help you can give - many hands really do make light work.

Please call Caroline on 01825 890868. Thank you!

Don't forget to enter the Show too - there are lots of classes for everyone.

See you on the 10th August!

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BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our February meeting was well attended and we all appreciated Mike Anderson's extremely interesting stories of how people and places in Sussex were affected by events in the Spanish Civil War. In March, members and visitors enjoyed a Quiz Evening with questions about Sussex in general and our local history. Meetings for the next few months are as follows

April 2nd - John Manley - Archaeology of the South Downs National Park
May 7th - Lewes in Photographic History
June 4th - Noel Mansley - Stonebridge

Our meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm start, unless otherwise stated. There is a charge of £3 for visitors and £1 for members. If you would like to know more about the above, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email baturner.18maple@btinternet.com

Ann Turner, Secretary

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New Life Church Blackboys

On Sunday morning February 24 we had a visiting speaker from Compassion. Ian Childs shared with us the vision of this mission which is "releasing children from poverty through church partnerships". During that service our understanding and appreciation of the work of Compassion grew. As a result several within the fellowship decided to sponsor a child from the Grace Child Development Centre in Sarbera, west of Kolkata, India. Also as a church we will sponsor another child. Sponsorship is so valuable as, through correspondence and financial support one can see the effect on a child's life and development. As a church our vision is to build blessing in Blackboys and beyond.

Throughout April & May we will continue our ladies Lifegroups on a Monday evening and the Men's Lifegroup on a Tuesday evening. These times are geared to Christians who wish to actively grow in their Christian commitment as it affects every aspect of life.

Preparations are in hand for the Family Camp in the summer – more details in the next newsletter.

Services every Sunday in Blackboys village hall 10.30am. Second Sunday communion, last Sunday Family service followed by lunch together. All welcome.

Find out more: guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com or find us on Facebook.

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A huge welcome to Kate, Heidi, Jude, Ruby, Callum and Riley and their families who have joined Blackboys Pre-School in the last few weeks.

What's happening this term?

We have big plans for our allotment as we look forward to the onset of Spring. Apart from collecting the occasional egg from our two hens, we will be planning seed potatoes, carrots, onions and lettuces over the next few weeks. We are still looking for a small shed or some form of secure storage for our tools. If you have something suitable you'd like to donate, we'd love to hear from you.

Forest School activities continue apace and we are also looking forward to spending lots more time playing in our lovely outside area. Inside, we are continuing to do lots of cooking and art activities. And as the weather gets warmer

You can keep tabs on our activities by checking out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool. Our website www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk includes updates on event, and bags of information about us. Go on, check it out.

Family fun day & Gruffalo sponsored walk – 11am Saturday 11 May, Blackboys Village Hall

Listen to the story of the Gruffalo then join us for a walk around Blackboys in search of characters from the fabulous Julia Donaldson book. Our annual sponsored walk and family fun day is taking place on Saturday 11 May from 2pm. Come dressed as your favourite Gruffalo character – there's a prize for the best costume. Then back to the Village Hall for a bbq and children's entertainment. All welcome; we ask for a £5 donation per child to participate. All proceeds to charity.

A little bit about us

Established almost 30 years ago, Blackboys Pre School is open Monday to Friday during school term time from 8.45am to 3.30pm and provides a wonderful, nurturing environment for children aged between 2 and 5 in a fabulous rural setting. The Pre-School applies Montessori principles and practice to activities as well as employing a Forest School coordinator. To book your child in for a no-obligation free trial or to arrange a visit, call Jenny on 01825 891113 or email enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk.



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The children have been on an Easter egg hunt, visiting local points of interest around the village.

We have started a music group during pre-school run by local Framfield resident Anne Kirk, which the children love.

This term has been very busy with a visit from the local fire brigade and some of the older children visited Pizza Express where they got to make their own pizzas to bring home - lots of fun was had by all.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated to Local giving, we raised £600.00, it really is much appreciated.

The Friends of Framfield Pre-School raised £195.00 when they held a Jumble Sale in March, we are looking forward to buying some new toys and equipment for the children.

We would like to welcome our new children and their families this term, Ethan 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

OFSTED Registration No. 415265
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As I write, the sun is shining from a clear blue sky – bliss, dare we hope spring has arrived or is this, as I suspect, just a teaser?!

We held two events in February, one of which I omitted to mention in the previous Parish Newsletter – a Quiz Evening – forty four people crowded into the larger room at Blackboys Village Hall bearing their supper and drinks (tea, coffee, etc were provided by the Committee). We were divided into teams of four or six, the questions were devised by Terry Everitt, ably assisted by Fiona Fidler. The evening proved to be a tremendous success, great fun too – we hope to repeat the event next year.

On the final day of February, bitterly cold but dry, Jenny Homewood opened her garden to see her wonderful collection of snowdrops and to support the Daisy Garland Charity. A few hardy souls ventured forth, were guided around the garden by Jenny and rewarded with tea, coffee and biscuits. There were plants for sale and a voluntary donation box for the charity. Jenny wishes to thank all those who visited.

We have many more talks and two local open gardens to tempt you in the months leading to the Summer Show. Please consult your membership card for details (also on the website).

Happy gardening.

ALAYNE JENKINS
Chairman



Framfield & Blackboys WI

I first joined Framfield & Blackboys WI about 25 years ago. I was taken along by a friend and I enjoyed the meeting so much that I decided to join straight away.

During my time I have been President four times, Secretary twice and for several years I have enjoyed organising the teas we do for outside organisations. This boosts our finances and helps to pay for the many wonderful speakers we enjoy at our meetings.

I have been on many of the outings organised by our WI and also some organised by our Federation including a weekend visit to Denman College where I attended a Cookery Course. I have also been to Eastbourne for 'Gilt on the Gingerbread'. This is a weekend where you stay at a lovely Hotel and see a variety of speakers.

There is so much more you can do at WI apart from monthly meetings and I would encourage Members to go along to some of these events. They are most enjoyable and you get to meet Members from other Institutes. I have been on lawn bowls taster days, Ten-pin bowling, flower arranging, line dancing and many more exciting days out and I also had great fun entering the WI competition at the South of England Show.

All in all, I have really enjoyed my time in the WI and would highly recommend it. We are a very friendly WI and now have 31 Members. Do come along to our next meeting which is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th April at Blackboys Village Hall. Our speaker will be Mr Brian Braby on 'The Romans in Sussex'. I would love to see you there.

Frances Brinkhurst

LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

THE FOX AND THE FAWN

It was a warm spring day when I decided to enjoy my morning drink, sitting by the pond in our wood. My useful dog carried the cushion as we went along the woodland path. I glanced at a wild overgrown area as we passed close by, and wondered whether I should clear it all later? Chloe who had been plodding sedately beside me then hurried ahead to carefully place my cushion on the damp wooden bench. She then lay down beside me while I enjoyed my drink. It was so peaceful and relaxing with just the soft twittering of birds. After having a snooze, Chloe wondered off round to the far side of the pond to investigate a large hole under a tree root. She was having a false pregnancy and was convinced she was going to have puppies. Head down she was busy digging out the hole to make a suitable den to put them in.

Suddenly there was a commotion right behind me. I looked round and was surprised to see a very agitated deer rush past my seat and leap into the overgrown patch. What was she doing? I kept quite still and watched. Then the reason became clear as the tiniest new fawn emerged from its hiding place standing up on its spindly legs. The deer must have told it to quickly hide again before she galloped off noisily crashing her way through the undergrowth. Having seen me and Chloe, I imagine she was attempting to draw attention to herself and away from the fawn so it would be safe. I was amazed that Chloe had no idea it was there, when we had walked so close to it.

While the drama unfolded I suddenly remembered Chloe. Would she chase the deer or would she run round the pond to see what all the excitement was and then discover the fawn? Very worried I looked round. Where was the dog? Then I saw her, half hidden in the hole and covered in dirt, she was still concentrating on her excavations and was oblivious to everything else. I was just starting to relax when I caught sight of a fox stealthily creeping through the far side of the wood. Would it find the fawn? I now had a dilemma; I pondered on the problem of the fox the deer the fawn and the dog. I decided on my tactics. First I went to Chloe who luckily still had her head down in her crater and secured her with a lead. The fox having scented Chloe and me decided to go off across the adjacent field. Having taken Chloe home I decided to have a quick check on the fawn to make sure it was still there. Peering from a distance I couldn't see it. Had the fox come back while I was taking Chloe home? Looking more carefully I could just see a miniature black nose and two bright eyes, yes it was still there. It was cleverly concealed beneath a spreading canopy of feathery ferns. I crept away through the wood where I kept watch. Eventually the deer came back to her

baby. The only sign that the fawn had been there the next day was a flattened depression under the arching ferns.

Some time later that summer I was again enjoying sitting by the pond and my eye was caught by a deer and her half grown fawn trotting beside her in the field by the wood. Unperturbed they glanced across at me before continuing on their way.

I gather that deer leave their new born fawns hidden while they go off to graze and return to feed them. Interestingly, I read that the fawns have no scent which is why Chloe did not know it was there.

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Dog fouling in the church yard.

The church yard has traditionally been a place where the adjoining fields are accessed by dog walkers. However, I have received a complaint that there is a considerable amount of dog excreta around the gravestones. May I politely point out that this should not be the case, the graveyard is a consecrated public place and not a dogs toilet and it is distressing for persons visiting graves of loved ones or when conducting a burial service.

All dogs must be on a lead in the church yard and if your dog has an 'accident' please come prepared with a plastic bag to pick it up.

Thank you - Rev Chris Lawrence