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01825 891090
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Email - rev.chris@btinternet.com

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Looking down or looking up?

I think we would all agree that it has been an extraordinary good summer. After the somewhat delayed start the sunny weather seemed almost endless; perhaps the best summer for many a year?

One of the great delights in living close to the countryside is the privilege to stop and appreciate the amazing views.

The vicarage garden at Framfield overlooks literally miles of green fields right up to Mount Caburn in the far distance which overshadows the town of Lewes.

One Saturday morning I was listening to a Radio 4 interview with the head of a London firm of architects. During the conversation it transpired that during the recession of the late 1980's the firm had to lay off many of their employees to which the interviewer asked - how did you cope with the burden of all the affected lives and the uncertainty that your business might have totally collapsed? The head of the firm replied that he just kept his head down and hoped for the best!

This was one of those ironic moments, here was a picture of the boss of a top London firm, all alone, with his head down hoping for the best while I was looking out of the kitchen window up at Mount Caburn in the far distance with the words from Psalm 121 in my mind. The psalmist writes:

**¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?**

**² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;**

**⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.**

Verse one is clearly a rhetorical question, and one that we should consider asking ourselves particularly when in a situation where help is needed. Unlike the head of the architectural firm the psalmist is very clear that his help comes from 'the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth'. As majestic as they are looking up to the mountains is a mere snapshot of the vastness of the earth and heavens; but the Lord God has made it all. Verses 6 & 7 gives us an insight into the character and benevolence of 'The Maker'. Here we find the promise of 'watching over'; fatherly protection in the comings and goings of daily living and for all eternity.

In the ups and downs of life there are clearly some choices to be made. We can choose to live like the head of the architectural firm – in a place of isolation, worry and uncertainty or we can choose to ask God into our lives. When we choose the latter our options open up, the tunnel vision of adversity rises to a higher view with infinite possibilities.

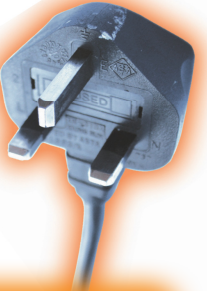
In keeping with many believers King David found God to be faithful and true prompting him to write psalm 3:3-4

**But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
I call out to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.**

So here's a closing question; when you are going through times of uncertainty are you a head down hope for the best person or are you willing to look up- lift your eyes, thoughts and prayers heaven ward, and as you do rest in confident expectation that the Maker of heaven and earth is coming to your aid?

- Rev Chris Lawrence

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Uckfield Fire Station,
Bell View Road, Uckfield,
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2.00pm to 4.00pm

TUESDAY
15th OCTOBER

**Charles Hunt Day
Centre,** Vicarage Lane,
Hailsham, BN27 1BG
9.30am to 11.30am

St John's Church Hall,
St John's Road, Polegate,
BN26 5BX
2.00pm to 4.00pm

WEDNESDAY
16th OCTOBER

**Crowborough Fire
Station,** Beacon Road,
Crowborough, TN6 1AF
10.00am to 12.00 noon

Heathfield Fire Station,
High Street, Heathfield,
TN21 0UP
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Contact details:

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Diary of Church Services

(Due to renovation works in the church, services in October and November will be held in the Church Hall)

OCTOBER 2013

06 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service

(Followed by Harvest Festival Lunch in Church Hall)

13 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

20 Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

4.00 pm **'Messy Church' for all the family**

27 Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER 2013

03 Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Family Service

10 Third Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Remembrance Service (in Framfield Memorial Hall)

6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

- 17 **Second Sunday before Advent**
 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
 4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family
- 24 **Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Joint Service, Churches in Uckfield – Holy Cross

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship



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 East Sussex, TN22 5JL
Tel: 01825 891113

email: enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk
www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk

The start of a new school year is always exciting! A huge welcome to all the children (and their parents and carers) who have joined us this term.

Growing up green

At our allotment, we have planted bulbs and are paying regular visits to our three hens. We are looking for old car or tractor tyres to use in the allotment. If you can help, please email us or give us a ring. As part of our forest school activities we'll be trying our hand at making friendship bracelets.

Recycle for Blackboys

We do regular clothes recycling collections to raise money for our activities. You can drop any donations off to us during school hours at the village hall in Blackboys. Or drop us a line if you'd like us to pick up from you.

Open days

We continue to hold regular coffee mornings/open days to give parents an opportunity to socialise and give those interested an opportunity to look around the Pre-School. Event details can be found on our website at: www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk

You can keep tabs on our activities by checking out our Facebook page, or visiting our website for updates on events. Go on, check it out.

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 practices 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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UCKFIELD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Uckfield Decorative & Fine Arts Society is a branch of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts. The aim of this organisation is to promote the appreciation and study of decorative & fine arts and the preservation of our national artistic heritage.

Uckfield DFAS recently sponsored a 2 day artist-in-residence at Blackboys Primary School where each class was given various materials to draw, paint and appreciate the different ways of looking at objects. It was a great success and the children had great fun. We hope this experience fostered an interest in painting.

Uckfield DFAS meets at Uckfield Civic Centre at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (apart from July & August) for a talk by excellent lecturers on the arts.

Below are the first 3 lectures for the new season:

September 11th - The Arts of Bloomsbury & Omega. by Eveline Eaton

October 9th - Meet Me at the Waldorf: the story of two iconic hotels. by Mary Alexander.

November 13th - The Hermitage: The Collections of Catherine the Great. by Edward Saunders.

Uckfield DFAS also organises visits to places of interest. Our Heritage Volunteers work on local conservation projects and our Church Recorders work in local churches.

Uckfield DFAS warmly welcomes new members.

For further details please contact the Membership Secretary –
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Yearly subscription is £37. Guests £7 a lecture.

Further information go to Uckfield DFAS website
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**or just come along to our next meeting,
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Our fund raising committee has had its busiest season ever for making tea and cakes at various venues. Altogether we have raised £5700 from this - a lot of baking but well worth the effort! Street and Tesco collections made well over £1000 and a lovely walk over the Ashdown Forest last month, followed by a delicious ploughman's lunch raised over £500. I think we can safely say we are very pleased with our efforts over the summer.

Our main fundraising event in September is 'The Biggest Coffee morning in the World'. Uckfield committee are holding theirs at Pizza Express in Uckfield on September 27th between 10am and 12 noon and would welcome lots of support. The money we raise from this will go locally, along with all the other money raised this year. We continue to send funds to support the new cancer unit to be built alongside Brighton Hospital.

Please may I also remind you of our Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 27th at Buxted Park Pavilion from 10 am, where we shall be serving coffee, biscuits and mince pies in the morning, then homemade soup with bread at lunchtime.

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

Framfield Church Update

After over a year of fundraising by the Friends of Framfield Church and the very generous support of many parishioners I am pleased to report that work has now started on renovating our beautiful church.

Framfield Church is part of our heritage, a building that's open to everyone in the parish to enjoy in their own way. By undertaking this work now we hope to ensure that the building is in good order to pass on to future generations.

It's very exciting that the work has now finally started and we look forward to re-opening the newly decorated church in December - with its clerestory windows and stonework restored and a new lighting system that will enhance the lovely building.

To everyone who has contributed to the project so far we would like to express our heartfelt thanks. We still have to raise around £8000 so, if you haven't yet contributed but would like to, your gift would be much appreciated.

You can contact me about making a donation or send your gift to me: Peter Berry, The Friends of Framfield Church, Vicarage Barn, Framfield TN22 5NH (Please make cheques payable to: The Friends of Framfield Church).

Peter Berry, Chairman, The Friends of Framfield Church

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

Our annual Jumble Sale is at 2pm on Saturday 12th October in the Memorial Hall. Please leave jumble at the hall in the morning.

As usual we will have a cake stall, teas and a tombola.

Our main charity this year is our local hospital, so please come and support us.

Any queries to Val Peaty on 890677.



POPPY APPEAL - HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The 2013 appeal is nearly here and we are very short of door to door collectors.

Could you spare a couple of hours in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day to help cover the

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We are particularly light in Palehouse Common and Blackboys.

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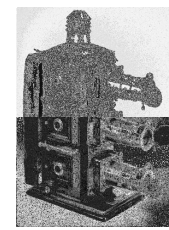
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The church yard has traditionally been a place where the adjoining fields are accessed by dog walkers. However, I have received a complaint that there is a considerable amount of dog excreta around the gravestones. May I politely point out that this 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



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Nature Notes

Many Naturalists spend lots of time watching species so as to understand how they fit in with Nature. There is a lovely story of two 19th century naturalists, Fritz Müller and Henry Bates. Both were fascinated by the fact that unrelated species often had similar shapes, colours and/or marking patterns. They discovered that some species of animal have evolved to mimic others, and by doing so, enhanced their survival probabilities. To understand this, it is necessary to understand warning signals. Although many species of animal have camouflaged or cryptic bodies that hide them away from predators (e.g. green or brown frogs hiding from cats and snakes), some animals are brightly coloured (e.g. ladybirds). It turns out that ladybirds are both toxic and distasteful when eaten, so that predators (usually birds) avoid them. However, frogs are apparently good to eat, so need the ability to hide from predators. So, if another species of beetle becomes red, but is also good to eat, predators will tend to avoid it because of its colour, and even though it is good to eat, it is more likely to survive and have offspring. This is known as Batesian mimicry after Henry Bates. It also works for flowers where plants that do not provide nectar mimic others that do, so that insects will pollinate them even if they do not provide a reward.

Fritz Müller went to South America and found that many species of butterfly, some closely related, and others not, all had similar shapes and markings, and all were toxic and distasteful. So why were they all looking similar if they were all toxic or distasteful? It turns out that even if an animal is bad to eat, it is less likely to be eaten if it looks like another animal that is bad to eat. It is easier for a predator to learn one warning signal than lots of different signals. So appearances tend to converge over many generations. So this is known as Müllerian mimicry.

There are many other types of mimicry in nature, such as the peacock butterfly, that has false eyes on its wings. When its wings are closed it is cryptic and camouflaged. However, if it moved, it may be spotted by a predator, if this happens, the butterfly suddenly opens its wings and the predator sees 2 huge eyes 'looking' at it and should jump back, giving the butterfly time to escape.

Martyn Stenning

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be the AGM and Seasonal Supper on Tuesday 1st October, 6.45 for 7pm start in the Village Hall.

There will not be a meeting on Tuesday 5th November, instead it will take place on Friday 15th. Visitors are especially welcome on this occasion as the subject is a very popular one with "historians" and the general public alike. The speaker is Robert Goldsmith from West Sussex who has a very special interest in the Titanic. His presentation covers the history of the ship and its build, including its demise in the Atlantic. The talk includes still photographs, and video film of various parts of the wreck. Robert won a competition, run by the History Channel, to visit the wreck site by mini submarine in May 2005. The evening will be a chance to discover for ourselves what it was like to be part of such an amazing adventure and journey under the sea, as well as learning more about the story of an incredible ship

The date of our December event has also been changed to Tuesday 10th. We will be having a two course supper followed by our guest speaker/entertainer local folk musician Will Duke. His illustrated talk will be entitled The Life & Music of Scan Tester, Sussex Musician, 1887–1972.

We have a full and varied calendar of speakers and meetings ready for 2014 which will be available from October.

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

entertainment began and with a bar from the Hare and Hounds in Framfield keeping the 120+ ticket holders and band members alike lubricated, the evening went smoothly with the vocal skills of Beth Ellwood followed by the blues influenced music of The Southern Nights.

"With a condensed layout, great weather, new and returning attractions and a packed central arena programme it really was a FABulous day with a FABulous show and FABulous evening of music. All aboard for more of the same next year on Saturday 9th August." said John Rider, Vice President of the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society.

Trophy/Section/Award	Winner	
The Hobbs Barton Cup	Mrs Betty Keating	
The John Dann Cup	Richard Chapman	
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The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Terry Everitt	
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	Philip Manning	
The David Hazelden Plate	Fiona Fidler	
The Peter Butler Plate	Philip Manning	
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Joan Turner	
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Margaret McSheehy	
The Geddes Rose Bowl	Katharine Rabson Stark, Joan Turner, Hilary Quinn, Betty Keating	
The Williams Cup	Katharine Rabson Stark	
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Joan Turner	
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Alan Buckingham	
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Margaret McSheehy	
The Colonel Nigel Drew Cup	Phil Day	
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Fiona Fidler	
The Henry Cup	Margaret McSheehy	
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Margaret McSheehy	
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Lisa Smith	
The Barbara Briault Cup	Eloise Taberman Pilcher	
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups	Under 4	Felix Rabson Stark, Elena Neeter
	5-7	Oscar Rabson Stark, Oliver Geer
	8-11	Dan Newman
	12-16	Kitty Smith
The Sampson Bowl	Rachel Owen	
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup	Richard Chapman, David Peaty, Jean Pidgeon	
The Jeffery Victor Ludorum Trophy	The Geer Family	
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Terry Everitt	
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Phil Day	
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art	Jacky Woodgate	
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	Lakeshia Dennis	
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	Lakeshia Dennis, Oliver Geer	
The National Vegetable Society – Silver Medal & Diploma	Terry Everitt	
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society	Philip Manning	
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The Grove has been approached by Catherine Collingwood, the Partnerships Project

Co-ordinator for ACRES. ACRES provides Adult Community learning in Rural East Sussex (www.acreslearning.org.uk). Here's what she had to say...

"One of the main issues for Community learning is that it all takes place in towns which makes it very difficult for those in rural communities to access it, particularly with public transport being as patchy as it is. Because we focus on rural communities we are always on the lookout for organisations that may wish to work with us to improve services in their locality. If a community has a venue and a group of people wishing to learn something together, we can supply the adult learning to that community. Venues like yours are ideal as they are appealing to the community, accessible and provide a good supply of tea and cakes! Partnership working like this enables those in rural areas to gain some of the many benefits that those in towns take for granted."

We at The Grove are very excited about this possibility and would love to hear from you! There are a whole range of courses that could be held at The Grove, from cushion making to Spanish conversation and needle felting to bicycle maintenance. What would you be interested in learning about? Would you prefer a morning or afternoon course? Which day of the week would you prefer? Please get in touch ASAP if you are interested, we look forward to hearing from you!

Opening Hours: 8.30am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am - 3.30pm Saturdays

Brownings Farm Workshops, Lewes Road, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

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Find us on Facebook under "The Grove, Blackboys"

Local Fresh Ethical



Small Parish – One BIG Show

Saturday the 10th of August saw the combination of a beautiful day and the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show. The show's new opening time of midday saw the field packed and buzzing with activity from then onward until the show's close at 5pm with a wide range of fun activities and stalls to occupy the numerous visitors of all ages.

The Fun Dog Show began the afternoon's entertainment and activity in its special arena. Half an hour later events began in the main area with a dog agility demonstration by the Weald Agility Society. By then the show was in full swing with an increased range of stalls and side-shows from the traditional hoopla and plate smashing to stalls selling a wide variety of goods from plants to jams to wooden furniture.

By 1.30 the long-standing centrepieces of the show opened for viewing. The Framfield Memorial Hall contained a dazzling array of handicrafts, cookery exhibits and photographs with a well-supported Children's section. The large marquee housed the vegetable and flower exhibits from new and established exhibitors. Terry Everitt from the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society said "Despite a difficult growing year pushing many plants later in the season, the marquee still contained some fabulous quality samples of the products of horticulture". Creativity in flower arranging was again to the fore in its own section.



To the guiding commentary of Nigel Cassford, the traditional based children's races began including egg and spoon, water and sack contests. The area was the focus for much of the entertainment including by dance demonstrations by both Debs Dancers and Beth Dale Zumba and the music of Uckfield Performance Ensemble.

Food and drink from a range of outlets kept the Show's largest ever crowd fuelled for the flying demonstrations of Flying Falcons from Huxley's Birds of Prey in Horsham. Clearly a fascination for many as eyes scanned the skies for the movements of the elegant birds. On a smaller scale the High Weald Beekeepers showed an exhibition hive and attracted much local interest.

Around the field were an increased range of exhibits and participation events including traction engines, classic vehicles, traditional fairground rides as well as a mini scout camp from 1st Buxted (O'Brien's Own) plus wood carving, strength testing, welly-throwing and football shooting.

The show ended with the now traditional release of the pig into the area for its contribution to the Pig Pat Lottery then the awarding of trophies (see below) and finally the auction of the produce exhibited at the show with many true bargains from flower displays to cakes, high quality vegetables and cooked items.

"A show on this scale for a small community does not happen without people. On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all those who came to enjoy the show, the judges of the exhibits and the huge numbers of volunteer helpers who work so tirelessly on both Friday and Saturday to make the show happen. Special thanks must go to the organising committee for their fantastic efforts in bringing all of the strands together to make an increased sized 2013 Summer." said Phil Day, chair of the Summer Show Organising Committee.

So by 5pm the Summer Show was finished and the clear out began, essential because this year the marquee was to be used for an Evening of Music. With the show ready to run at 7.30pm, the



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All the children have settled well into Pre-School after the Summer Holidays. They have all enjoyed sharing their Scrapbooks with us. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Horticultural Show, we raised over £85.00.

The children will be learning about the changing seasons and we are hoping to do a welly walk around the village.

We would like to welcome all our new children and families this term, Aiden, Sophia, Lorraine, Bella, Hugo, Felix, May & Harriet, we hope you all enjoy your time at Framfield Pre-School.

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A RIDE TO THE SEA

As a child I always had animals and eventually had Prince my Dartmoor pony. My grandparents lived by the sea in a village called Felpham near Bognor, which was wonderful for holidays. I loved the beach where I could watch horses being exercised on the golden sands or splashing through the sea.

Back home after another visit I suddenly thought how exciting it would be to ride to the sea. I was about fifteen at the time. We lived in a village called Harting in West Sussex on the north side of the South Downs. I regularly rode Prince up to the top of the Downs, along the ridge then back down to the village. But that was the longest ride I had done. I had a friend, younger than me, called Judy who enjoyed riding Prince. We chatted about my ambitious plan and decided we would undertake this long journey together. We would take Prince and my bike and swap over at intervals so one could ride and one could pedal. I realised that this idea would need a lot of planning.

These days I expect you would have a horse box and make arrangements to have livery at the other end which would be relatively simple. In those days we did not have a car, or horse box. We had no phone and mobiles had not been thought of. We would have to manage on our own. Our mothers agreed to us going. Prince would need grazing while we were on holiday. My Grandfather owned holiday bungalows around the village and promised to leave the grass long in the garden of one of them. Luckily I had very helpful advice about tethering Prince from our local blacksmith. He kindly lent me a neck collar, tethering chain and spike. All this equipment we would have to carry plus everything for the holiday plus a picnic.

At last the great day arrived. The first part of the journey was up through woodland tracks to the top of the Downs. As we descended down the far side we were now on new territory which was very exciting. We progressed at a steady pace with our heavy loads along quiet roads, grassy verges and lanes. I remember arriving at a village called Lavant. At the village shop I bought a bottle of Tizer. There was a grassy area by the bridge with a stream flowing under the road. It made a perfect place to rest Prince who drank from the stream and munched the grass while we ate our picnic. Drinking the fizzy drink from the bottle, I wondered if Prince would like some. He did and like us drank it straight from the bottle!

The Parish Council is well aware that the three Parish play areas are in need of updating. The Parish Council has decided that the only way forward is to apply for borrowing approval so that a loan can be used to carry out this work.

A loan is available through the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) This mechanism has been used before by the Council and indeed is used by many other councils across the country.

Three quotes for the works will be obtained and the most suitable chosen. The amount of money required would be based on the scaled cost for the complete refurbishment of Framfield play area (the oldest and in need of most attention and serving the most residents) and partial refurbishments of Blackboys (which already has a newer set of swings) and Palehouse Common (which serves fewer residents). The total monies required will then be calculated over the period of repayment (up to 50 years) including interest accrued, and the amount of extra council tax this will cost each household annually – this may only be in the region of £20.00, less than 50p per week.

There is one possible proviso in this – the Parish Council may only be able to obtain borrowing approval if the majority of residents vote ‘yes’ if we are required to hold a public referendum should the Government ‘cap’ parish councils in future years. Any referendum would be held next May.

Over the next few months, pictures and details of the schemes will be put on our website and the schools/pre-schools approached for their opinions.

Although, it is relatively early days, the Council wanted everyone to be aware of their plans and hope that people will support this benefit to the community that the improvements to the play areas will bring for current and future children alike.

Play area equipment is now so prohibitively expensive, the Parish Council will not be able to sustain any of the sites much longer without the facility of a loan and they will have to sadly be decommissioned.

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.

ANN NEWTON/September 2013

Operation Crackdown

"You will now find it easier to report incidents of anti-social driving in Sussex. Sussex Police has re-launched Operation Crackdown - a system that enables anyone to report anti-social driving and abandoned vehicles, either online or by phone. Anti-social driving can be driving that is careless, deliberately aggressive or dangerous. If you see this type of behaviour it is important that you report it, so it can be dealt with in the most appropriate way.

Operation Crackdown is a joint initiative supported by Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP), Sussex Police and all local authorities in the county. It was first launched in 2002 as a way of reporting abandoned vehicles in Sussex, and was expanded in 2007 to cover anti-social driving reports.

The system for reporting anti-social driving has now been made simpler, to encourage members of the public to easily and quickly report this type of incident and users can now keep track of the progress of their case with a specific reference number provided.

Incidents can be reported, either via www.operationcrackdown.org, or by calling 01243 64 22 22, for those who don't have access to the internet.

Members of the public who are reporting incidents must remember, where possible, the registration number of the vehicle, the make, model and the colour, so the police can identify the vehicle concerned and make contact with the offender.

Every report received through Operation Crackdown is viewed and a decision is made against a set criteria on how best to deal with it. In the majority of cases a letter of advice is sent to the driver or rider, but a report to Operation Crackdown can also lead to arrest and possible conviction, depending on the seriousness of the offence".

After our welcome break we continued through pleasant peaceful lanes. The last part was through a suburban area skirting round Bognor, which was very tiring with busy roads and noisy traffic. Eventually two weary girls and one tired pony arrived in Felpham. It had been a very long day. Following our tortuous route it must have been twenty to thirty miles. First Prince was settled into his holiday accommodation at the bottom of the bungalow garden; a wilder grassy area down by the river, a weeping willow providing shade. We left him happily grazing before we went on to my grandparent's house. Our holiday by the sea had begun.

We were having a wonderful time with Prince until a few days later. Early one morning there was a frantic battering on the door. It was the husband of the couple who were renting the bungalow. He was very agitated and announced that the pony was loose and was trampling the flower beds and frightening his wife. Very unfortunately she was a very famous actress who was expecting to enjoy a relaxing holiday by the sea. Judy and I rushed through the village to capture Prince. He was having a wonderful time munching the plants and sampling chunks of hedge. His long chain, still attached to the spike, clanked along behind him! The frightened actress had shut herself indoors while the unruly animal was loose. It was entirely my fault; I had not banged the metal spike in hard enough so Prince had managed to pull it out. This episode could have ended in disaster if he had gone down the steep bank and into the river. I think my Grandfather must have refunded the rental that the couple had paid as they were valued customers!

Soon the holiday was over and all three of us had had a wonderful time and my wish had come true. I had ridden Prince along the golden sands and trotted through the sea.

Hazel Carter.

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Building through Blessing in Blackboys and Beyond

It has been lovely to enjoy the glorious weather with picnics after services and the special occasion of the Believer's Baptism of Andrew, Emma and Jacob Doherty in the swimming pool at Brownings Farm.

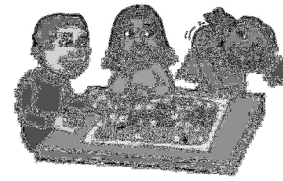
Now we look forward to the autumn and winter with the Alpha course commencing at the beginning of October, harvest and new children's groups on a Sunday morning. There will now be 4 groups from babies to young teens. We continue to meet at 10.30am on a Sunday morning in the Blackboys village hall, commencing with a time of refreshments and fellowship –everyone welcome.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" John 10 v 10

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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

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| Monday 18th November | Sing along with Sandy
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For further Information - Sandy & Keith (Rogers) 01825 840648

There's no requirement to attend the original club in order to join the TN22 **Plus** Club as it is open to all, but for those with memory loss or dementia there is a higher ratio of helper support to enable members to attend the Club either with, or without, their regular family support or carer.

The TN22 Club's success is due to the goodwill of an amazing group of volunteers, all with a desire to support older people in the community. The new TN22 **Plus** Club already has a small band of friendly and enthusiastic volunteers but is seeking additional recruits, in particular those who have a passion for supporting people whose memory loss or dementia may affect their confidence in socializing or taking part in activities. No previous experience is necessary.

One of the TN22 Club's recent activities has been participating in the TN22 Community Choir's rehearsals and on October 9th, the choir will give its first performance as part of UK Older People's Day 2013. The concert takes place at Hadlow Down Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm and for some numbers the choir will be joined by children from St Mark's School. Entrance is free including refreshments and homemade cakes and everyone is welcome to attend, but please call Suzanne to reserve a place on 01435 661054.

If you are interested in joining either of the TN22 clubs, the Choir or becoming a volunteer, please call 07592 021590 for further information. Alternatively, if you know a family member or neighbour who you think may benefit from mixing with others and a day out, please call us for a confidential chat about what's involved and how we might help. Transport is available to and from the Club for a small fee.

For further information please call:

Ruth Maddison - 01825 891094

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Notes:

- 1) Engage South East provides recreational activities in the interest of social welfare for older people, people of all ages with dementia and carers and is an affiliate of the charity Sound Architect (www.soundarchitect.org.uk)
- 2) Cesi is a community not for profit organization which supports older people in retaining their independence and to remain within their communities for as long as possible.

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Framfield & Blackboys WI

I have been a member of our W.I. for just over a year now. When I joined I was not sure what to expect, was it going to be all jam, baking and Jerusalem at our meetings? Far from a stereotype, it is more like a kaleidoscope of opportunities ...if you can keep it up.

Over the past year I have day tripped to the Isle of Wight, which led to a guided tour, of the mysterious Quarr Abbey, by a Benedictine monk himself and then by complete contrast visited Osborne House, Queen Victoria's private retreat. My next adventure was touring an underground nuclear shelter hidden in Ashdown Forest and seeing how Sussex Police are trained for dealing with riots. A month later we were off on a tour of Hatfield House and St. Albans market. Other members have recently visited a local organic farm. Members are already looking forward to our visit to Highclere Castle next April.

In between these outings we have had monthly meetings with a variety of interesting speakers. It is a chance to socialise, make new friends and learn. The national W.I. is soon to celebrate a centenary of achievement – and by offering a clever mix of social and life-long learning activities, it's obviously doing something right!

Why not drop in for a free trial meeting at our local group, there is no obligation to join. You can try everything, or nothing, but I can guarantee that you will have the best time.

Cathy McDermott

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TN22 Club launches new service and celebrates older people's day in tune

Hot on the heels of its highly successful TN22 Club for older people in Hadlow Down, local charity, Engage South East, is launching a new club for people **living in the locality and to be held once again in Hadlow Down.**(with memory problems or dementia.) The TN22 **Plus** Club will open on Wednesday 2nd October and offer a longer session from 10.30am to 3.30pm with more activities and tailored support for those members with memory loss or dementia.

Said Wendy Coleman, Dementia Manager for Engage South East. "A recent report¹ by the Alzheimer's Society highlighted that just one in three people with dementia only leave their home once a week and one in 10 get out just once a month. On top of that, almost half of people with dementia feel like a burden and avoid getting involved with local life so it is clear to see that there is definitely a need for this new service.

"We are trying to build a dementia-friendly community where people with memory issues are understood, respected, supported and given the confidence they need to contribute to community life. At our new **Plus** Club, the emphasis will be placed on a warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, together with companionship, varied and stimulating activities and, of course, a delicious freshly-cooked lunch. Having an opportunity to get out, socialise with others and participate in a new activity helps to maintain independence, stay out of care for longer and have a better quality of life."

¹ <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/buildingdfcs>

