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If all else fails - read the instructions.

Over the past few weeks I have had three instances where I thought I knew how something worked but somehow got it all wrong. It wasn't just a case of familiarity breeds contempt but more a case of forgetting the fundamentals. So the old adage remains true – 'If all else fails read the instructions'! All things happen for a reason and when they come in threes I usually sit up and take notice.

For reasons best known to God I became interested in the Ministry of Healing some twenty years ago shortly after my conversion experience. The pages of the Bible where like flowing water and I soaked up God's word like an overenthusiastic sponge devouring the pages at every opportunity.

I hold the belief that as human beings we all search for absolute truth. Truth is solid ground and on it you can make firm decisions and act accordingly. The Bible is often maligned as being unreliable and therefore untrustworthy because it was written by fallible human beings like you and I. But I would beg to differ on two counts.

Firstly, we read in 2 Timothy 3:16 that

'All scripture is God-breathed' and secondly in Numbers 23:19 we read that

**¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfil?**

Yes the Bible has been written by human beings but they have all been inspired to write by God who is infallible.

Sooner or later in order to find out if something works you have to put your beliefs into practice. Accepting what God says is true is an act of faith, but it is a reasonable step of faith not a blind leap in the dark.

As human beings we all have faith, and need faith, for our daily living. The expectation that a light will go on when you press the switch requires faith that the unseen electricity will make it happen. Sitting on a chair requires faith that the four legs will support your weight, otherwise you may just crash to the floor. There are many other daily examples we could quote that require faith but we accept them as routine as they mostly happen automatically.

Over a period of time the continual cycle of 'cause and effect' affirms our beliefs and reinforces our faith; that's the way we learn to accept the world around us.

But what about faith for the healing of our bodies or our minds? When you read about the many miracles Jesus performed in the Bible are they true or a figment of someone's imagination, designed to dupe the gullible? I hope that by now that you would at least accept them as historical fact.

If you take the Bible at face value and read about Jesus' healing ministry you may well come to the conclusion that if Jesus was indeed God in human form, then performing miracles was easy for him. If He created the universe and everything in it then the miracles he performed must have been a piece of cake!

Once Jesus started performing miracles crowds flocked to him, he met their needs. Word got around very quickly, no NHS is Jesus' time, people had the mentality and basic faith that 'if he did it for you, he will do it for me'; but why did Jesus do it? He was and still is moved by love and compassion to all who were in need. The great news is that nothing has changed. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (13:8) confirms this when he writes – **Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.**

Obviously, Jesus isn't physically with us today, so can we have any expectation that God may move miraculously upon us when we become ill or infirm? Well the answer is a resounding 'yes'. It takes faith to make that statement but I and many others within the local and world-wide church have personally experienced the power of God and witnessed God moving in miraculous ways. When it happens time and time again the evidence stacks up and you should be left with only one conclusion; that God does exist and that He hears and answers prayer. God said He would '**watch over his word to perform it**' (*Jeremiah 1:12*) – and praise God He does!

It is unfortunate but as I write there are a good number locally that need some godly intervention in their lives so (whether you are a believer or not) if I may be so bold as to say please get in touch. God can literally do the seemingly impossible in a second - you only need to have the courage to ask - **Taste and see that the Lord is good!**

Blessings to all in the parish
Revd Chris Lawrence

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 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".



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Diary of Church Services

JUNE 2015

- 07 First Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Festival Communion (CW)
- 14 Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 21 Third Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family
- 28 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

JULY 2015

- 05 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 12 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am Family Service
6.30pm Eve Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing
- 19 Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Morning Praise
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family



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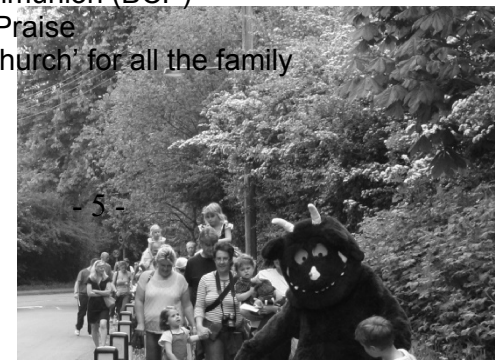
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26 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

In loving memory of Elizabeth Morris.

Liz lived in Framfield for many years before she moved to Nottingham.

Sadly she passed away on 12 April 2015.

She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Always in our hearts'

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Extended opening hours from September

We are excited to announce that the Pre-School will be running a breakfast club and after school club from September with new opening times from 7.45am until 6pm. After school club is open to all school age children, with a collection service from Blackboys School. Please contact staff for details.

What's on?

On our allotment, the potatoes and other vegetables have been planted and the tadpoles are thriving! We've been making flapjacks and preparations are underway for sports day. Those children going up to big school in September are also rehearsing for the Leavers' Show.

Recycle for Blackboys Pre School

Look out for the textile recycling bin at Blackboys Village Hall, which allows us to raise money for our charity from unwanted clothes and shoes. Next time you're having a clear out, please think of us – thank you!

Want to try us out for free?

To book your child in for a no-obligation, free taster session or to visit the pre-school at your convenience, contact Pre-School Manager Jenny Novkovic on 01825 891113 or email enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk.

A little bit about Blackboys Pre-School

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Welcome to spring, everywhere looks so lovely at present – it is a joy to be out and about.

May I thank wholeheartedly the kind person(s) who weeded and trimmed the lavender hedge in front of the Framfield Memorial Hall, please make yourself(ves) known to me, it was such a thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated.

May I also appeal for someone to be on duty at the Framelle Mount entrance to the field on the day of our Summer Show – 8th August. Two people would be ideal, please telephone me or President, John Rider, if you can help.

I wish you well.

Alayne Jenkins

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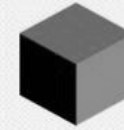
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We continue to support the Macmillan Horizon Centre in Brighton, which is due to be finished by summer 2016. Macmillan help us to understand cancer. It is not a single disease with a single type of treatment. There are more than 200 different types of cancer with its own name and treatment.

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

Nature Notes

“OH to be in England now that April’s there, and whoever wakes in England sees, some morning, unaware that the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf, while the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough in England – now!

And after April, when May follows, and the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows! Hark, where my blossom’d pear-tree in the hedge leans to the field and scatters on the clover blossoms and dewdrops – at the bent spray’s edge – that’s the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over, lest you should think he never could recapture the first fine careless rapture!

And though the fields look rough with hoary dew, all will be gay when noontide wakes anew the buttercups, the little children’s dower – far brighter than this gaudy melon flower.”

Robert Browning’s Home Thoughts, from Abroad captures the essence of spring and early summer in England for which he pines while in Italy in 1845. I presume to say that such words are as true now as they were then, before tarmac and the internal combustion engine were invented. The only flyers were birds, bats and insects then. It is true that humans have changed the world almost beyond recognition since Robert Browning wrote those words 170 years ago. One wonders what the next 170 years will bring? Dutch elm disease reduced England’s population of mature elms, but most elms still exist as the disease only kills the above ground mature stems, the roots remain alive and new shoots soon appear to produce elms that rarely grow taller than about 5 metres before they too submit to the disease. However it has recently been deduced that the English elm is probably not native to England at all, but may have been brought here by (ironically) the Romans from Italy about 2000 years ago! The chaffinch, whitethroat swallow and song thrush mentioned by Browning are also native to Italy. The pear tree too, though probably originating in China, spread through Asia and Europe over many millennia and was certainly a favourite fruit in Italy especially in Roman times. The buttercup also is widespread throughout Europe. We can only suppose that Robert Browning was really yearning for something other than England’s flora and fauna.

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.**

Monday, 18 May (AGM) – 8 pm	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 30 June – 7.30 pm	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 29 September – 7.30 pm	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 24 November – 7.30 pm	Framfield Memorial Hall

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk,
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Agendas will be published on all noticeboards and the website -
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Framfield & Blackboys WI

Very many thanks to all Members and friends who supported our recent Race Night which raised over £400 towards funds and proved a most enjoyable evening for the whole community.

Our recent London trip included a private tour of the Royal Albert Hall which had the added bonus of hearing the Royal Marines practising for the Mountbatten Concert. Free time allowed visits to Harrods for shopping as well as the V&A, Kensington Palace and Princess Diana Memorial Fountain among other attractions.

We have a varied summer programme including an exclusive lunch at Pashley Manor on July 6th to mark the WI Centenary.

There is also a trip planned to visit the Police Training Centre on the Ashdown Forest this August and reservations are now being taken for the **Salisbury Coach trip on September 16th** when members and friends can visit the **Magna Carta Flower Festival** at the Cathedral.



Our next meeting features Harry Pope's fascinating talk about a past career as a Funeral Director in South London – **June 9th at the Blackboys Memorial Hall**. We welcome visitors to our meetings so ladies please come along. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month Meetings start at 7.30pm. You can come along as a visitor for 3 months at £1 a meeting before deciding to join. Do call to find out more.

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All for the Want of a Piece of String

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Now I'm very good at relaxing and just watching; my routine in the morning is to come down, get my tea and breakfast, switch on the 'Today' programme and sit and look out in the back garden and just observe.

In recent weeks, entertainment has been provided by the bit of string used to tie up the raspberry canes as it has become a much desired object for some of the birds in the garden, an essential item to adorn their nests; the problem is that the string is offering up strong resistance to their efforts to remove it.

I have two pairs of starlings making the use of the space under the roof tiles to nest in and they squabble over the rights to hang onto the canes and tug with all their strength at the string, usually to no avail. Occasionally a tiny wisp is borne away triumphantly but it is really scant reward for the effort they've put in.

When the starlings are not struggling with it, a few house sparrows try their luck but again all their hard work goes unrewarded. The canes bend with their effort but the string simply refuses to budge. Even the little blue tits have a go, sneaking in when the starlings and sparrows are off resting, probably trying to regain their strength to give it another go, but it is a futile attempt, the string remains resolutely and firmly attached to the canes, testament to the firmness of the way I tied them together in the first place.

My garden is pretty small but does seem to warrant a lot of interest from the local avian population. A pair of blackbirds think better of expending energy in trying to tackle the unmovable string so they spend the time picking up the debris scattered around and adding to the nest they've started building in the ivy covering the fence. A sense of guilt now encompasses me as I know from past years that as soon as we go out and start enjoying the garden in the warm sunshine, the

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| 1st June | Tea with Valerie and Jeremy Clark
Hobbs Barton - 2.30 pm |
| 15th June | A Special Afternoon at High Hurstwood Village Hall -
Strawberries and Ice Cream etc.- 2.30 pm |
| 6th July | Tea with Glen and Caroline Swire
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encounters. Some pupils even got to stroke a snake! I am not sure whether any of the staff were that brave!

Our older pupils have had the chance to work together on a reading enrichment topic which has involved some of our pupils visiting each school lead by Mrs Amy Clarke to support higher level reading skills. This has been popular with the pupils and has provided a valuable reading experience for everyone involved.

Thanks to staff for the hard work put in to support these events and to those parents for organising transport etc. - we could not do it without them and are lucky to have these wonderful opportunities to enrich our the pupils' experience in both schools.

Another important part of school life has been the consultation between the Governors of both schools and the parent and community body with a view towards the Federation of the two governing bodies. This has been a very open discussion and meetings have been held in both schools to discuss this project. It has been important to stress that, were Federation to take place, the two schools would remain individual schools with their own budgets, ethos, uniform and names. The consultation period finishes on Monday 18th May @3.30pm. Should anyone have any queries about this process, please contact the Chairs of Governors: Pat Herbert at Blackboys Schools and Katharine Rabson Stark at Framfield School. The results of this process will be published in due course.

A big thank you to all parents, staff and members of the community who continue to be so supportive in so many ways. We look forward to seeing many of you at our various PTA and PTFA events as well as events at both schools.

J K King (Executive Headteacher)
Graham Sullivan (Head of School Blackboys)
Jacqueline Davies (Head of School Framfield)

birds become stressed and usually abandon the nest, our garden not being big enough to accommodate a pair of humans and a pair of blackbirds sharing the same space at the same time. As much as I love birds, I'm not going to give up my share of the spring and summer I'm afraid. I hope it is early in the year enough for them to go and find a more suitable and less disturbed location to raise a family.

My newly shorn birch tree attracts a woodpigeon who snaps off the thin twigs and flies off to an unknown destination with it, at least unknown to me. I've had to discourage the jackdaws as using our chimney as an ideal home, recently a sweep had to come in to remove a dense ball of twigs, amazingly each twig almost exactly the same in length.

I don't know, call myself a bird lover!

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Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

We had an enjoyable evening meal at the Highlands pub in April and are looking forward to our walk in May. We hope the bluebells will still be out.

Our next two meetings are a barbeque and then a hands on talk and demonstration of flower arranging. Maybe there will be a few more entries in the horticultural show!

If you are clearing out over the summer please remember our jumble sale in October in aid of Hurstwood Park.
You can contact Val Peaty 890677.



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The FAB Partnership! (Framfield and Blackboys Partnership Schools)

As usual we have had a very busy couple of months in both schools with visits, competitions, sports events and of course lots of hard work as our pupils approach the time of the year for all Statutory Assessments Tests!

At the end of last term just before our break, we held our Easter Services for both schools; these were different in focus, but equally thought-provoking. Many thanks to all our teachers for the super singing and music, and thanks too to the team and the Church for allowing us to attend - the service really adds to our focus at this important time of the year.

We have had opportunities to bring our pupils together on several occasions in the past few weeks: these include joint master-classes at Ringmer Community College, while sporting opportunities included a partnership football team event where the team came second in a tournament held at Ringmer Primary. In the group stages the team drew 2 and won 1 and therefore won the group and progressed to play in the semi- final. Sadly they lost the final 1-0 but the boys were delighted with their second place medals.

Years 3,4,5 & 6 of both schools have recently enjoyed some extra sporting provision delivered via Uckfield Community College. Years 3/4 and 5/6, of both schools have both separately received coaching on Tag Rugby, which results in a tournament being played. The children impressed everyone by how well they all played and interacted within their teams, ensuring that they all performed to the best of their abilities.

As part of their class topic this term of Africa, Class 1 from Blackboys joined Framfield Peacocks class, in a day out at Drusillas Zoo in Alfriston. The class enjoyed learning more about Massai life and experienced animal

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

Elections – current members of the Parish Council will re-form the new Council in May uncontested. If anyone is especially interested in becoming a Councillor, unless they have prior knowledge of how the Council operates, please do come along and attend some meetings to see if you wish to apply to be co-opted. Be prepared to get involved though!

Memorial Hall, Framfield - the main hall was repaired and repainted over the Easter school holidays. There are also new radiator covers in place and the pipework has been boxed in. We will be progressing to some other areas of the hall in the School summer holidays – hopefully the internal lobby and toilet areas plus the outside.

Blackboys Pavilion. A revised planning application has been approved moving the Pavilion to the other side of the recreation ground nearer to utilities.

Road Safety in Framfield - two flashing will soon appear outside Framfield School and will activate for around 20-30 minutes around school in and out times.

Dog waste bin(s) – a new dog waste bin is to be installed near to the car park adjacent to the main entrance gate into the allotments in Blackboys Please do put your dog waste in it if walking across the allotments. The same goes for the other areas in the Parish – please clear up after your dogs.

Allotments – I have a few vacant plots on both allotments – Gun Road, Blackboys and Gatehouse Lane, Framfield.

Parish Magazine – If anyone would be interested in advertising please contact me for the details.

Reminder - new email address – please note the Parish Council's new email address – framfieldeasthoathly@gmail.com.

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Building through Blessing in Blackboys and Beyond

On Monday 27 April we met as a church fellowship to review the past two years, since we became, officially a Baptist Church. The Grove Café was the perfect venue to enjoy coffee and nibbles and rejoice at the blessing we have known in that time. God is faithful and His provision financially, and in other ways, is truly amazing. It was a time of celebration and thankfulness to God for His goodness to us.

TOOLS with a MISSION – Coming to Blackboys soon!

Got a shed or garage full of old tools and not sure what to do with them? Would you like to find a good home for them? Then we may have the answer for you.

In many countries of the world people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency is impossible without help. TWAM a Christian Charity started some thirty years ago, helps by collecting and refurbishing tools in the UK and sending them overseas. In a typical year, over 400 separate African based organisations, serving thousands of trainee builders, plumbers and carpenters, benefit from 200 tonnes of tools.

As a church we recently hosted a men's breakfast at the Grove Café where a talk was given by Trevor Cox, a voluntary Regional Representative from TWAM. As a result a group of men are in the process of forming a local collection point for your unwanted tools.

If you have any queries about donating tools or offering help in collecting or storing them, then please contact Revd Guy Partridge (guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com) or 07702 836057

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LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

LOCAL RADIO

Having found Radio Sussex on line, I had a look at their guest speakers. It looked impressive with a variety of interesting people including members of parliament. I decided to phone the radio station to see if they might be interested in me talking about my dogs, behaviour work and book. Much to my surprise the presenter that I talked to jumped at the idea. Luckily he was a dog person and was fascinated by the unusual work Chloe does. The radio studio is at Bird In Eye Farm, Uckfield, which was not far for me to go.

I arrived at the farm clutching my notes and wandered around the various buildings looking for the studio, then saw the sign by a flight of steps leading up to the upper story of a barn. I was met by a beaming lady presenter who I would be talking too. Sadly the gentleman I had talked to earlier was not well; fortunately she was also a great dog lover. As I was early we had plenty of time to chat about dogs. This was done in short fragments as she had to put on the music, pop out of her mini studio into the reception area and then get back to have a few words on air and put the next recording on. She was so lovely and friendly, but also very efficient, looking through my notes ready for the interview. Soon I was on air, I don't know how I did, hopefully it was ok. I had plenty to talk about so that was not a problem.

I really enjoyed my visit, it was great fun and I would love to visit them again. After that I had an invitation from Radio Sussex and Surry to be a guest speaker on the 31 March. I did my homework listening to their other guests so I would be better prepared. I also had my hair done, a rare event. My husband wanted to know why I needed my hair done for radio.

Unfortunately the weather forecast on the day was not good, predicting high winds, also delays and cancellations on the trains. As there was no parking at the studio we decided to drive to Haywards Heath for me to try to catch a train

As it was very windy so we decided to leave early hoping the trains were running on that line. My husband had to go out in the car before we left but promised to be back in good time. He set off along our lane but had a diversion further on so came back home a different way entering our lane from the other end. Shortly after he returned we left. I eyed the two oak trees close to the cottage suspiciously as their branches thrashed about in the high wind. Luckily they were not in leaf. Part way along the lane where my husband had driven earlier was a huge fallen tree blocking the lane. Chance

is very strange as the tree had come down in the short interval between our two journeys, thankfully! We had to back the car and go a different way. Strangely that was the only fallen tree we saw on the roads to Haywards Heath. Trains were running late but I arrived in Brighton with plenty of time before my early afternoon appointment.

I decided to walk to the studio to check exactly where it was but could not see the name of the road. There was an official looking lady at the entrance to the station so I asked her if she knew where BBC Sussex Radio was. She was very helpful and was interested to know what I was going to talk about. She was fascinated to hear about Chloe's unusual work and my book. She told me all about her little dog and her neighbour's badly behaved dog. She then took out her phone and brought up a picture of my book that she was interested in reading. My old phone just does phone numbers! After our enjoyable conversation I walked to the studio, and then returned to the station to eat my marmite sandwich and have a cup of tea, before retracing my steps.

As I was still early I sat in the reception area which is also the BBC Sussex shop where there were masses of products for sale. I sat there mentally going through the topics I wanted to talk about. The radio was on so I heard the presenter say "Soon Hazel Carter will be answering listener's questions on dog training and behaviour problems". What, I thought; I didn't know I was going to do that! I thought I would just be having a chat about my last dog and Chloe and her unusual work and a bit about my behaviour work. Not to worry I thought, remembering at Uckfield there was plenty of time to discuss what we would talk about before I was on air, so presumed it would be the same at Brighton.

Suddenly, much to my surprise I was ushered straight through to the studio and only had a minute or two to hastily hand over my notes before clamping on my ear phones and being on air. I noticed the head phones sounded a bit strange. I had not had that before which was disconcerting to start with. The time went very quickly but I did talk briefly about my dogs, book and behaviour work and answered one or two questions from listeners. Having done that I think I would like to do a programme answering questions on dog behaviour issues.

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