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**Framfield, Blackboys
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Stepping out of the shadows

I do hope this finds everyone in the parish well and enjoying the greater freedoms as we move forward into June and beyond.

The past year or so has been challenging to say the least and in the latter months very tiring. I can only speak for myself but I need some time away from the computer, on-line meetings and the recording of services. The initial excitement of trying to work around the problems of communication during the pandemic has been replaced with the desire and/or need to meet face-to-face. Having said that, I do applaud just how many people of all ages have got to grips with computers, tablets and smart phones. It just goes to show that people are willing and able to try new things when there is little alternative.

During the pandemic there has been a very encouraging rise in church attendance. Each week we have faithfully produced and broadcast an on-line service at 10am. I believe that during our best week at least 99 persons tuned in, which is quite remarkable. So in light of the usual in-person attendance at Framfield Church of around 40 it begs the question – what is going on here?

You may have your own thoughts on this one and there will undoubtedly be a whole variety of reasons but I believe the chief one is ‘anonymity’. In good times and in bad the church is a beacon of hope and always has something positive to say. However, anonymity enables a person to engage purely on their terms. You can be unseen, you don’t have to comment or speak to anyone. You can stay or leave just as you please.

I don’t wish to speak out of turn but there are many folk who are on the fringe of the church i.e. interested, but at the same time not really wanting to get too close. There is an undercurrent of belief but also a feeling that God should be kept at a distance. Could it be fear or the worry that God may reject them? Or perhaps it’s to do with ‘religion’ or what other people may say if they started to go to church. The reasons may be endless but for a moment let’s look at the fear that God may reject someone, particularly if He knew what they were really like!

This time last year I wrote about Zacchaeus the tax Collector. He would have fitted in very well with our latter day on-line audience i.e. interested in Jesus and what sort of person he was and what he had to say but at the same time not getting too close. When Jesus came to town Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him and observe him from an acceptable distance. However, when

Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.

There are many surprises in this story. Firstly, Zacchaeus was trying to be secretive but Jesus knew exactly who he was, and where he was.

Secondly, Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector and by all accounts somewhat crooked and not a well-liked man within the community. However, Jesus never even mentions anything negative about Zacchaeus; rather he just makes the request ‘I must stay at your house today’. Probably scandalous to the religious folk of the day but not to Jesus, he accepts Zacchaeus just as he is.

God often gets a bad press as a God of judgement, but is that actually true? The answer is ‘yes’ and ‘no’. I often liken God to a parent figure. Good parents love their children, but parents shouldn’t be a push over. Every child who lacks discipline grows up with a distorted sense of right and wrong. Even as adults wrongdoing has to be addressed for the good of society. To do nothing would be plainly negligent. However, by nature God is able to see right through us; the good, bad and indifferent parts of our character, yet He still accepts us. In this respect God is a god of grace and He doesn’t treat us as our sins deserve, although He does require honesty. Living a lie or trying to cover up wrongdoing is clearly farcical when it comes to God as He knows it all anyway. Honesty always precedes forgiveness.

There are many examples in scripture when Jesus forgives the truly penitent but the rider is always ‘Go and sin no more’. In essence God/Jesus is saying that a sinful life has done you no good at all, therefore give it up.

Post pandemic is the ideal opportunity to take stock and start over. I think we would all agree that the personal response to Covid-19 has been completely random. Some relatively young healthy individuals have lost their lives; others more elderly or vulnerable have had minor symptoms and lived to tell the tale.

The church is called to go and spread the good news of God’s love to us through Christ. However, the good news deserves a response. Faith is a two way street and I hope that over the weeks of lockdown many who have tuned into services will have discerned that God is good. So is it time to step out of the shadows and experience the church in person? If so we look forward to welcoming you.

Blessings to everyone in the parish – Rev’d Chris Lawrence

Diary of Church Services

The Church reopened for services on the 23rd May. Many thanks to everyone for their support over the past year. The expected Covid precautionary measures are in place to make your visit a safe one. Hopefully, singing will resume and the current measure will be removed or eased when Stage 4 comes into effect on the 21st June. The latest information is always on the Church Website:
<https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>

JUNE 2021

- 06 First Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
with Prayer for Healing
- 13 Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
- 20 Third Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 27 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise

JULY 2021

- 04 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 11 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service

- 18 Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 25 Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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Framfield Church – Coronavirus Update

We remain committed to live streaming services. If you are still isolating or have limited mobility, our streamed services are for you. We hope to provide a viable church experience for the housebound.

We are also hoping to stream all our main services in future – see our website www.framfieldchurch.org.uk for further details. You can also visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/framfieldchurch> for updates. All services are archived so that they remain available after the stream finishes. They will be stored on the Vimeo service, which you can access for free.

Supporting you during the Coronavirus crisis

As a church we are committed to supporting you, the parishioners of Framfield, Blackboys and Palehouse Common. The pandemic and its effects pose a physical health risk as we all understand, but times of isolation and uncertainty can also significantly affect our mental wellbeing. If anyone would like a chat then do please call. I'm usually in the Church Office Monday to Friday 10am-5pm (except Wednesday) on the office telephone number (01825 891090). If you get the answer machine, do please leave a message.

Support us during the Coronavirus crisis

We are pleased to be back in Church for services (as of 23rd May). We are hoping by 27th June to be able to sing in Church, but in light of the current situation with Covid variants, this is still provisional. During the lockdown we have been looking at ways in which we may mitigate the financial loss to the church and at the very least cover our basic overheads. As the use of cash has curtailed we have set up an online giving page at: www.framfieldchurch.org.uk/donate.html, look for the 'Give a Little' icon. We would be very grateful for your help – like all organisations our costs have continued, but our income has diminished significantly.



Hopefully, we can move forward from here and all stay well during this challenging period and help each other out where it's appropriate to do so.



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

13th June 2021 10.00 am
11th July 2021 10.00 am

Our Church Hall will now be re-opening on the 22nd May in line with the lifting of government restrictions

Framfield Church Hall is well placed in the village next to the Church. It is ideal for regular meetings, social & business events, special occasions, keep fit, exercise groups, birthday parties and other activities.

The hall can be used as an open space or with tables / seating for up to 60 persons. There is a fitted kitchen with catering equipment & crockery etc, a large AV screen, sound system, two loos (one with disabled facilities) and two disabled parking spaces directly outside the hall.

Currently it is used for Art classes, Pilates, Exercise groups, Drama, Singing, Karate Presentations and Childrens' birthday parties. Our rates are £10.00 per hour.

For more details about the hall and its events please get in touch with John Mordaunt on 01825 890443; mobile 07989 587459 or email:

johnmordaunt1@gmail.com

Cleaner wanted: We currently have a vacancy for regular cleaning of our Church Hall. For details please contact John Mordaunt.

Nature Notes

Most oak trees have broken bud in Sussex now (early May), with oak flowers (catkins) bunched beneath the developing leaves. Oaks are monoecious, which means that they are both male and female. However, I have just learned that female oak flowers are fussy about where the male pollen they use comes from. Oaks are wind pollinated and the female flowers get inundated with local male pollen, some from their own catkins. But they also receive pollen from afar. Apparently, female oak flowers can reject pollen that comes from local catkins in favour of land-distant and genetically distant pollen from trees far away. That way they can avoid breeding with their close relatives, just like we humans avoid pairing up with our relatives. The result is much healthier offspring.

A dry, cold April has meant that the grass is growing slowly and meadow flowers are persisting for longer. It has been a fantastic year for violets, cowslips and primroses. However, I am worried about the lack of insects to feed the insectivorous birds. I have not heard a single cuckoo yet; these brood parasites specialise in feeding on hairy caterpillars. However, I saw my first swifts of the year about 6th May, swifts eat copious amounts of flying insects, but most insects only fly in temperatures above 100 Celsius. So swifts may be having a hard time.

I visited Splash Point near Seaford early on Friday Morning 7th May and the kittiwake colony on the cliffs was in full swing. Dozens of these cute small black-footed gulls with black tips to their wings were busily building their nests on cliff ledges. There was a pair of fulmar petrels there also. These relatives of the albatrosses and petrels spend most of their long 30 year plus lives at sea, but look for a cliff to breed on in the early summer. They are mate-faithful and usually lay just 1 egg per year.

I monitor the 46 blue tit nest-boxes at Lake Wood when I can, and this year 35 of them had nests with eggs in at the end of April. One nest had 14 eggs! The wood looked superb with carpets of wood anemones and bluebells this year. The blue tits will be aiming to time the hatching of nestlings to coincide with the development of the green caterpillars that feed on the young oak leaves, such that the insect larvae will be about 2 centimetres long and full of protein, water and other beneficial nutrients.

Martyn Stenning

Searching for extinct animals

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

A wonderful museum lurks unassumingly on Brighton's Dyke Road, the tree-lined residential avenue that connects the city to the rolling chalk hills of the South Downs. It was here, in the illuminated cabinets and cases of The Booth Museum of Natural History that my story started. A display of the bones, eggs, fur and feathers of extinct animals reconnected me with my childhood obsession with lost species. It was the starting point for a journey which led me deep into the caves of New Zealand looking for the bones of the mighty extinct Moa – birds which stood over 12 feet tall. I hike mountain ranges in search of the South Island Kōkako, a bird known as the 'Grey Ghost'; which some believe may still exist. In San Francisco I seek the remaining sand dunes where the diminutive Xerces Blue butterfly once flew and in a dimly lit museum storeroom, I am granted an audience with the holiest of extinct relics – the mummified head of the legendary Dodo. Although my quest leads me to Copenhagen, Helsinki, Paris and New York I was surprised to find that, if I was searching for extinct animals, there was a story right on my doorstep.

Sussex was the last known whereabouts of Ivell's Sea Anemone, declared extinct in 1997. This delicate creature once existed in Widewater Lagoon near Shoreham and is known from nowhere else on the planet. Widewater's faded information panel contains a drawing of this mythical beast. Grey and tubular, the illustration resembles a section of somebody's small intestine or a really long sock with wiry tentacles poking out of one end.

I headed off in search of the only remaining specimens of this species, stored deep in the basement of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Here I was handed a jar with a domed glass stopper. Inside the jar was a solution of 75% ethanol and floating in that ethanol was ...nothing. I put on my glasses and raised the jar up to the storeroom's light bulb and only then could I make out the anemone, a miniscule, thin squiggle suspended in the solution. After giant Moa bones and mummified Dodos

there was no disguising my disappointment. I had harboured a hope that maybe I could be the man to gallantly re-discover Ivell's Sea Anemone in Widewater lagoon. The fact that I couldn't re-discover it in a jar two inches from my face didn't inspire me with confidence.

Undaunted, I carried on my quest and, armed with a snorkel, a faulty torch and an inflatable lilo in the shape of crocodile I bravely waded into Widewater. You'll find the rest of this story and many more of my adventures in my new book '*Gone: A search for what remains of the world's extinct creatures*', published on 27 April and available everywhere.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife magazine and our Sussex guide book, *Discovering Wildlife*. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

Waldon Country Market

Waldron Country Market is cancelled until further notice.

For more information contact Graeme Mackenzie 01435 866419. There is also a Facebook link - @WaldronCountryMarket

Crowborough Arts and Open Studios



It's been a long road during the last year of lockdown with cancelled and scaled down events for everybody. It was our CA's tenth Birthday, and we had lots planned which had to be cancelled. What does Crowborough Arts do? It aims to build up Arts in the Community and support the practitioners. We have had over a hundred events, concerts, exhibitions, guest speakers, workshops, in-house themed entertainment and literary events. All manner of art work has continued at home during the pandemic and artists have been enabled to show and sell their work in a virtual gallery on our website. Our first live opening up event is CA's Open Studios on the weekend of the 4th and 5th September 2021. Nearer the time you may see the signs on the roadside, and wonder what it's all about. It is a showcase for local artists, both amateur and professional. This year there are 14 studios in and around Crowborough. We have 7 new artists sharing 2 studios at Fairwarp. Visiting Open Studios is like being on a treasure hunt, finding the studios, seeing different homes and gardens, talking to the artists and looking at visual arts in a wide variety of media. You'll not be disappointed, and you'll find it hard to come home empty handed! It will mean so much to the artists to see you there. All details are on the website.

Julia Ball

www.crowborough-Arts.org.uk

www.crowboroughopenstudios.co.uk



FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hello all,

Hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will have warmed up again and the rain has stopped. We had a chilly April with late frosts, but warm days, followed by a very wet May. Not ideal conditions for one of the busiest times of year in the garden!

We think the weather may have been one of the reasons that we had a low uptake of entries into our virtual Spring Show along with Lockdown Apathy but hopefully things will be back to normal this summer. The entries are on our website so thank you and well done to those people who took part.

As announced in the last Parish Magazine, we sadly have had to cancel our Summer Show in August as explained by Terry Everitt, the Summer Show Chair but we will be running another virtual Summer Show and the schedule will be here in the next edition and on our website. Hopefully all our gardens will be full of flowers, fruit and vegetables again by then!

June 20th, 2021 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth, but this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere, keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you will enjoy a longer display of blooms. Watering is essential as the weather warms up so give your garden a big drink once or twice a week to draw plant roots deeper into the nutritious soil.

We are hoping that with the restrictions being lifted we will be able to start arranging meetings for the Horticultural Society and would like to start with our popular quiz evening, we will begin discussions with the committee and consider all aspects of health and safety and let you know when we feel we are able to hold the quiz!

If you would like to contact the Society for membership, please email Emma Page at fabhs.membership@gmail.com

For any other queries please contact me, Denise Taylor on Denisetaylor.77@gmail.com

With best wishes for the summer months

Denise Taylor
Chair Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society

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LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER



Follow the Countryside Code

Rights of Way (footpaths) – the Parish Council has been approached by concerned residents about the increasing incidents of walkers diverting away from the statutory footpaths across land, and in some case gardens, sometimes leaving gates open allowing livestock to roam. Could residents please make sure that they stay on the proper routes and keep their dogs on leads where appropriate. Footpath maps are available from the Parish Clerk or accessed on line via this link:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/map/>

Countryside Code leaflet:
well? https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/973254/countryside-code-leaflet.pdf

LOCK DOWN

During the past year people will have spent a lot more time at home with their dog. Also, many people will have decided to have a puppy during this time. Hopefully by the time you read this the situation will have improved and people will be returning to work and spending more time away from home.

The mature dog that in the past was quite relaxed when left alone might well be upset now the old routine has resumed. The puppy acquired during shut down will probably find it even harder to adjust to the new situation as it has probably had loads of attention and company and might never have been left on its own, even for a short time.

It is very important to plan ahead now so your dog or puppy is happy and relaxed when left on its own. This should be done in very small steps. Some people live in open plan houses or habitually leave all the doors open so the dog is accustomed to following its owner from room to room. Scatter a few tasty treats on the floor near the door, go through and shut the door and then come back in before the dog has finished the treats, gradually extend the time that the door is shut. It helps at this stage if the treats are scattered more widely so take longer to find. Use the same tactics when making trips to go out to the dustbin or putting things in the car etc. Hearing the car door open and shut would also be good practice. The next step would be to pick up car keys, put on coat, scatter treats, go out and start the car, then come back in, gradually progress to very short journeys. Use the same method going on foot. It is so important to do these things very gradually so your dog or puppy is really relaxed when left.

Some extra tips.

If you normally have the radio on when you are at home, leave it on when you go out.

Leave by the back door when going out rather than the front door.

Occasionally feed him his main meal while you are out of the house for a few minutes, so being left has pleasant associations. My own dogs have always loved the command "mind house" as they have associated it with extra lovely treats.

Over many years I have seen the most terrible damage that a dog can do, in even quite a short time if they are suffering from separation anxiety. Another problem is continuous barking, involving upset neighbours, dog wardens and even councils.

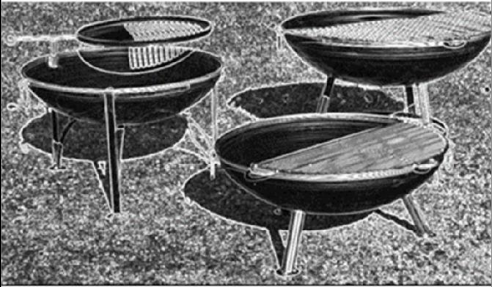
Aim to have a dog that loves company in and out of the house, but is also laid back and relaxed when left home alone.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

FRAMFIELD BRANCH

I have not had any volunteers from my note in the March Newsletter and, with regret, I shall have to start the process to wind up the Framfield Branch.

I will contact the other local branches to see if they would be able to do the Poppy Appeal collections in Framfield this year and will give details in the July Newsletter

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

The Parish Council met remotely twice since the last magazine. If all restrictions are lifted live meetings will return in the summer.

At their last meeting they commissioned the tree survey of all Parish property – a three yearly event for insurance purposes. They also resolved to appoint the supplier for topping up our three play areas before the school summer holidays.

Meetings have been held with the Police and Wealden District Council (WDC). The Chairman raised his disappointment at the seemingly inaction of the Police when the Parish has been in receipt of a higher amount of criminal damage. It is hoped that although we can't be assigned a PCSO of our own we will have closer liaison in future. We have also been having regular meetings with WDC on the Local Plan although it is still early days.

A surcharge is payable by allotment tenants if they have not paid by 1 June and no reminders are sent out. Plots will be deemed vacant if not paid for by 1 July. This is particularly relevant at Blackboys where we have a waiting list. The Parish Council acting as Trustees will not hesitate to serve notice on tenants with untended or unpaid plots.

Planning applications – residents are no longer being sent letters by Wealden District Council (WDC) as part of the consultation process, only advice notices will be on sites/households – this is all part of WDC's 'Drive to Digital'. If any anyone, whether the applicant in an application or an interested party wishing to make representation to the PC, please contact me at the earliest opportunity The Parish Council receives weekly lists of applications which can also be accessed on the WDC website so I can easily pinpoint if an application has been submitted.

http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Leaflets_And_Publications/Weekly_List_of_Planning_Applications/Planning_Weekly_List.aspx.

Recreation grounds, play areas etc - If anyone believes they have discovered a fault or problem with play equipment at one of the play areas, could they please contact me immediately. Although the areas are inspected on a weekly basis, any additional notification is important to the Council.

All agendas are put on the village noticeboards and website. The full minutes of all meetings are also on the website. Please do not rely on the contents of this magazine for meeting dates etc as the website and noticeboards are more up to date.

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Website: www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2021 - These dates/times are provisional.

All planning applications are currently being dealt with under delegated authority.

On each date detailed below, an informal Trust update will be held at 7 pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm.

27 July - 28 September - 30 November

ALLOTMENT RENTS – ARE DUE

All tenants have been sent the renewal documentation by email where an email address is held on file.

Please check your spam boxes if you haven't received an email and make contact with the Parish Clerk.



NEWLIFE

NEW LIFE CHURCH MID SUSSEX

Dear readers

I've been looking at previews of David Hockney's latest exhibition of paintings currently housed at the Royal Academy in London. The collection is called 'The Arrival of Spring, Normandy, 2020.' Descriptions of these colourful paintings use phrases such as 'uplifting', 'movingly optimistic', 'full of the promise of Spring', 'joy to an injured world.'

That's a pretty good description of how you may be feeling, as Spring moves centre stage in our glorious part of the world. The freshness of green leaves, flowers, lush landscapes and the sheer vitality of new growth in the countryside cannot fail to be uplifting. Hockney's paintings capture the brightness of a Spring landscape wonderfully well.

If you studied Philosophy & Ethics as part of your RE programme at school, you will have met the traditional arguments for the existence of God, via inductive reasoning (arguments you can't prove, but are supported by human experience) and deductive reasoning (arguments depending on logic, not on experience). Fascinating stuff.

One of these, amongst the ontological (to do with existence), and cosmological (the universe cannot account for its own existence) arguments, is the teleological argument. The teleological argument looks at end results and draws conclusions (telos in Greek = ultimate aim). So when we look at the beautiful order, the staggering complexity of life in

full bloom of Spring - birds, bees, lambs, flowers, trees, the sun's closeness as the earth tilts nearer - we inevitably wonder if this hasn't arisen by blind chance.

What are we to make of this complexity, order, and breathtaking beauty, especially in Spring, which moves our hearts and fills us with fresh hope and longing?

The teleological argument is often called the design argument. Things seem to work well to perform a function.

This orderliness in the universe would seem to point to an intelligent designer - God. God, the intelligent Being. God who therefore exists. God who wants to appeal to our sense of wonder, to pull us emotionally into Him, through seasons such as Spring.

This is such a precious time of year, especially so, as lockdown ends. I hope you're enjoying its brief, dazzling glory.

I end this short foray into philosophy with a 3000 year old poem:

'The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

Day after day they continue to speak.

Night after night they make him known.

They speak without a sound, or word.

Their voice is never heard.

Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.'

(Psalm 19)

My prayer is that, through these glorious Designs, we meet the Designer, who created us, as personal beings, that we might enjoy his love for us, and delight in all his goodness and glory.

Every blessing

Clive Cernik, Leader, New Life Church Mid Sussex



We are very pleased to report we raised a fantastic amount from the clothing collection. Framfield School are very grateful to all those who kindly donated and the support we have received from both the village community and the wider areas of Buxted, Uckfield, Blackboys and Heathfield. It is very much appreciated.

The funds raised will go towards improving the outside space for the children with the construction of a new pergola and improvements to the playground.

A colorful advertisement for Blackboys Pre-School. At the top left is a circular logo with a smiling yellow star and the text "Blackboys Pre-School". To the right, a dark blue speech bubble contains the text "New registrations available!". Below this, a large text block reads: "Where children experience an enriching environment, strong relationships, and the freedom to learn through play". Further down, another text block states: "Children are welcome from 2-5 years old and accept government funding for all 3+ year olds, and 2 year olds who qualify". A blue speech bubble contains the text: "Open Monday - Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm, hourly sessions and rates available." Below this, a yellow speech bubble says: "To find out more or to visit this special setting, contact Marian:". The contact information is listed as "Tel: 01825 891113" and "Email: enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk". At the bottom, the address is "The Village Hall, Gun Road, Blackboys, TN22 5JY". A small Facebook icon and the text "Blackboys Pre-School" are in the bottom right corner. A photo of two children playing in a garden is visible in the lower left of the advertisement.



Framfield & Blackboys WI

Despite the lockdown, our Committee has been working hard within the Covid guidelines preparing for the 'new normal'.

The Hare & Hounds have kindly made their marquee available so that small groups of members could get together for coffee hosted by a Committee member. This has enabled us to keep in touch while complying with Covid regulations.



NEW VENUE AND MEETING TIME

Following an overwhelming vote to change our meeting time from evenings to afternoons, future meetings will take place on the

**Second Friday Of The Month from 2 to 4.30 pm At
The Church Hall**

First meeting at our new venue: Friday July, 9th

Our August meeting will be over
LUNCH AT THE HARE & HOUNDS

Date to be advised.

If you would like to find out more about our WI, why not come along to one of our meetings as a visitor. Please contact

Delia Gillies on 01825 890825 or Jackie Samways on 01825 890917.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I will be attending my first live Council meeting at WDC shortly. Because restrictions are still in place the number of councillors will be restricted, the rest will have the opportunity to join the meeting remotely so it will be an interesting one. Let's hope the technology holds out!

The Great British Spring Clean takes place from 28 May to 13 June and although I have already given out litter picking equipment, I have managed to obtain some more so if anyone requires anything let me know. WDC would also like to be able to map which areas are being cleared on a regular basis so again any information would be great. Thank you to those who are already out their litter picking.

I am keeping a sharp eye on any imminent large planning applications within the Parish or adjacent to, should they potentially have an impact on us as residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns.

WDC did not raise their portion of the Council Tax this year. Discounts are also available to households with difficulties – these are not always just financial, but if there are medical issues as well. Do get in touch if you think this might apply to your household.

We have been informed by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) that they are to review all parliamentary constituencies in England and as part of the review ten more constituencies will be added – the complete opposite of their intentions when they commenced a review several years ago! The work starts shortly, followed by an eight-week consultation period with the results being known in 2023. This will not affect either WDC or ESCC only the Parliamentary boundary although of course it might just all become more confusing! 'Watch this space' is really all I can say.

Please don't hesitate to contact me – I am happy to explain in more detail. Contact details – Ann Newton, 'Highlands', Blackboys, TN22 5LR. Telephone - 01825 890103.

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