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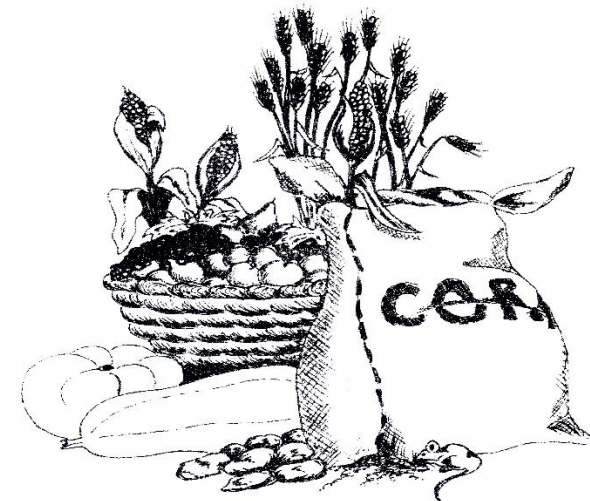
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# Parish Newsletter



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**Secretary to PCC :** Mr Peter Tomsett

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**Marriages:**

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## WHO'S WHO AT THE St THOMAS À BECKET NEWSLETTER

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**Do you need a miracle but lack faith, then use ours;  
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Despite the hubbub of getting children ready for school and making packed lunches etc, breakfast time at the Vicarage either has Radio 2 or Uckfield FM playing in the background. In addition to the fun and frivolity both stations have a Thought for the Day slot, given by a variety of presenters from various religious persuasions.

To all religions that believe that there is a god (whatever form god may take), no religious group can absolutely prove that their god exists. Faith is needed to bridge the gap and give credence to their particular set of beliefs. Even a devout atheist needs faith to affirm their belief that God does not exist!

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 and accept the world around us.

But what about faith in God; does He really exist? 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?

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 a few miracles here and there must have been a piece of cake!

Once Jesus started performing miracles of healing crowds flocked to him, why? In essence people had faith in Him. Jesus never turned anyone away and 'if he did it for me, he will do it for you'. Jesus ministered with love and compassion to all who were in need; no one was ever turned away or went home wanting.

St Matthew records - **News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed, and he healed them (Matt 4:24).** With Jesus words were never enough, he proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom by demonstrating it.

To believe in someone or something we require evidence, and it is right to be sceptical as words are seldom enough. Even the disciples found it hard to accept that Jesus was God but his response was to say: **Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves (John 14:11).**

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 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!

Before Jesus left the earth: **He called the twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness - Matthew 10:1.** Jesus healed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the disciples received the same Holy Spirit to carry on demonstrating the reality of God's kingdom. Today the same Spirit is at work within every Christian to continue the commission Jesus originally gave to the first disciples - *Matthew 28:20.*

In Framfield church we have Prayer for Healing on specific Sunday's. In addition, the Ministry Team are available every Sunday for prayer either during or after the 10am service. Even if you have never been to church or considered being prayed for, why not come along?

Whatever your need, big, small, physical, mental etc, God is there for you – you only need to have the courage to ask.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good! (Psalm 34:8)**

Blessings to everyone in the parish - Revd Chris Lawrence

## **A little bit about Blackboys Pre-School**

Open Monday to Friday during school term time from 7.45am to 6pm, we combine Montessori principles and practices and Forest School activities with our own allotment and a great outdoor area in a fabulous rural setting for children aged between 2 and 5, and an afterschool club for children up to 11. See our website at [www.blackboypreschool.org.uk](http://www.blackboypreschool.org.uk) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool](https://www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool)

### **The Future of the Summer Show**

Next year's Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show is scheduled for the Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. The show is an important part of the calendar of life in the parish for many.

We are having an **Informal Open Meeting**, so anyone can attend and contribute. We are looking to discuss a number of items

- Ideas to improve the show.
- New ideas to ring the changes.
- Extending the Summer Show Committee.

**Date:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:** Blackboys Village Hall

**Time:** 7.30pm

Tea & Coffee

Our Summer Show is put on by a group of people (Summer Show Committee) who work with the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society to organise, book and set up all of the components that make our show the success it is.

**SO PLEASE COME ALONG**

**Listen Think Contribute**



### **Get advice and guidance at the Wealden Works Careers Fair**

On Monday October 3, Wealden District Council is inviting everyone aged 25 or under to the third Wealden Works Careers Fair at the East Sussex National Hotel in Uckfield (TN22 5ES) between 9:30am and 3pm.

And it's FREE!



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### **\*AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKING NOW\***

Looking for flexible childcare or entertainment for the children during school holidays? Our holiday club, for children aged 2 – 11, will be running from 7.45am-6pm, from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. **Please contact us for full details.**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

The after-school club for children aged up to 11 offers a range of fun activities and we offer pickups from primary schools in the area. Give us a call or pop in to find out more.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?**

A successful Summer Holiday Club ran throughout August where we welcomed new and old children and their families. We have started this Autumn term with new faces amongst our regular children, enjoying some fabulous September sun!

We would like to invite all Parishioners to our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 from 10 till 11.30 – coffee and cake and good company and a chance to see the preschool in full swing!

### **RECYCLE TEXTILES AT BLACKBOYS VILLAGE HALL**

We are collecting textiles at Blackboys Village Hall, which allows us to raise money for our charity from unwanted clothes, textiles, soft toys 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 on 01825 891113 or email [enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk).

## **Diary of Church Services**

### **OCTOBER 2016**

- 02 Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity**  
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
**11.00 am** Harvest Festival Family Service  
12.30 pm Harvest Festival Lunch
- 09 Twentieth Sunday After Trinity**  
10.00 am Family Friendly Service (with prayer for healing)  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 16 Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity**  
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)  
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family
- 23 Last Sunday After Trinity**  
10.00 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 30 Fourth Sunday Before Advent (All Saints day)**  
10.00 am Morning Praise

### **NOVEMBER 2016**

- 06 Third Sunday Before Advent**  
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Family Friendly Service
- 13 Second Sunday Before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)**  
10.00 am Service of Remembrance  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing



**20 Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)**

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)  
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family

**27 Advent Sunday**

10.00 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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## St Thomas a Becket - Welcome for families - Faith for all ages

Young children can find church services a struggle, and understandably this may discourage families from coming. In view of this, we are making changes to the 10 o'clock format starting after the schools' summer break. The new pattern will begin with a short time with all the family together, after which children may go to the Gage Chapel area in the church where they can enjoy their own supervised activities. On the second Sunday of the month we have a Family Service which is designed to suit all ages. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details or the church website.



**Our Family Friendly Service is a short, happy, and lively service, where the children are involved.**

Sunday 9th October at 10.00 am  
Sunday 6th November at 10.00 am

## FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

This is our 55th Anniversary Year

### FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

- 3rd October Beetle Drive with Reg and Joan Jeffery and Heather Ridley, Framfield Memorial Hall 2.30pm
- 17th October Kevin Gordon -Talk on "The Houses of Parliament" Framfield Memorial Hall 2.30pm
- 7th November WINTER OUTING to Garden Pride, Ditchling To see Christmas Display and have Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie, Leave Framfield 1.30pm by Mini Buses and cars.
- 21st November Entertainment from THE UCKFIELD SINGERS Framfield Memorial Hall 2.30pm

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## Demelza Children's Hospice Services

We have had quite an eventful Summer which started with our Prom in the Park in Hailsham which proved to be very successful and we are hoping to repeat our success next year.

July saw Jenny Bacon opening her beautiful garden for us – the weather was very kind to us, it was a very well supported event and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the garden and the sun! In August we had a stall at the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural show, selling handicrafts – the weather wasn't quite so kind that afternoon but at least we remained dry.

A date for your diary is **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>** – we are holding a **Fun Quiz Night** in Framfield Village Hall - 7.30 start. Tickets are £7.50 – teams of up to six people, bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table contact Pat Dangerfield (details below).

We are always very happy to come along to clubs and give talks about the work of Demelza within our community – if this is something that would be of interest to you, please contact Julie Brett (details below).

Your support is very important to us and we would love to see as many of you as possible at our events. If anyone feels that they have some spare time and would like to volunteer or to hold an event to support us

Please contact either myself:  
Pat Dangerfield, Uckfield Friends of Demelza **01825 890646**  
or : Julie Brett, Community Fundraiser on **07917 603075**  
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The society brings together people united by their interest in a wide range of garden activities. An in-depth knowledge of horticulture is by no means a prerequisite to joining! For many members, it's as much about the talks, garden visits and social aspects of the society. Take a look at our list of events in the calendar over the coming months – full details are on our website at [www.fabhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.fabhortsoc.org.uk). If you see something that takes your fancy, feel free to simply turn up.

#### **HUGE THANKS! - FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW**

For all those who attended this year's show on Saturday 13 August, we think you'll agree it was an absolutely fantastic day for all the family. A very special thanks to all those individuals who gave up their time to make it happen. We're looking forward to next year's show already! Put Saturday 12 August 2017 in your diary.

#### Calendar of events, October/December 2016

Unless otherwise stated, talks are free to members and just £3.00 to non-members including a glass of wine on arrival and coffee later in the evening.

#### **Sunday 9th October, 2.30pm-5.30pm - SEED COLLECTION WORKSHOP**

Vanessa Sutcliffe is offering a hands-on workshop in a member's garden to include with tea and cake. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Contact Fiona Fidler for more information, details below.

#### **Wednesday 9th November, 7.30pm AGM/ARTS AND CRAFTS TALK**

Following our Annual General Meeting, Steve Harmer's talk at Framfield Village Hall will open our eyes to the Arts and Crafts Movement and its gardens in this beautiful part of the country we live in.

#### **Monday 12th December, 7.30pm – CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

If you're seeking inspiration for floral arrangements over the festive period, Sue Rogers' talk is a must for your diary where she will be demonstrating some great ideas for Christmas arrangements at Blackboys Village Hall.

#### *About Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society*

The Society's main aim is to promote horticulture and to try and encourage and support as many people as possible to grow their own flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Find out more at [www.fabhortsoc.org.uk/](http://www.fabhortsoc.org.uk/) where you can download a membership form. For any enquiries, please feel free to email our vice chairman Fiona Fidler at [fhbsmail@gmail.com](mailto:fhbsmail@gmail.com) or on 01825 890719

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About forty people took part in our annual MCS walk across Ashdown Forest in August. Thankfully this year was not a repeat of last year, when we were all soaked, but was dry and sunny. Everyone enjoyed the walk and a delicious ploughman's lunch afterwards. We were delighted that £575 was raised from the day. We have now finished making tea and cakes to support NGS venues for this year and the grand, fabulous total raised for the year was just over £6000 - the best to date! Our next events will be a coffee morning at Pizza Express in Uckfield, September 30<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas Bazaar at Buxted Pavillion, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Many members of our fund-raising committee attended the retirement party of our wonderful Macmillan nurse. Sarah Wheatley has been a MCS nurse at Uckfield for the past 16 years, and she will be sorely missed. It was a very emotional occasion, with speeches by colleagues and patients' families.

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](http://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

I'm back on the Island of Great Britain now. Incidentally, I discovered recently that it was the Ptolemy (AD 100 – 170), the Greco-Egyptian writer that first referred to Great Britain as the larger of the two main islands with Little Britain (Ireland) of the British Isles referred to by the Celts and Romans as the islands off north-west Europe.

The natural history of these islands is extremely complex and stems back to their geology which itself is complex, and is a bizarre mixture of volcanic, sedimentary and metamorphic rock. The latter term refers mainly to sedimentary rock that has been transformed by heat and pressure from one rock type, say chalk into another such as limestone or marble. Here in Sussex all our substrates are either sedimentary such as clay, chalk or sandstone with a little metamorphic bits like Sussex Marble. Horsham stone is another very hard sand-rock that has been transformed from sediments into a hard rock commonly used for roofing, including the roof of Framfield Church.

The wide variety of geological substrates in Sussex has resulted in a huge biodiversity, because chalk tends to be alkaline and sand tends to be acidic with the clay and other rocks somewhere in between. Many plants are either calcicoles (calcium loving) or calcifuges (refugees from calcium) and we have both in Sussex leading to a very large flora. Consequently, the small animals that feed specifically on particular plants are also present in high variety. For example, snails have to make shells for which they use calcium from which chalk and limestone are made, so there are billions of snails of a wide variety of species on the chalk downs, feeding on the wide variety of plants rich in calcium. However, there are small animals that are only found on acidic heathland such as several species of moth and butterfly which become common on heathy places such as Ashdown Forest. However, there are not many snails to be found on heathland due to the lack of calcium.

Finally, there are large animals that eat the small ones and search them out in these habitats. It is not well known, for example, that the sheep of the South Downs love to eat snails while they are grazing on the multitude of herbs that grow there. For this reason, the meat of South Downs sheep is supposed to be particularly flavoursome.

*Martyn Stenning*

The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups	Up to 4 yrs	Ben Wright
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	<b>8-10 yrs</b>	Freddie Day
	<b>11-16 yrs</b>	Lakeshia Dennis
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Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture		Fiona Fidler
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art		Chris Judge
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit		Myla Penny
The National Vegetable Society - Silver Medal & Diploma		Ian Barnett
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society		Brian Fidler

### Milk Bottle Tops

Yes, Sandy and Keith (Rogers), still collect milk bottle tops (only) of any colour We take them to the green centre Brighton, where they are sold so much a ton, and the money goes to at the moment, Lupus UK.

### Stamps

Yes, we still collect stamps, and they go to Uckfield Stamp Club, to Mr John Browning.

THANK YOU for your interest, these can both be handed in at Monday Club, or at the Market to the €1 stall, at Framfield Market or ring 01825 840648

## Show Results 2016

Trophy/Section/Award	Winner
The Hobbs Barton Cup	Fiona Fidler
The John Dann Cup	Kassie Geer
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup	Terry Everitt
The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Terry Everitt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	Robert Dann
The David Hazelden Plate	Dominic Geer
The Peter Butler Plate	Sarah Hince
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Jenny Pratt
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Jenny Bacon
The Geddes Rose Bowl	Jenny Pratt
The Williams Cup	Myla Penny
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Kirsten Brown
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Alan Buckingham
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Sue Rider
The Colonel Nigel Drew Cup	Not Awarded 2016
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Brian Fidler
The Henry Cup	Margaret McSheehy
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Chris Judge
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Sarah Cooper
The Barbara Briault Cup	Freddie Day

## Comma - Perfectly Punctuated

By Michael Blencowe

People & Wildlife Officer at the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Mike Russell has been writing his wildlife articles for your parish magazine for many years and, as he has now retired, I have been asked to take his place. It seems I have taken this request a bit too literally. I've moved into his vacated desk at our Henfield HQ and grown a beard. I'm already called Michael so my transformation is pretty much complete.

Ding, ding. Last orders at the butterfly bar. The party is over. All summer the blues, whites, browns, skippers, hairstreaks and all our other butterflies have mated in the meadows and fornicated in our flower beds. The results of this butterfly bonding will pass the winter as eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises. Even those butterflies tough enough to endure the winter as adults will have turned in early to get a good six months sleep. But there's still one species left knocking back the nectar until the bitter end.

The comma is one ragged looking butterfly – it is unlike any other British species. With its jagged-edged wings it looks like it's been busy brawling with a bird's beak. The wings glow the fiery orange of hell. In France the butterfly's devilish good looks have earned it the name Robert Le Diablo – Robert the Devil.

But this angular attire is perfect for a butterfly that will be spending the winter hidden amongst dark dead leaves. Its crinkle-cut wings are dark underneath and when it closes them the comma chameleon vanishes. Yet the centre of this dark facade is punctured by a punctuation mark – a small silver 'c', the comma that gives the butterfly its English name. In America a similar looking butterfly has a comma and a dot and is called the question mark.

In October you'll still find the commas across Sussex stocking up on sugars from late flowering ivy or rotting fruits in preparation for its winter-long big sleep. It's not always been this way. Certainly many, many years ago the comma was widespread across Sussex but by the 1820s the comma had mysteriously

vanished from most of England. Lugubrious lepidopterists mourned 'the butterfly of our youth has left us for good and all'. The decline in England's hop industry must have had an effect along with new techniques of bine-burning and washing the crops with insecticides. In the 1930s an increase in comma sightings marked the start of the butterfly's re-conquest of England. This time, with hardly any hops left to munch, the comma grasped the nettle as the main food plant for its caterpillar. Now the butterfly is regularly being seen across Scotland too. The comma's comeback continues.

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marquee and the hall as well the entire field. It is the volunteers who assemble and dismantle the show with such rapidity who need a special vote of thanks for the assistance they give to the Summer Show Committee who work all year to bring the show itself together.

The marquee then becomes the venue for a community music event where The Violet Jive with special guests entertained a receptive crowd with their "retro swing sound with feverish latino curves". An excellent evening was had by those attending.

So the rain stayed away, the entertainment was excellent all day and into the night, so Framfield, Blackboys and Palehouse Common came together, as always, to have a thoroughly English Summer Show day. A massive thank you to all those who helped or visited on Show Day. See you again next year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August? Of course we will!

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**Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group Jumble Sale.**

Saturday 15th October in the Memorial Hall at 2pm.

Please leave Jumble at the hall in the morning.

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# The Framfield & Blackboys Summer Show

## Perfect Day, Perfect Show

Saturday 13 August dawned with the sun shining in Framfield for the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show. As the show assembled itself, the mercury rose to the ideal temperature to bring out the crowds. By the 12.30pm opening time, the Recreation Ground was buzzing with adults and excited children. Dogs arrived for the Fun Dog Show, fairground rides began turning and the beer and Pimms began serving eager visitors.

In the central arena, Shalesbrook Morris Dancers started the events. After that, the once only performance (apart from the second performance later in the afternoon) of Framfield's Own - "The Red Barrows" took place. As if to acknowledge such a momentous moment in parish history, the actual Red Arrows flew over the Recreation Ground just prior to Red Barrows display. With the "barrowcrew" in red jump suits pushing red wheel barrows, the audience witnessed intricate weaving and choreographed turns. Actually a performance by the Framfield Stagers Amateur Dramatic Group, it was well received with many a smile on watching faces. Following that came the children's and adult's races.

Around the field many long-standing events from the show reappeared with the hoopla, trap the rat and 20p balanced on a lemon indicative of the range on offer. Many other local stalls from local charities and small businesses surrounded the arena along with a Human Fruit Machine from 1<sup>st</sup> Buxted ( O'Brien's Own) Scout Group, bowling, welly-wanging and a bouncy castle. So there was quite clearly something for everyone!

After all that fun and excitement, the refreshment tent, Pimms and beer bar, ice cream and food stalls did a roaring trade.

The Memorial Hall remained a calm oasis with the cookery, handicraft, children's and photography exhibits. These showed a wide variety of skills and foci with amazing creativity on display. On the Recreation Ground the marquee contained the usual fabulous display of fruit, vegetables, flowers and floral arrangements. All of these are entered competitively for a nominal fee (free if you are under 17) and prizes and trophies awarded by the judges. The results are listed below.

After the trophy presentations the auction of exhibits was carried out with huge bargain bundles of produce for truly knock down prices. Then all hands cleared the

## NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



Missed bins – I am forever hopeful that one day, this won't be on my report! If anyone does have a missed bin should contact Wealden in the first instance by telephone (01892 653311) or email and also let me know.

Lastly, if anyone wishes to know what planning applications are currently live, they are all listed on a weekly basis on the Wealden website. If you follow this link - - [http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning\\_and\\_Building\\_Control/Leaflets\\_And\\_Publications/Weekly\\_List\\_of\\_Planning\\_Applications/Planning\\_Weekly\\_List.aspx](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Leaflets_And_Publications/Weekly_List_of_Planning_Applications/Planning_Weekly_List.aspx) - you will find the current and previous lists.

If anyone wants to contact me about District-related matters, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My details are below. For anything ESCC-related, please contact Councillor Chris Dowling on [cllr.chris.dowling@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.chris.dowling@eastsussex.gov.uk).

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## FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

The Parish Council is expecting to co-opt on board three more councillors at their September meeting, so more news on that next time.

**Following on from my report last time, the Parish Council acting as Trustees to the Framfield Trust resolved to approve the lease of land for the installation of a telecommunications mast on Framfield recreation ground by Shared Access Ltd subject to:**

1. Agreement from the Parish Council solicitors that the installation of a telecommunications mast on Trust land is permissible within the title documents of the Trust;
2. Agreement from the Parish Council solicitors to the contents of the legal agreement with Shared Access Ltd;
3. Payment of all the aforementioned legal fees by Shared Access Ltd;
4. Payment to the Parish Council of £40,000 from Shared Access Ltd on completion of the lease.
5. Shared Access Ltd obtaining the required planning consent.

Consideration will also be given by the Parish Council to replacing some of the memorial trees.

Village Market - there are now four markets left this year. The market opens from 10 am to 12 noon on the following dates: July, 24 September, 29 October, 26 November and 17 December. I will soon be putting together the dates for next year.

Meeting dates and agendas are put on the village noticeboards and website. The full minutes of all meetings are also on the website.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS.**

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine).

Email: [framfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:framfieldpc@gmail.com).

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Phil, Annie and Ross, the new owners of the pub, would like to say thank you to all you people who have visited us in our first four months here, and helped in making our venture so successful.

We are doing food all day, starting at 8 o'clock with breakfast, where Annie's Bubble and Squeak is proving to be a big favourite. The Xmas season is around the corner, and we are now taking bookings for our pre Xmas parties, lunchtime and evening.

We also cater for Weddings, funerals, birthdays and all other celebrations, with a buffet or a sit down meal.

**Waldron Country Market** at Holy Cross Priory, (Possingworth) (on the B2102 between Cross in Hand and Blackboys, near the Tunbridge Wells turn)

Held every 2nd Thursday of the Month, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Thursday 13th October, Thursday 10th November

All produce is homemade and includes, cakes, pies, preserves, local cheeses, honey, greetings cards, pottery, hand knitted items, hand sewn gifts, vegetables, plants and more. .Enjoy coffee or tea and cake in pleasant surroundings.

For more information contact Roy Wilkinson 01435 812931

St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation.

Here we are again at the start of a new academic year! This one promises to be busy and exciting with new staff and new curriculum developments.

The new reception pupils in both schools have made confident starts; this successful start to their school career is always a tribute to the way the staff across the Federation ensure that the new pupils are well used to the schools through the regular taster sessions in term 6. They are a confident and cheerful bunch and are already well versed in our routines.

New staff have been welcomed in both schools: at Framfield Miss Britany Joslin is working with us as an Apprentice and has already settled in very well; she is working with our EYFS and KS1 team to support the teaching and learning of our youngest pupils. At Blackboys we welcome a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Kayleigh Pavitt who is again working across KS1 and in our popular breakfast club. There have also been a few internal staff changes at Blackboys: Mrs Hannah Sullivan is now teaching in class 2 replacing Miss Bodfish, and Mrs Lucy Haverty is sharing teaching responsibilities in class 3 with Mr Sullivan. Everyone has settled into the new year well and we know you will make the new members of our team very welcome and I am sure you will get to know them soon.

The horticultural show was a great success in the summer holidays and both schools created a wonderful display of pupils' work in the Memorial Hall. We always appreciate being able to show off our work at such an event and many thanks must go to the Horticultural Show team for all the support they give both schools in allowing them to take part.

Traffic and parking is always difficult in both villages: we all worked hard last year to make everyone aware of how their parking and driving through the village impacts on village life and the safety of everyone. However, should you have any concerns about parking issues at either school, please do not hesitate to contact the school offices and the Community Police Support Officer. Rest assured, we do take your concerns seriously and do our utmost to emphasise the impact inconsiderate parking can have on our local community. We are encouraging parents at Blackboys to take up the generous offer made by the Blackboys Inn and to use

their car-park and walk up to the school and of course the "Kiss and Drop" system at Framfield continues to be a great help.

It is always a busy time as the new academic year starts, and both schools pride themselves on the standard of reading children reach; the new curriculum and assessments have been very rigorous and I am pleased to say that both schools have done very well in this area of the curriculum. However, this year we mean to go even further to develop this aspect of our work, striving to ensure that all pupils are truly engaged in reading - and books of a good quality including some of the good old classics. I am sure many of you remember "Stig of the Dump", "Swallows and Amazons", "Wind in the Willows" and the "Alice" Stories - we really want children to read widely and broadly. With this in mind, if there is anyone in either Blackboys or Framfield who would like to come in and help us with this, we would be delighted - we always need avid and enthusiastic readers to hear the children read or perhaps work with small groups. Previous volunteers and governors have truly made a big difference to individual children's engagement with reading and general self-esteem. Could you help too? Please contact our school offices if you feel you could make a difference.

We are running numerous after-school clubs as usual and if you think you could offer something interesting for our pupils, once again, please let us know - we know there is a lot of talent out there? Local History Club? Gardening Club? Weaving/sewing? The possibilities are endless and it all goes to add to the richness of experience we are able to give the children.

Of course we have our Harvest Festivals coming up shortly and I know you are all very welcome to attend these if you are able to do so - everyone is welcome. The dates are 7<sup>th</sup> October for Framfield School and 5<sup>th</sup> October for Blackboys. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Before you know it, it will be Christmas!

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

## From your Wealden MP Nus Ghani

Many of you may not have been aware that October 1st marked Older People's Day, an international commemoration of the achievements and contributions that older people make to our society. However, I hope in years to come to see it become a permanent fixture on the calendar, and established in the same way as Mother's and Father's Day are. As the chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Ageing and Older People, and as Wealden has one of the highest proportion of over 85s in the country, I am clear that we need to support older people in our local communities, and if we do so, we will find that they have so much to offer us in return.

I was delighted to welcome Crowborough Scouts to Parliament! It was wonderful to see so many young people having a great time and taking advantage of the opportunities available to them. However, the great work that the Scouts do owes so much to the incredible efforts of their volunteers, without which it would not be possible. I am afraid that this point has been vividly underlined as the 1st Hartfield Scout Group have had to close their Scout Troop due to a lack of volunteers. This is very sad news for young people from the Hartfield, Cowden, Blackham and Withyham areas, and I hope that local people will want to show their support by offering their services as volunteers. Anyone interested in doing so should get in touch with Richard Wellbelove, whose email address is [gsl@1sthartfield.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1sthartfield.co.uk)

Schools have been back for a few weeks now, and so I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the need to make sure all our children are safe online. We cannot assume that because our children are indoors and online, that they are safe. However, my work with Barnardo's, who as I highlighted at PMQs celebrated their 150th birthday earlier this year, has highlighted to me that issues regarding child safety are a concern for children and parents, and I hope that everyone will take the time to read the excellent guidelines published on Barnardo's website about child internet safety. Although the internet can offer great opportunities for our children, it also exposes them to potential risks including online grooming, bullying and inadvertently accessing inappropriate material. I would therefore urge us all to be vigilant, and make sure that we know what our children are doing online, and keep them safe. If you ever wish to contact me (including if you represent a local charity facing similar difficulties to the 1st Hartfield Scout Group), as ever, you can email me at [nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk)





## Restart a Heart Campaign Free CPR and AED training 12-18 October 2016

More than 30,000 people suffer cardiac arrests outside hospital in the UK every year. If this happens in front of a bystander, who starts CPR immediately before the arrival of the ambulance, the patient's chances of survival double.

By linking with the Resuscitation Council's European Restart a Heart Day and the British Heart Foundation, Field First Responders, based in Uckfield, can show you the skills needed to help save a life.

During the week October 12-18 October our team can come to your area at a time to suit you for a 2-hour training session.

We can provide sessions for schools, adults and community groups – all we need is a free venue.

Contact Faith Lee, 07540 535997 or [helenfcr@gmail.com](mailto:helenfcr@gmail.com) for further details.

Field First Responders are volunteers working with, and trained by, South East Coast Ambulance Service, answering 999 calls in your community. We are keen to recruit additional responders. Contact team leader Derek Smith, [cfrderek@gmail.com](mailto:cfrderek@gmail.com) if you are interested.

During the past year the team of eight booked on for over 5000 hours and responded to more than 500 999 calls in the Uckfield area, being first at scene providing initial care in more than 400 instances before the arrival of an ambulance.



Training for all on CPR and in the use of the defibrillator (AED) on Friday, 14 October 2016, 7.30 pm to 9 pm at the Village Hall, Blackboys.  
Please contact Helen Fairs for details  
[hf.2009@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenfairs@hotmail.co.uk).



## Framfield & Blackboys WI

Chichester was a superb day out, both for weather and exploring shops and places of interest. We enjoyed the beautiful and exotic Bishop's Gardens in the shadow of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral, with St Richard of Chichester's Shrine and chapel of St George in memorial to the Royal Sussex Regiment.



A haunting sculpture on show represented the "Shadow of the Wanderer" and the plight of migrants by **Ana Maria Pacheco** was challenging and haunting. Exhibiting till Nov 14<sup>th</sup> this Brazilian artist's work is well worth seeing.

**Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society's Summer Show** was a great community event and an excellent turn out made it a great success. Thanks to all who visited our stall.

As our **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** nears, our celebratory tea in East Dean will be attended by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field. It's a chance to reflect, and celebrate our members and their contributions, in appreciation of friendship and community service over many years.

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With a potential London trip just before Christmas we will be making arrangements and as always members and non-members can contact Gill for details and to make an early booking on **01825 890459**

We welcome visitors to our meetings and 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.

**To join your local WI contact  
President Philomena 890216**

# LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

## CHERRY TREE UPDATE

In April I wrote about the trouble in the cherry tree and the disgruntled Great Tits who were not happy with the alterations to their nest site, or the new nest box higher up the tree. The Blue Tits who had moved into the new nest box were very pleased with it and successfully reared their young. Eventually the great tits did reluctantly, return to their old nest site and I caught the odd glimpse of them going in and out of the nest. After the earlier alterations, the hole in the tree was now, hopefully, protected from the curious woodpecker. After a brief holiday we returned to find the young had flown. When I peered down the hollow trunk to see the nest I saw it had been made exactly like the year before, beautifully lined with black Newfoundland dog fur with strands of white hair from the patch on Chloe's chest, which had been skilfully woven in.

Writing this in June I find it a very stressful time as the birds are very clever at hiding their nests. I was going to cut off some dead looking ivy growing over a garden wall but luckily noticed a small bird flitting back and forth while I was taking a break nearby, so spotted a small nest well hidden in a tangle of ivy growing up the wall. Again this year there was a nest in the old Ferguson tractor tucked away by the fan belt. Luckily I noticed a little bird flying away as I approached. Peeping in I could see a nest full of hungry babies. As the fields were still very wet the grass could not be cut for a while anyway.

The Woodpeckers are frequent visitors who enjoy the nuts and bird bath close by; the favourite place is on the far side of one of the posts holding up the porch. Each one has the same methods, holding on to the post with its right foot and the nut feeder with its left foot, or alternatively, it can swing on the nuts, supported by its tail. Most of the regular feeders who enjoy the nuts will not feed when the Woodpecker is there, not even the Nuthatch who bullies all the other birds. There is one bird that is fearless and will confidently feed at the same time, the tiny Blue Tit! The field mice also enjoy the nuts and frighten off even the Woodpecker. Mother mouse recently brought her babies and we watched their juvenile attempts to reach the nuts. It was a very stressful moment when a baby mouse misjudged it and fell to the ground. Luckily it was all

right. There appeared to be two families of Woodpeckers. When one youngster was old enough the parent showed it how to reach the nuts. Later it called encouragement from a nearby tree while the youngster came on its own. Interestingly I noticed that the fearless Blue Tit was very wary of this young Woodpecker. Although I get an excellent view of the nut feeder from the kitchen window I have never actually seen the adult feed its offspring. Recently, as it was a sunny evening, we decided to eat in the dining room which gives a different view of the garden. There was the familiar tap tap on the post where the Woodpecker wedges in the whole nut before eating it. I tried to see out of the window to watch it but the angle was wrong. I then pressed my nose hard on the glass and could just see the far side of the post that is normally out of sight. What a lovely surprise, a very young baby Woodpecker with its bright red head was clinging to the post while its attentive parent was feeding it. It was so well trained and stayed exactly where it had been told, patiently waiting for the next piece of nut. The adult knew what we can see from the kitchen window and thought this baby was well hidden. It was well worth the rather bent nose I endured while enjoying this unusual sight.

## EARLY AUGUST

I have rewritten the first paragraph as our computer left part of it out!!

After all the excitement of all the baby birds being successfully reared everything seemed rather quiet, but recently all the youngsters have been visiting the feeding stations. The baby woodpecker I watched feeding is now very skilful at hanging on to eat the nuts.

This morning I have been working in the welcome shade of the wood with Chloe who helpfully carried the garden trug, full of tools back to the cottage for me. Like me she was happy to stay in the shade as she really feels the heat with her thick Newfoundland coat. By the time you read this she will be enjoying the cool days of autumn.

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