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God with us

This year seems to have gone amazingly fast and as the year counts down Christmas is on the horizon. At the moment it all seems rather surreal; TV ads showing the typical winter scenes of snow, yet looking out of the window the weather is still very mild with not one snowflake in sight. Can it really be winter? I am sure this will all change in the next few weeks as the days continue to shorten and the temperature drops, but at the moment it doesn't seem that Christmassy. I have often wondered what celebrating Christmas is like in Australia. After all, they are approaching the height of summer. Christmas trees, Santa all dressed up for the cold, reindeer pulling his sleigh across frozen wastelands must seem bizarre when you are sitting on Bondi beach in 30°C sunshine! To my mind Christmas isn't Christmas unless all the sensory depictions of Christmas match up to our expectations. If they don't then it seems to be very hard to believe that it is actually Christmas.

However, the main thing that we associate with Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. God comes down to earth in human form; God incarnate or more literally - God embodied in flesh. When you think about it, God in the form of baby Jesus is quite difficult to get your head around. After all God created the universe and everything in it. You would have to have extraordinary supernatural power to create on a universe scale so accepting that God was with us as a helpless baby seems totally bizarre. On one level the perceived expectation of what God should be like doesn't match up and if there is no match we reject the possibility that Christ is God in a similar fashion to trying to accept its Christmas on a blazingly hot summers day.

To understand this apparent conundrum we need to see our situation from God's perspective. If you ask someone where God is they will usually say in Heaven - somewhere up in the sky. You can't see Him but He's up there somewhere. If you then ask what God is like you will probably get a range of answers i.e. God is love, God is holy, etc. These depictions are all true but they don't really help us in discovering what God is really like. Personally, I believe that humankind drifted so far from God that we lost our perception of who He was and what He was like. If you have ever attended a school reunion think about some of your old school friends that you may not have seen for 20, 30 or 40 years. If I were a betting man I'd wager that there were a few that you didn't even recognise. Appearances can be very deceptive.

The reason that God comes to earth is many fold, but here are three reasons.

Firstly, God acknowledged that man had become sinful, and sin separates. We see this in the Garden of Eden. As soon as Adam and Eve sin the bond and intimate fellowship that they had with God was broken and God in his holiness had to distance Himself from them. On coming to earth God was putting a plan into action of how He could reconnect with mankind. When we see God as the Father of mankind then we see the bond of love that a father has for his children. He wants to bring us close to Him but in order to do so He has to solve the sin/separation problem.

Secondly, Jesus begins life on earth as a child so that he experiences what it is like to live and grow up as a human being. God is able to empathise with us in all of our suffering and trials and tribulations simply because He has experienced them too.

Thirdly, Jesus' divinity has to be displayed. Jesus was fully man but He was also fully God. Jesus' displayed His power in the many miracles He performed. He may have looked like your average Jewish man but He was far from average in His actions. Even the disciples, His closest friends had difficulty in identifying who He truly was and how powerful He was. When Jesus calms the storm (Matthew 8:23-27) the disciples were amazed and asked "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!" They would also see firsthand the many miracles of healing and people being raised from the dead.

If you study the Gospels and Jesus' interaction with people you will get an insight into His character. The outcasts are welcomed, the sick are made well, the oppressed are set free. Jesus personified 'Love in Action' but that is His intrinsic nature - God loves because He is love, He can do nothing but!

Jesus coming to earth was the beginning of a journey but almost at the end we see Jesus crucified. God in His wisdom knew that He would have to supply the appropriate sacrifice for mankind's sin. Man simply cannot save himself or solve the sin problem. Jesus literally had to become 'sin for us'. The crucifixion is the ultimate sacrifice but through it mankind can reconnect with God. To all who believe we become 'the righteousness of God in Christ'. You can't earn it or buy it, you just have to accept it and when you do you realise that it is the most amazing gift you could ever receive because it lasts for all eternity!

Happy Christmas to all in the parish and to all whom you love.

Rev'd Chris L



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Happy 30th birthday Blackboys Pre-School

Our fantastic Pre School is celebrating its 30th birthday this year. We would love to hear from any ex-staff and pupils as we prepare to mark this momentous milestone. We're also looking for photos of children who have attended over the years. Please get in touch if you can help!

What's on

This term has been jam packed full of great activities including Forest School table decorations, stain glass window biscuits and miniature felt Christmas tree decorations. We're also busy preparing for our Christmas show. Remember too that details of our events are listed on our website.

Recycle for Blackboys

Having a clear out? Got any old clothes looking for a home? Look no further! As a registered charity, we do regular recycling collections to raise money for our activities. You can drop any donations off to us during school hours at Blackboys village hall. Call or email us if you'd like us to pick up from you.

Want to give something back to the community?

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BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our November meeting was our last ordinary one with a speaker. Ian Everest's talk gave us an insight into the continuing work of the War Graves Commission as well as talking about the people behind its foundation even before World War 1 had ended.

Our special Christmas event is now fully booked.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have helped the society to be so successful in the 17 years that it has been running. Firstly I would like to mention those who have passed on information/documents/photos etc to the society. An "archive" is being put together to hand over to the Sussex Record Office and it hopefully will be available for all to access at The Keep at Falmer.

I would also especially like to thank all those who have re-directed enquiries to us or sent us their queries. We have been able to uncover much information from people asking us for help. One enquiry that comes to mind was from a descendant of the Faulkner family, Blacksmiths from Blackboys, which resulted in visitors from Australia at our June meeting. They were very happy to be able to return with a copy of the Framfield & Blackboys book to show family members who couldn't make the journey.

Ann Turner, Secretary

01825890359

or email bturner.18maple@btinternet.com



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Diary of Church Services

DECEMBER 2014

- 07 Second Sunday of Advent**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 14 Third Sunday of Advent**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Lessons and Carols
- 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 24 Christmas Eve**
4.30 pm Crib and Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion (CW)
- 25 Christmas Day**
10.00 am Family Festival Praise
- 28 First Sunday of Christmas (Holy Innocents' Day)**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

JANUARY 2015

- 04 Second Sunday of Christmas**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 11 First Sunday of Epiphany (Baptism of Christ)**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

18 Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 3.00 pm Churches in Uckfield - Songs of Praise
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
- 4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family

25 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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TO

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There is one market left this year and we hope to add some festive spirit to the occasion!

Please come along on 13 December 2014,
10 am to 12 noon.

We have over 20 stalls, including a raffle and cake stall, both of which all proceeds go towards the Hall refurbishment fund.
Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a bacon roll.
Please contact Ann Newton with any queries
01825 890182 or email framfield.pc@virgin.net

AGE CONCERN UK

Ann Newton has very kindly agreed to become the new contact in Framfield and Blackboys for Age Concern, but I am writing from AGE UK East Sussex to ask for residents in the Blackboys & Framfield area who would be willing to become new Volunteers for the Age UK Home from Hospital and 123 Service.

The Home from Hospital service is provided to older people who have just returned home following a stay in hospital. The service is free and provides practical support at home for 4 – 6 weeks whilst the patient is recovering from an illness or accident as people often struggle to get out to the shops or to do their housework during these initial few weeks.

The 123 Service is to assist older people who have become socially isolated to access their local community by taking them out and putting them in touch with groups or activities in their community that may interest them.

Both the services are provided by Volunteers and we are always looking to recruit new Volunteers to help us to provide these services to vulnerable older people in our community. Please make contact with:

Vicky Batten - Home From Hospital Co-Ordinator

Tel: 01273 476704

E-mail: vicky.batten@ageukeastsussex.org.uk



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Our local fund raising committee is delighted with the huge success of various coffee mornings held across our area and should like to thank so many people for all their hard work. The sum total, so far received by us, is £6,844 and this will be sent to our local area of support, which is the new Cancer Centre in Brighton. Our own coffee morning was held at Pizza Express in Uckfield and was better than ever. It also included a little entertainment, when the Mayor of Uckfield, Ian Smith and Chairman Ann took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge! Our collections at Morrison's and Tesco's were also very successful and we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our local community. The brass band and Loughton choir concert at Ringmer, run by Lewes Rotary Club, and a Ladies Lunch, followed by the epic film Genevieve at Buxted Park Hotel, were also very successful and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Macmillan Support Line has many frontline volunteers, trained and mentored by staff to begin with, but who are now, independently, taking calls from people affected by cancer. Sometimes people just want to talk about anything but cancer, to pour their heart out and have someone who'll just listen to them.

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

NEWS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS.

News from your Wealden District Councillor, Ann Newton

I am pleased to be able to report that two defibrillators are now on their way to the Parish, one for each Parish Hall. These are being given free of charge by the ambulance service courtesy of a local resident. I have passed over a donation of £1,000 as part of my allocated Community Dividend to the Parish Council. This will cover the cost of the cabinets and electricity connection, all of which should be done by Christmas/New Year. We hope to also arrange some training in January for anyone interested. The remainder of my portion of the Community Dividend has been allocated to various other local organisations across the Ward – Framfield & Blackboys Monday Club, Friends of Framfield Church, Axess Films (a locally based organisation making films for the disabled), Friends of Waldron Churches and Heathfield & Waldron First Responders.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on anything which you think I could help. I wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Contact details – Ann Newton, 'Highlands', Blackboys, TN22 5LR.

Telephone - 01825 890103.

Email – ann.newton1965@virgin.net.

News from your East Sussex County Councillor, Chris Dowling.

Framfield road safety measures. The Council is currently working with the Parish Council, residents and myself, as the local County Councillor, to look for possible solutions and the necessary funding to deliver them.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

I live in Uckfield and can be contacted on 01825 767695 or email – cllr.chris.dowling@eastsussex.gov.uk.

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APRIL	25	OCTOBER	24
MAY	23	NOVEMBER	28
JUNE	27	DECEMBER	12

**For enquiries please contact
Ann Newton on 01825 890182.**



FRAMFIELD STARRY CHRISTMAS TREE In aid of MacMillan Nurses

It's time for the "Starry Christmas tree". This is where you can buy a star to go on Framfield Christmas tree. You write a message for people who are no longer with us, or people who cannot be with us at this time of year due to distance or work.

Write a message in permanent ink.

Stars will be available to buy for £3.00 from 24 November at Framfield School and Pre-school, Hair by us and direct from me. All money collected goes to Macmillan Nurses at Uckfield Hospital.

A candlelit lighting up service with Peter Berry saying a few words and carols with a cup of tea and mince pies will be held on Sunday 7 December 2014 at 5.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

Please come along and start your Christmas with your community.

Thank you for your support
Selina Allen

Nature Notes

Well, October did bring some thunder storms, but thankfully no great disasters. Uckfield High Street flooded, but this was apparently due to surface runoff in excess of the capacity of the drains to cope. Let's hope the new improvements will deal with that.

November is still remaining mild, with showers and sunny intervals. Most of the leaves have fallen from the deciduous trees, with the exception of oak, alder and some beech (recorded mid-November). Most of the summer migrant birds have gone and the winter migrants have arrived. Interestingly, there are probably more birds visiting us in the winter than the summer. Our winter visitors include redwings, fieldfares, extra blackbirds and song thrushes (all from Scandinavia). Polish blackcaps. Also arriving are purple and green sandpipers, turnstones, curlews, grey plovers, dunlin, knot, wigeon, teal, gadwall, pochard, Brent geese, hooper and Bewick's swans, merlin, short-eared owls, great grey shrikes (occasionally), hen harriers, and many more. However, their presence is more subtle than the summer visitors as they are not breeding or singing and because it is dark much of the time, we do not often see them. However, if you were to visit the mudflats of Pagham and Chichester Harbours at low tide, with the help of binoculars and a spotting telescope, you will see many of the waders and geese in the list. The ducks will be at Pulborough Brooks, the short-eared owls at Lewes Brooks, the redwings and fieldfares can commonly be seen in the fields around Isfield, the great-grey shrike often visits Ashdown Forest, as does the hen harrier which also likes the South Downs. They come for mild weather and abundance of food.

Most of these birds migrate at night, and sometimes call to each other in order to help keep together and navigate. The redwings are particularly vocal and call with a subtle high pitched *seep* as they fly overhead. Redwings and fieldfares are species of thrush related to blackbirds, song and mistle thrushes. Also in the thrush family are stonechats, nightingales, wheatears and robins. There is a rare relative called the ring ouzel which is like a blackbird with a white bib. These birds usually live on the slopes of mountains in places such as Wales, the Pennines, Lake District and Scotland. However, during the winter they can occasionally be found on the Fire Hills of Fairlight.

Martyn Stenning

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2015

On each date detailed below, generally 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, 27 January (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 24 March (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 28 April (BB Trust) Annual Parish Assembly – 8 pm	Blackboys Village Hall
Monday, 18 May (no Trust or Planning) Annual Parish Council Meeting – 8 pm	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 30 June (FF Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 29 September (BB Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 24 November (FF Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk,
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The Way Forward **by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust**

The controversy surrounding badgers and the links to bovine TB (bTB) has been raging for years without resolution; our views at the Sussex Wildlife Trust on the culling programme are well known - we don't support it and argue that there is no scientific foundation to continue with it. But we also understand it is a huge problem for farmers and a solution has to be found.

It is also problem for us, as we own and manage cattle; they are part of our resources for managing our nature reserves, their grazing helps create and maintain habitats just as their wild ancestors would have done thousands of years ago. In Sussex, we have a high bTB risk area between Brighton and Eastbourne and as we use our reserves at Malling Down and Southerham in Lewes as the centre of our livestock operation, any outbreak of the disease would have a considerable impact on our reserve management.

Over the past couple of years, the Trust has been looking at other wildlife trusts and organisations elsewhere that have been carrying out projects to vaccinate badgers and have now come to the decision that we would like to go down this road in Sussex. Vaccinating badgers has been very successful in Wales where a reduction of 23.6% in infected cattle has been achieved without culling.

Any control programme must be done alongside a whole raft of other measures – bio security on farms, careful control of cattle movement, regular testing etc. Badger vaccination is only one part of this but it could be a non-controversial contribution to solving a problem that has caused so much unfortunate argument over the past years. We are planning to vaccinate badgers and implement the other necessary measures within the isolated bTB hotspot. We are asking our members and people living in Sussex to donate to our appeal to raise the funds needed to allow us to be able to carry out this work.

In the long term, other bTB control measures may become available, such as an oral vaccine for badgers or a vaccine that could be used with cattle, but a solution is needed now and we believe that, at the moment, vaccination is the best solution to a difficult problem.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust believes that this best solution, for farmers, for badgers, for people, for wildlife and the countryside in general.

If you wish to support our work you can make a donation online at: www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/badgerappeal or make a text donation. To donate £3 to the Badger Appeal Text: BDGR77 £3 to 70070. You will receive

Framfield & Blackboys Wives Group

Many thanks to all who supported our Jumble Sale. In spite of the weather we raised just over £200.

We had a very interesting talk in October at Waitrose and learnt how they operate as a partnership with their employees. We were given lots of lovely nibbles and wished we hadn't eaten beforehand. Our next meeting will be at the pottery at Whitesmith where no doubt we will be making Christmas decorations or presents.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Any queries phone Val Peaty on 890677

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

8th December - CHRISTMAS PARTY - Entertainment from:-
School Children from Framfield CE School Children
and also Members of the HORSHAM ACCORDION BAND
at FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL - 2.30pm – 5.00pm.

May we wish you ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
from ALL our Members and Helpers.

19th JANUARY 2015 AGM & NEW PROGRAMME
and Collection of Subs (£10) etc., at
FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL - 2.30pm

May we again wish you ALL A VERY HAPPY 2015
from ALL our Members and Helpers.

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Both schools have had some exciting trips out to enhance and support curriculum projects: The oldest pupils are working on a project on World War 2 and visited Newhaven Fort together; as part of their Anglo-Saxon theme years 3 and 4 visited Michelham Priory and, although they went on separate occasions, our youngest pupils are working on the theme of Castles and all visited Bodiam earlier in the term. It is really wonderful to get the children together: not only do they make new friends, but their learning is enhanced by sharing their work and skills.

Working together across the schools has so many benefits in so many ways - not only for staff and pupils, but also for the whole community.

Jonquil King (Executive Headteacher)

Some dates for your diary:

Blackboys CEP School

Please join Blackboys School on Saturday 29th November from 1.30 for the wonderful Christmas Fair organised by the PTA
KS1 Nativity: Dec 16th 2.15pm.
KS2 Carol Service in the Church 17th December 6.30

Framfield CEP School

Framfield PTFA will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on the morning of 29th November.
Nativity Play in memorial hall - 15th and 16th November in the Memorial Hall.
Friday, 19th December 9.10am—Carol Service in the Church.

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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TN22 Club Happenings ...

Well an Autumn chill has finally descended and our wonderful cooks at the TN22 Club have been delighting all our members with some wonderful winter lunches with puddings, dumplings and pies! Over the past few weeks our members have enjoyed some fascinating talks, films, circus workshops with juggling Jimmy and a fish and chip lunch. As Christmas approaches, we look forward to our wonderful festive lunch and the children from St Mark's coming to sing carols with us - which is always a highlight! If you would like to join the TN22 Club, I would love to hear from you. You need to contact Suzanne to book your lunch for £6 and find out what is on the programme for 2015!

The TN22 Plus Club goes from strength to strength, providing an excellent service for those with early stage dementia.

*The TN22 Clubs could not happen without the amazing team of willing volunteers who turn up to set tables, make coffee, chat, play Scrabble, wash up, drive members to and from the Club ... if you think you could spare even an hour or two on a Wednesday, even once a month, please **contact Suzanne Hammond on 01435 661054.***

The TN22 Plus Club goes from strength to strength, providing an excellent service for those with early stage dementia.

Diary Dates : Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hut Lane

TN22 Plus Club restarts on Wed 7 Jan 2015 : 10.30am - 3.30pm

*TN22 Club restarts on Wed 14 Jan 2015 : 11.00am - 2.00pm**

** additional afternoon activities will be announced nearer the time*

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PIGS MAY FLY

When I was in my early twenties, a very long time ago, I applied for a job as an au-pair. An advertisement in a copy of Horse and Hound caught my eye as the position was in Sweden. My geography being rather poor I muddled it up with Norway and thought I might have the chance of skiing! The main attraction was that it was on a thousand acre farm with horses, farm animals and, importantly, dogs. I had to send a photograph of me so did not think I had any chance of being considered. I was very surprised to hear that I was accepted. I think it must have been the Labrador puppy curled up on my lap in the photo that they liked.

I felt very adventurous flying to Sweden and then finding my way by rail to a remote rural station covered in snow. I was met by my employer Brigitte who whisked me off in her Saab. I will never forget that exhilarating drive along snow packed roads through the forests. A magic winter wonderland of huge trees towering above, their branches weighed down with snow. What a contrast to the miserable grey, wet winter's day I had just left behind.

Eventually we arrived at the farm and swept up the snowy drive to the large imposing farm house, I was surprised that it was clad in white painted weather boards, just like the cottage we live in here. I was introduced to the family, and the dogs, Piccolo the Pointer and Susie the short haired miniature Dachshund. I was then shown to my luxurious private accommodation. It was beautiful - and warm. I had never experienced central heating before. I soon settled in and was treated as one of the family. I helped look after a little girl and her baby brother and helped with meals. I even had my rooms cleaned by their cleaning lady. So I had plenty of free time.

I had a grey Welsh Mountain pony to ride and Brigitte had her black mare and accompanied by the dogs we would ride in the forests surrounding the farm. Knowing nothing about Dachshunds I was surprised that Susie could keep up as we cantered along the trails. In the evenings she would curl up on my lap while I fondled her long silky ears. I loved walking the dogs, including the cowman's Elk hound that would join us. As well as the dogs I had another companion, Amanda the pig. She became very tame and loved these excursions. I had her well trained like the dogs. When I called her she would gallop after me, her ears flying up and down as though preparing for take-off. While I was there she had a litter of piglets, but was not popular when she brought them indoors. It was quite an unusual sight seeing this porcine family snuffing around the impressive marble hall.

Framfield and Blackboys Church of England Schools Partnership

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

Our partnership goes from strength to strength and our work on our "Be the Best You Can Be" continues to be a priority in both schools with the work on Christian Values integral to this. The schools have been working hard on developing a *Corr!* Curriculum across the schools which encompasses all the statutory requirements and also includes elements unique to the curriculum in our schools. It is very heartening to see members of staff working together across both schools to the benefit of all the pupils in our community. We are determined that our new curriculum will support the ethos of both schools inspiring all members of our community in all areas of their lives.

European Languages Day has become a tradition in both schools now, and successfully raises awareness of other cultures and languages around the world and of course

October saw our annual Harvest Festivals - many thanks to Rev Chris Lawrence and the team at the Church for supporting the schools in this. 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.

Our sports teams have also been busy.

Football Team Results

The Framfield and Blackboys Boys' Football Team played in a football tournament on Tuesday 07th October at Manor Park Primary School, Uckfield. The team played superbly together and we are de-lighted to inform you that they won the tournament, winning both games 1-0 and 3-0 respectively. The Girls' Football Team came second in a tournament involving 5 schools in early November. Huge congratulations to them both.

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They held house parties where I was always treated like the honoured guest and everybody spoke English. I was taken to dog and horse shows. Brigitte thought it would be a good idea to find me an eligible bachelor, so at one horse show I was introduced to a friend of theirs, a well-known show jumper who also happened to be a Count. Sadly he had just had a fall so was not in a good temper when I met him. I gathered later he married a princess.

I was delighted when Susie had puppies. Just after the birth the family left me in charge while they went to Switzerland for a skiing holiday. After they had gone Susie gave birth to another puppy. When they returned they were very surprised to find an extra one. I became very attached to one special dog puppy. Bridgette said she would like to give him to me as a present when I returned home. I was so pleased but sadly with the strict quarantine regulations it was not possible.

After nearly a year with this lovely family it was time to return home. They were all very sad. I hated leaving the dogs, especially Susie's puppy. I vowed that one day I would have a Dachshund of my own. I did, but it more than forty years later!

I went home by sea and there was a terrible storm. First I was terrified the ship would go down then terrified it wouldn't as I was so ill. We were lucky to survive as another ship sank that night. I arrived home to a wonderful welcome from my mother's Labrador puppy who still remembered me, a freezing cold house and the sea frozen!

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Thank you to everyone in the parish who has supported the work of 'The Friends of Framfield Church' over the past year. Your generous donations and support of our events have helped to fund a programme of major improvements to the church fabric, and all your contributions have been greatly appreciated. 'The Friends' wish you a very Happy Christmas and a happy and successful 2015.

The Something For Everyone Summer Show

In-between a night of torrential rain and the downpours of the following day, the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show took advantage of the perfect weather on Saturday 9th August. The community came together to prepare and set up the village show containing the now expected mix of traditional and new attractions. As one visitor commented "it was a lovely old-fashioned village fete with something for everyone to enjoy" remarked one visitor.

With nearly 1500 people visiting the Framfield Recreation Ground and Memorial Hall, the event was a busy and excited mix of all ages. The centrepiece of the show remains the entries of vegetables, flowers, floral arrangements and creative crafts from local children and adults. With entries at an all time high, there were truly impressive specimens of large vegetables from Dominic Geer and many well grown fruit, vegetables and flowers from a larger number than ever of local residents. The best exhibit in the horticultural show was awarded to Terry Everitt with a set of what appeared to be 5 cloned carrots while a fabulous floral arrangement by Margaret McSheehy gained Best in Show in that section. Dominic Geer won the Cookery section trophy and the Geer Family also took home the trophy for the most successful family.

In the flower growing section it was long standing supporter of the show, Jenny Pratt winning the top trophy, while those for Handicrafts and Photography were awarded to Ann Barton and David Peaty respectively. Jack Kirk took the most successful under-16 entrant cup home.

The day also saw the public launch of the Framfield and Blackboys World War I Remembrance Project. This was the first stage in an on-going project started by Framfield resident Dave Smith, who with the help of Jim Hastings and Pam Alsopp they have researched the stories of the fallen heroes of the parish. Presented alongside a 1916 original service truck featured in Warhorse were the stories, service history and details of the lives of the names that until now for many had been but names on the village war memorial. On Show day, most had a picture as well as their personal stories and service history on display. Many of the original name plaques from the Memorial Recreation Ground Tree Planting after the conflict were also displayed, a number of which were lost until metal detected a few weeks ago and dug up. The stories were a touching reminder of those lost, many so young, but others with surprising twists and turns in their tales. The project will continue to develop for the next show in 2015.

The arena was a focus for many visitors with a range of dancing including the Shalesbrook Morris Dancers, East Sussex Dance and Nutley Jive along with two falconry displays from Huxley's Birds of Prey. As last year we are pleased to report the return of the "lost bird" again, you'd think it was planned! "The attention on the faces of the children watching the falconer in action were a joy to see." observed Patti Whittaker from the Show Organising Team. The childrens' fancy dress brought a range of costumes to the arena. The traditional races were definitely not the standard events with water, eggs, sacks and spoons featuring. "For me a highlight was the Cider and Sausage Adult's Race" commented Terry Everitt from the Show Committee

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

Road Safety in Framfield. Work is continuing on the provision of two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) outside Framfield School and a further VAS in Blackboys Road, Framfield.

School Lane, Blackboys. Parents are asked not to park in an anti-social manner which is detrimental to the School and local residents alike especially on the verges which are now very wet and muddy and will easily get damaged by heavy vehicles.

Guideposts – two replacement guideposts should have appeared in Framfield by the time this magazine is published - REALLY! Apologies, our contractor did get behind with his schedule.

Parish Magazine – I will be sending out the renewal letters to advertisers in January. If anyone would be interested in advertising please contact me for the details.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Framfield & Blackboys WI



Our group visiting the HM Tower of London were rewarded by an unforgettable and moving spectacle named “**Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red**” by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper. All agreed it is a fitting tribute to all British and Colonial servicemen and women who died during World War I.

Last month’s speaker Anna Austin gave a fascinating insight into how ladies were able to “Keep Young & Beautiful” with clever tips and strategies despite wartime shortages. The Cambridge City outing proved a great success with an interesting visit to the historic City sites.

Centenary Celebrations: One of England’s Finest Gardens will be the setting for an event on **Monday July 6th 2015** to mark 100 years of the WI and raise funds for educational and community activities. We owe thanks to owner James Sellick and his team at **Pashley Manor House & Gardens** in Ticehurst for helping with the arrangements. The day will comprise exclusive access to the stunning grounds, lakes and gardens featuring sculptures highlighting its historic links to Anne Boleyn. Drinks will be served on arrival with Luncheon set in the Pashley Café. Gardeners will be fascinated by meeting the team in charge of Pashley’s floral displays and allotments, as much produce grown on site is used in the Restaurant. **Tickets are £40 including lunch and Guide Book and are limited so contact Chairman Delia on Tel: 01825 830319 as soon as possible to reserve your place.**

Diary Dates:

Our Christmas Party is on **December 9th** in the Framfield Memorial Hall

PLUS: We welcome visitors to our meetings so ladies please come along and find out all about us. We meet on the **second Tuesday of the month** Meetings start at 7.30pm. You can come along free as a visitor before deciding to join.

Cathy McDermott

"where the confidence of the participants was brought down to Earth quite literally by the hazards involving sack racing, trying get a toothy grip on a dangling sausage and the inability of speedy runners to drink fizzy cider as quickly as they thought they would be able to!"

The range of stalls provided something for adults and children to be occupied for many hours. The hog roast, barbeque, assorted food stalls plus the refreshment and bar tents provided sustenance where required. Sometimes it is the simplest things that prove fascinating observed - balance 20p on a lemon in a bowl of water - impossible but you think you can do it! Old time favourites such as "Bash the Rat, Hoopla and skittles did a steady trade while amusements from Nick and Ben along with Wayne Winter provided something to occupy children. "There seemed to be a happy atmosphere with all ages doing something they enjoyed or eating and drinking things they were liking." said Caroline Penny from the Show Committee. The variety of charity stalls received much interest and kind donations too.

"I want to leave London forever and live here!" was overheard, so we must be getting it right. With the wonderful array of produce and flowers in the marquee and children seeing things like the falcons, a working beehive, a farrier and the parish's own WW1 history, it hopefully helps people value and respect their own community and countryside. With the comment repeated by many that 2014 was "the best show ever." ringing in our ears - Can we top that? Well, we can but try. See you on the 8th August 2015.

Show Results Summary...

Trophy or Award	Winner
The Hobbs Barton Cup	Terry Everitt - Class 9 Carrots
The John Dann Cup	Robert Dann
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup	Terry Everitt
The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Terry Everitt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	Betty Keating
The David Hazelden Plate	Betty Keating
The Peter Butler Plate	Fiona Fidler
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Jenny Pratt
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Fiona Fidler
The Geddes Rose Bowl	John Worrell
The Williams Cup	John Worrell
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Fiona Fidler
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Joan Turner
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Susan Carey and Kirsten Brown

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Trophy or Award	Winner	
The Colonel Nigel Drew Cup	Fiona Murdoch	
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Alan Buckingham	
The Henry Cup	Catherine Bayman	
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Margaret McSheehy	
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Dominic Geer	
The Barbara Briault Cup	Jack Kirk	
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups	4 and under	Joe Mansfield
	5 to 7	Oscar Rabson Stark & Felix Rabson Stark
	8 to 11	Dan Newman
	12 to 16	Kitty Smith
The Sampson Bowl	Ann Barton	
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup	David Peaty	
The Jeffery Victor Ludorum Trophy	The Geer Family	
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Terry Everitt	
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Jenny Pratt	
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art	Catherine Bayman	
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	Oliver Geer	
The National Vegetable Society Silver Medal & Diploma	Terry Everitt - Class 9 Carrots	
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society	Terry Everitt	
Best in Dog Show - Pedigree	Val Barnes with "Mavis" (Springer Spaniel)	
Best in Dog Show - Novelty	Miles Imber with "Basil" (Jack Russell/Lurcher cross)	

Further to the above results for you to digest (many apologies for not listing them in the last Parish Newsletter, entirely the fault of the Horticultural Society), here are a few items of interest.

It is the start of the membership year for FBHS. If anyone would like to join please contact Fiona Fidler on 01825 890719 or fhbsmail@gmail.com. Membership forms are also available on the website www.fabhortsoc.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – 7 pm Thursday, 11 December 2014. Festive refreshments and all materials are supplied - £15.00. Contact Fiona Fidler on 01825 890719 or fhbsmail@gmail.com.

New facebook page with details of events, pictures and things happening in the garden. Please get involved.

www.facebook.com/pages/Framfield-Blackboys-Horticultural-Society/257696151092923.

I look forward to meeting you during the year ahead.

I wish you well.

ALAYNE JENKINS



Our Harvest supper on October 4 was a great success with a Hog Roast and music from "The Revelators" and now we are looking forward to Christmas! Always a special time for the church family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Prince of Peace and how much we need that peace in our world today.

On Sunday 21 December after our Christingle service in the morning, we will be carolling around Blackboys village, probably about 4pm - so do look out for us and join us please.

We will meet for worship as usual on Christmas Day at 10.30am for a shorter service of 45 minutes.

Our prayer is that this Christmas you will be aware of the presence of the Prince of Peace in your homes and families.

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