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Out with old, in with the new.

As I am writing this end of year letter it is with the expectation that the refurbishment of Framfield Church will indeed be complete by the first week of December.

The major works are nearing completion. The interior of the church has been cleaned and repainted. New lighting installed and the last of the re-leaded stained glass windows installed. Then there is the big clean and reinstallation of the various fixture and fittings. Everyone is very grateful to the Friends of Framfield Church who have raised the majority of the funding necessary to undertake the much needed work. We are also very grateful to John Mordaunt for project managing the work and his many skilled helpers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

However, it is a sound investment for the future. Churches are public places but also places that reflect our Christian heritage down through the ages.

Whenever you undertake a major project be it in a church or indeed at home, it does give opportunity to de-clutter. Sometimes we hang on to old or out-of-date things when in reality they should have been discarded long ago and the new embraced.

The familiar Christmas story is one such event that encapsulates 'Out with the old in with the new'. The religious order of the Old Testament had in effect had its day. Not that there was anything intrinsically wrong with the hub of testament i.e. the familiar Ten Commandments. It was the simple fact that left to his own devices mankind couldn't keep them. Due to man's corrupted nature that had a propensity to sin (*miss the mark*) God had to intervene to get mankind back on track so that he didn't destroy himself and the world God created for him to live in. St Paul puts it like this in his letter to the Galatians - ***'For if a law had been given that could impart life then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. But scripture declares the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in place to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law'***.

In effect God was re-establishing the relationship with himself that he originally had with Abraham but extending it to all who believe.

Abraham, the man who believed that he would be the father of many nations, despite being 75 years old when God made the promise to him. It would be a further 25 years before Isaac was born. However, despite his age, now 100 years, he

believed God as an act of faith and as a result God credited righteousness (or right standing with God) to him.

The Old Testament law came into effect 430 years later but this was only necessary due to man's sin. Interestingly, the laws we have in the UK are based on the Ten Commandments which demonstrates the need to keep mankind under supervision and spell out right from wrong.

So what changed when Jesus came to earth on that very first Christmas?

Firstly, Jesus came to earth to live as one of us; growing up from a baby through to adulthood. He identifies with us in this life because he lived it himself.

Secondly, in order to break the hold of sin over our lives so that we could be freed, Jesus would have to die - unless there is the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. The covenant of faith in what Christ has done for us, is ratified through Christ's death and resurrection and is available to all who will believe, just as Abraham believed.

Simple faith enables God to credit righteousness to every believer and the resurrection of Christ graphically shows us that Christ's self-sacrifice for sin was effective and enables us take hold of the promise of life after death in heaven.

Finally, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. To all who will believe and invite God into their lives, God comes and takes up residence within the individual by his Spirit. Transformation of our waywardness and our thinking and attitudes is accomplished by God from the inside out. His aim; to make us more human or Christ-like as Christ was the only perfect human being to have ever walked the earth.

Out with the old, in with the new? You can try to live a good life in an attempt to unconsciously please God but you will never be good enough - that's the old. Alternatively, acknowledging that you can't manage it in your own strength you can invite Christ in by faith - that's the new. After that, rely on God to transform you into the person God created you to be in the first place.

Jesus came into the world at Christmas. He is God's Son and gift to each one of us. But as I often say to the person holding the present; you will never know how glorious the present is until you take the wrapping off!

To everyone in the parish - have a great Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year. Blessings to one and all, *Rev Chris Lawrence*

Date for your diary - Calling all bridge players

In March 2014 the 'Friends of Framfield Church' are organising a Bridge Tea in Framfield Church Hall to raise funds for the church restoration appeal. If you enjoy playing bridge look out for full details in the next Parish Newsletter (February).

**FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET –
HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER - 10.00AM - 12NOON

ALL WELCOME - Come and Enjoy a Variety of Market Stalls
Tea/Coffee - Bacon Rolls - 01825 840648

Sandy and Keith would like to say this is the LAST Market we will be doing due to family commitments etc.

We are pleased that the Parish Council has volunteered to take it on.

We have enjoyed our time running the Market over these 7 years, and would like to thank so much, all those from Framfield who have supported us - Katharine (who helped us nearly every month with the teas), and ALL THE OTHER TEA LADIES.

ALSO the Market Stall Holders, with Esther, Peter and Pam Pescot, and Bobby and Michael Parmenter who help us put up tables etc. Unfortunately when you say names you are bound to forget someone, but if you have helped at the Market in any way - Thank you.

Over these 7 years, £10,411.60 has been raised to November 2013. Again to all that have supported and attended - THANK YOU
Sandy and Keith.

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FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKETS IN 2014

TIME: 10.00am – 12 noon



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FEBRUARY - 22nd	NO MARKET in AUGUST
MARCH - 22nd	SEPTEMBER - 27th
APRIL - 26th	OCTOBER - 25th
MAY - 24th	NOVEMBER - 22nd
JUNE - 28th	DECEMBER - 13th

Diary of Church Services

DECEMBER 2013

- 01 First Sunday of Advent**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 08 Second Sunday of Advent**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 15 Third Sunday of Advent**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
6.30 pm Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10.00 am Christmas Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 24 Christmas Eve**
4.30 pm Crib/Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion (CW)
- 25 Christmas Day**
10.00 am Family Festival Praise
(No Evening Service)
- 29 First Sunday of Christmas**
10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)
(No Evening Service)

JANUARY 2014

- 05 Epiphany**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

- 12 Baptism of Christ**
 10.00 am Family Service
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing
- 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany**
 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
 3.00 pm Churches in Uckfield-United Songs of Praise Service
 4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family (Church Hall)
- 26 Third Sunday of Epiphany**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship



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www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk

As Christmas approaches, there's a magical atmosphere at Blackboys Pre-School as we prepare for our Christmas show, "Born in a Barn." A huge welcome to all the children (and their families) who have joined us this term.

This term's fun...

Despite the weather, we're still managing regular trips to our allotment as we build a bug hotel. We're also making bird feeders as part of our forest school activities. Art activities including a Christmas theme as we try our hands at making salt dough decorations. In the kitchen, our mini chefs will be serving up jam tarts.

What's on for families in the area?

We now include details of family-friendly events in our weekly email newsletter. If you'd like to be on the mailing list, click on the "get newsletter" link at the bottom of our homepage at www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk

Come and have a look!

Our coffee mornings are an opportunity for those not familiar with us to have a look around. Events are listed on our website or check out our Facebook page for a snapshot of our activities. We have limited spaces available on Tuesdays and Fridays. Speak to Jenny on 01825 891113 if you'd like to find out more about us and are interested in arranging a visit.

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 and has 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 us at: enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk.

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Some dates for your diary:

Blackboys CEP School

KS1 Nativity: 11 Dec at 2pm.

KS2 Carol Service, Framfield Church 18 December at 6.30pm

Framfield CEP School

PTFA Christmas Bazaar on 6 December 2-4pm

Nativity Play in Framfield Memorial Hall - dates to be confirmed.

Carol Service in Framfield Church - 20 December at 9.10am

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Jonquil King (Executive Headteacher), Graham Sullivan (Head of School, Blackboys), Jacqueline Davies (Head of School, Framfield)

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**FRAMFIELD
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Stars for Macmillan Nurses are for sale for £3 .You can write a message on them with permanent ink for loved ones that can no longer be with us at Christmas or for family & friends that are too far away to be with us at this time of year.

Stars are for sale as from Monday 18 November at Framfield School, Framfield Pre-school and Hair By Us, also you can contact me direct.

All the money raised goes direct to Uckfield Macmillan nurses.

A candle lit Lighting Up Ceremony by Mr Peter Berry will be held on **Sunday 1 December at 5.00pm** at the Memorial Hall. Refreshments and mince pies will be available afterwards by the W.I. Ladies.

Please come along and start your Christmas celebrations with the community and help Macmillan Nurses as well.

Thank you for your support

Selina Allen - Tel: 891110

Our committee's main fundraising event for September was in support of "The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World". We held our coffee morning at Pizza Express in Uckfield, which was very well attended and raised just over £500. As always the members of staff at the restaurant were exceptionally helpful. A separate, similar event held in East Hoathly was also most successful.

We shall be collecting for Macmillan for three days at the beginning of December.

Regarding the new Brighton Centre, we have been informed that the main contractor has been appointed and if all legal issues are resolved, work is scheduled to begin in January and will take 15 months. So far £2.45 million has been raised leaving a deficit of £3.7 million still to be raised within the next three years.

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

was thought-provoking and well attended. Further workshops for parents on a variety of subjects are planned for the coming year.

European Languages Day has now become a tradition in both schools and successfully raises awareness of other cultures and languages around the world. Blackboys pupils enjoyed a European Breakfast in school before honing their language skills and mapwork in their classes, and at Framfield pupils dressed up for the day and were taught maths and singing through several different European languages.

Due to the temporary closure of St Thomas à Becket Church our Harvest Festivals this year took place in the school hall at Blackboys and the Memorial Hall at Framfield. The children performed seasonal songs and prayers while donations of food went to the Foodbank in Uckfield which aids and supports families who are struggling to feed themselves in the current financial climate. Other contributions went to the 'Send a Cow' project at Blackboys and Water Aid at Framfield.

The oldest pupils of both schools were also lucky enough to be invited to attend a workshop run by New Sussex Opera. This again gave both our staff and pupils the chance to work together on an inspiring project and will culminate in the children having the opportunity to visit Glyndebourne to attend a performance of *L'elisir d'amore* by Donizetti. We are sure that they will appreciate this wonderful opportunity to experience music and opera in such a unique venue - one of the many advantages of living in this wonderful part of East Sussex.

Our sports teams have also been busy. The boys' partnership football team has won two tournaments, with the girls' partnership team earning a runners-up spot in their tournament. And just as the weather deteriorates, Blackboys School are in training to retain the Ringmer Area Cross-Country Race trophy, while the chess clubs in both schools are flourishing.

As Christmas approaches, nativity practices are getting into full swing in both schools and our supportive PTA and PTFA are preparing for a number of exciting Christmas events.

Framfield and Blackboys Church of England Schools Partnership

The children have enjoyed an exciting and stimulating start to the academic year and the Autumn Term is traditionally a busy one.

Our partnership goes from strength to strength and the start of the academic year saw us all embark upon an exciting project as part of the Olympic Legacy. Pupils and staff from both schools were delighted to welcome Olympian, Toby Garbett, to the launch of an Olympic inspired programme 'Be the Best You Can Be'.

This programme enables young people to discover and develop the unique potential within themselves and inspires, engages and empowers them to pursue and fulfil their dreams. It has been developed as an educational legacy and we were determined that our schools would be participants in the Be the Best You Can Be programme as it begins to roll out nationally. All the staff look forward to delivering this exciting and transformational work as the year progresses. We are determined that this programme's ethos will become a real part of our schools, inspiring all members of our community, not only in sport, but in all areas of their lives.

In September the oldest children in both schools went on their residential trips - Blackboys to Hindleap Warren, and Framfield to Bowles. They all had a fantastic time, taking part in exciting and adventurous activities such as rock climbing, archery and forest adventure at Hindleap, while Framfield pupils experienced canoeing, abseiling and skiing at Bowles.

The residential trip is always such a positive experience for the pupils and we see huge developments in self-confidence, problem-solving and team-work skills. We were very proud of the excellent behaviour of all the pupils, which was commented upon by the organisers of both venues. Well done everyone and thanks to staff of both schools for the support and effort put into these projects to make them so successful.

At the start of the new academic year we brought parents and governors of both schools together for an E-safety workshop to raise awareness of the potential problems involved in keeping children safe while using the internet. The meeting



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Nature Notes

The autumn is slowly progressing, but it is 14th November today and there are still plenty of green leaves on the trees. Only 5 weeks to the winter solstice and there are green leaves on oak and ash trees. The Acers such as field maple and sycamore are turning. Birch leaves are yellow and falling like discoloured snow. We have had the first significant frost, and most insects will have either died or found a refuge for the winter. Wintering birds are flooding into the British Isles, and it is a while since I have seen a swallow or a warbler. However I did see a late wheatear on Saturday 9th November on the summit of Mount Caburn near Lewes, there were also a number of meadow pipits.

There are three types of pipit commonly seen in Sussex. Meadow pipits, as their name suggests, live in meadows, or indeed any type of peaceful grassland. We get them in West Park Local Nature Reserve in the winter. There are also rock pipits, which as their name suggests, like to live in rocky habitats, usually by the sea. You can always find them at Splash Point at the easterly end of the promenade at Seaford. Thirdly, there are the rather rare tree pipits, which as their name suggests, live mostly in trees, and can be seen in certain parts of Ashdown Forest. All 3 pipits look and sound fairly similar, but can be distinguished on close inspection with binoculars and a good identification guide. However, their identity is usually given away by their location. All 3 species may be seen all the year round, but most tree pipits fly south for the winter, most meadow pipits remain in Britain all year, and most rock pipits are winter visitors from further north.

I am currently reading a book on skylarks. There are many different species of larks around the world, and most of them live in arid habitats. Some of them never drink water, but get all their moisture from eating juicy insects. In Sussex, skylarks are fairly common, but are declining, and occupy the same type of habitat as meadow pipits. We also have a few woodlarks on Ashdown Forest, but these are quite rare. Rarer still are horned larks also known as shore larks, because they are winter visitors that are only seen on sea shores, and then only very rarely. Horned larks breed in the Arctic, and those visiting Britain are thought to breed in northern Eurasia.

Martyn Stenning



Framfield & Blackboys WI Wish you a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

Our meetings are as follows. Please come along and join us.

Programme for 2014

January 14th New Year Dinner

February 11th at Framfield Memorial Hall: 'A Policeman's Lot'
Speaker Mr Neil Sadler

March 11th at Framfield Memorial Hall: 'Songs, guitar and Poetry' with Mr John Cave

April 8th at Blackboys Village Hall 'Gardens' Speaker Irene Eltringham-Wilson

May 13th at Blackboys Village Hall – Resolution meeting with Ploughman Supper

June 10th at Blackboys Village Hall: 'About Time' Speaker Shirley Jaffe

July 8th Summer Outing

August 12th Afternoon Tea in the Garden

September 9th at Blackboys Village Hall 'Women Drivers!' Speaker Anna C Astin

October 14th at Framfield Memorial Hall: 'Joe Mendell as Mark Twain' Speaker Joe Mendell

November 11th at Framfield Memorial Hall: A.G.M. and Anniversary Supper

December 9th at Framfield Memorial Hall: Christmas Party

Open evening at Framfield Church

As this newsletter goes to press the restoration work on St Thomas à Becket Church is nearing completion and the church is scheduled to re-open on 8 December.

On 18 January 'The Friends of Framfield Church' are holding an Open Evening for all parishioners to come and see the newly renovated building. You can call in any time between 6 and 9pm, enjoy a glass of wine and a few 'nibbles', and see for yourself all the work that has been carried out and to which so many parishioners generously contributed.

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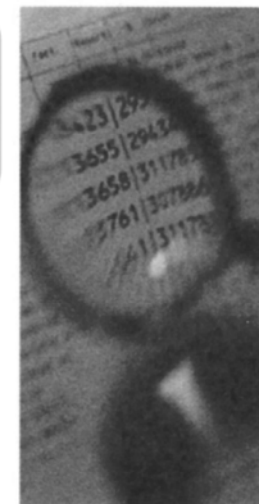
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Uckfield Foodbank Festive Update

Christmas really can be the toughest time of the year for many people, not least those without work and where it is challenging to make ends meet. Of course, it can also be a time of celebration for families and friends, the giving and receiving of presents and possibly over indulgence.

This will be the first December and Christmas where Uckfield Foodbank will be open and while we have a tremendous 3,644 kg of food collected so far and available for distribution, we do please need your help.

We have a dedicated and growing team of volunteers, who are equally good ambassadors, spreading the word and yet, we do need everyone to be aware that emergency food supplies are available to those in need within our community. It's bad enough to be hungry at any time but it just seems even harsher at Christmas.

So, how can you help? Please do signpost anyone you may know, who is in need to the Citizens' Advice Bureau in Uckfield; they are able to issue Foodbank vouchers that can be exchanged for three days of emergency food at our distribution centre in Grange Road.

We had a fantastic response from our inaugural Tesco collection day in September and will be collecting at Tesco again on Saturday 30 November. Although our stock levels are good, we will please need more donations especially on this day. Some people have asked about Christmas treats: yes, it will be good to provide 'extras' to our usual offering but please can we ask the good people of Uckfield to stick to our shopping list.

Food donations, from our published list, can be left in collection boxes at The Bargain Store, 94B High Street, or at The Lord's Vineyard, 102 High Street, Uckfield, and at both Buxted and Bird-in-Eye medical practices.

With the rising cost of energy and the restructuring of the benefits system to Universal Credit, we are expecting to see an increase in the number of people needing to access the services of the Foodbank. Without the continued support of the local community we would be unable to support those in need.

More volunteers would be welcome to help with the Foodbank. If you are interested please call 01825 745489 or admin@uckfield.foodbank.org.uk, preferably on a Tuesday or Friday, when staff will be available. The opening times of the King's Centre for distribution are 2.30-4.00pm on these days, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Do come and find us in the High Street on 6 December for late night shopping! We'd love to meet you!

Please 'like' our Facebook page and / or 'follow' us on twitter... @UckfieldFoodbnk

For further information contact:

Sharon Burt

Uckfield Foodbank Administrator

Email: admin@uckfield.foodbank.org.uk

Tel: 0182 745489

Our Christmas event will take place on Tuesday 10th December. 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. The story of Scan Tester is an intriguing one and very much part of our local history. There will also be music and hopefully live step dancing! Tickets cost £15, in advance only, and numbers are limited.

As promised, our full list of events for 2014 is now available:

Tues 4th February – Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance

Tues 4th March – A Sussex Farm in the 50's – Ian Everest

Tues 1st April – Kent & Sussex Rogues – Chris McCooey

Tues 6th May – Sussex Timber Framed Buildings – David Martin

Tues 3rd June – Sex & Scandal in Sussex – Jane Lecluse

July – Barbecue, details to be announced later

Tues 2nd September – Castles in South East England – Charles Harding

Tues 7th October – AGM & Supper

Tues 4th November – Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Ian Everest

Fri 12th December – Barcombe Roman Villa – Chris Butler

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 or are interested in other activities of the society, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email bturner.18maple@btinternet.com

Ann Turner, Secretary

Framfield Parish Council

MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

On each date detailed below, three meetings will be held as follows (although the Planning Committee may be cancelled if not essential):

- Planning Committee - commencing at 6.30 pm
- Trust - commencing at 7 pm
- Parish Council - commencing at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday, 28 January (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 25 February (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 25 March (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 29 April (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 27 May (BB Trust) (PC AGM) and Annual Assembly (8 pm)*	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 24 June (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 29 July (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
August	No meeting
Tuesday, 30 September (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 28 October (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 25 November (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
December	No meeting

*The Annual Assembly (Annual Parish Meeting) will be held at 8 pm after the PC AGM on Tuesday, 27 May 2014.

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LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

A TALK WITH CHLOE

Many months ago I was asked if I would give a talk to Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group. I said yes, adding optimistically that I would bring my Newfoundland who could do a little demonstration, showing how she helps me in the house. It seemed a good idea when I suggested it but as time went by I started to regret my impulsive offer.

I knew Chloe could carry out a wide variety of tasks at home very skilfully but would she cooperate in a new and strange place. When she was about six months old she did accompany me while I gave a talk in Heathfield library and she was quite good, but that was a long time ago. My other really big worry was whether I could hang on to a very friendly eleven stone dog that might be too enthusiastic greeting the audience.

A few days before the talk I started my preparations. I wrote some short notes on my talk which included my work as a dog behaviourist, Connie my last dog, heroine of my book, 'A Dog In A Million' and of course how and why I trained Chloe. I carefully did it on the computer making the print really big so I could glance at it occasionally without my glasses. I confidently assumed that would ensure my talk flowed effortlessly and logically from one subject to the next.

I then made a list of suitable jobs that Chloe could do in a hall. I decided against taking the vacuum cleaner, washing machine and dishwasher as impractical, pity really, as she is very good helping with these tasks and people love to see her working. However I knew she would demonstrate how she takes off my socks and shoes. I found some new red socks which would show up nicely. I put them on and confidently expected Chloe to take them off. Much to my surprise she gave one sniff and refused. I gave up and wore them for a while hoping the familiar smell would make her change her mind.

Next on the list was Chloe herself. She had been moulting and her coat was not looking its best. However I gave her a good brush, then a bath using Johnson's baby shampoo. She also had her ears and teeth cleaned, so hopefully she would smell nice.

The day came all too soon. We arrived at the village hall; my heart sank as my usually placid dog became very excited and rushed into the building like a runaway express train, towing me inelegantly behind her. It was very embarrassing. I thought she might

and partial refurbishments of Blackboys (which already has a more modern 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 and might in fact indeed be a lot less. We will know more once the 'number crunching' has been carried out.

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. There is already a section on our website where comment can be made. It is hoped to run small exhibitions at both Schools in the run up to Christmas and at the Village Markets.

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.

The Framfield Playground Action Group (FPAG) are also continuing to raise funds which will help enhance the refurbishment of Framfield play area so they should be thanked for their efforts on behalf of the people of Framfield.

The last thing is to wish everyone a happy Christmas from the Parish Council.

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.

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

The Parish Council hopes everyone is pleased with the new village signs. The original signs were not repairable. We have tried to follow the original themes on the new ones and they are also relatively maintenance free and should have a much longer life.

The Council is still involved in protracted discussions with ESCC over the repairs to the village guideposts and we hope to shortly be able to confirm with a couple of sponsors that they can replace some of the signs at their cost, but that they will become the property of the Parish Council thus enabling us to insure them against damage. Something we have not been able to do in the past as the ownership has remained with ESCC.

Concerns have been highlighted in The Street, Framfield over the anti-social way in which some vehicles are parked particularly during School opening and closing times actually making crossing for school children quite dangerous. Please park sensibly and courteously at all times.

On that note, Operation Crackdown has now been enhanced if anyone is seen to be driving badly, it is now possible to report this to the Police as follows: by telephone on the Crackdown Hotline 01243 642222 or by email www.operationcrackdown.org.

On a happy note, the Horticultural Society have spent many hours ‘digging’ – planting numerous quantities of spring bulbs in various very prominent locations in the Parish, which will only of course be obvious in the spring. A big thank you needs to be directed to the Society for covering the cost of the bulbs and the spade work in putting them in.

As reported elsewhere in the magazine, Sandy and Keith Rogers are ‘retiring’ their role in running the Framfield Village Market. Huge thanks must go to Sandy, Keith and their helpers for running the market for 10 years – all proceeds go towards the Hall and its refurbishment. The Parish Council will be taking over from the New Year but any help would be greatly appreciated including the provision of cakes for a stall where again all proceeds will go towards the Hall.

As mentioned in the last magazine the 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 local authorities across the country.

Three quotes for the works have been obtained and the most suitable will be chosen. The amount of money required will 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)

be worried or nervous in a strange environment but she thought it was all great fun. My heart sank; she would never concentrate on working for me. I started to give my carefully planned talk but was distracted as I kept an eye on Chloe, wondering if at any moment she would plunge into the audience to give everybody a good licking. My notes ignored, I stumbled disjointedly through my talk

It was then Chloe’s turn. Much to my amazement she coped with this new situation and enjoyed showing off her talents in front of everybody. At one point instead of coming straight back to me with an article, she made a detour along the front row to show everybody how clever she was, happily wagging her tail. Her next task was to take off my foot wear. I was already wearing my new red socks. Would she take them off? She carefully removed my shoes, then without hesitation, pulled off the new socks, looking quite pleased with herself. She also brought me my sandals which I put on and did a few other jobs before relaxing while we had a question and answer session.

By the end of the evening the hall which had been neat and tidy was cluttered up with socks, shoes and other miscellaneous stuff scattered everywhere. I don’t know what everybody thought of the guest speaker who departed with a pile of clutter, wearing summer sandals on a cold dark night. Still, Chloe and I had a most enjoyable evening.

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Christmas at Uckfield United Reformed Church

There will be a Crib Service at the United Reformed Church, New Town, Uckfield on Saturday, 21st December 2013 from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm - all welcome.

There will be a Candlelight Service at the United Reformed Church, New Town, Uckfield on Sunday, 22nd December 2013 at 4.30 pm with cup of tea and cake (free) beforehand at 3.30 pm - all welcome.

All welcome - experience the true meaning of Christmas.



Building through Blessing in Blackboys and Beyond

It is always a joy to anticipate Christmas and the blessing of freedom of worship, sharing with family and friends and also those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sunday December 15 we will be carol singing around Blackboys. We will commence at 4pm in the Village Hall and then proceed around the village, ending up for refreshments, again in the Village Hall. Listen out for us - we would love to have you join us at any point.

Sunday December 22 –Morning Carol service at 10.30am

Wednesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30 – All Age Service

Sunday December 29 -10.30am All Age Service

As a church fellowship we feel so very blessed and want to share that blessing with others. So do come along and know that you will receive a very warm welcome.

A Very Happy and Christ filled Christmas

For further information regarding the church, please contact our pastor:

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Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

Many thanks to everyone who supported our annual jumble sale. We raised over £300.00 which we will be giving to the Uckfield Hospital League of Friends in the new year.

In October, Hazel Carter brought her dog Chloe to visit us. She explained how she has trained the dogs that she has had and Chloe showed us what she could do. I think we all went home wishing we had a help like that!

As Christmas is almost upon us we will be making a cake decoration in November and then it will be our Christmas party to which we invite partners. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

2nd December	2.30pm	Christmas Party and Entertainment from Framfield CE Primary School etc, Framfield Memorial Hall
2014 - 20th January	2.30pm	AGM and New Programme Collection of Subs £10, and Visit from Police Woman PCSO Hannah Parks.

Our Members and Helpers would like to wish you ALL a **Very Happy Christmas and New Year.**

We can at the **moment** take New Members, and Transport can be arranged, so if interested please contact Sandy and Keith -01825 840648

For further Information - Sandy & Keith (Rogers) 01825 840648

Christmas



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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".

High Speed Broadband - the next stages

Please register your interest with the www.goesussex.co.uk website NOW for this important upgrade to broadband service.

The struggle for better rural broadband moves on, but we need your help. Most villages are "under evaluation" for funding from the deal signed on 31 May 2013 between ESCC and BT Openreach.

This means our rural areas have officially changed status. Until recently all exchanges apart from Uckfield were listed as "NC" - ie not currently in any rollout plans for faster service.

Now most of us - Framfield/Blackboys, Buxted, Horam, Halland, according to Openreach, are being "evaluated as part of a government funded program", namely the deal signed on 31 May 2013 between ESCC and BT Openreach.

The next step for Framfield and Blackboys and other villages is to get onto the www.goesussex.co.uk site and register your interest - there's no commitment to buy at this stage but please say **"YES we are interested"** and add to the numbers which will be taken into account as part of the Evaluation of these other exchanges. Don't be left out of the allocation through lack of interest!!

We also have two definite future exchanges "FE" which are Hadlow Down and Heathfield which, according to Openreach, will be "Operational by end of 2014 With dates to be confirmed nearer the time".

You may check your own phone number details on the OpenReach website:

<http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

There is more information about goesussex on the Parish website:

<http://www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk/broadband.html>

Barry Richardson

