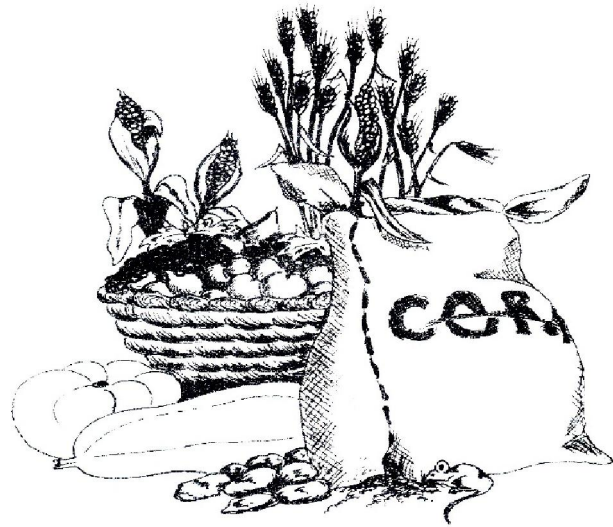


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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2022

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Note: The Church is now in interregnum. All enquiries to:

Vicar: Vacant

Churchwarden: Mr Graham Seldon
01825 508758

**Secretary to the PCC
and Church Admin:** Mr Barry Richardson

Treasurer: Mrs Gaynor Robson

**All communications for church matters should be
directed to the Church Office:**

Email: admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk
Post: Vicarage Barn, Brookhouse Lane,
Framfield TN22 5NH
Telephone: Please leave a message - 01825 891090

**Note: The Church Office is not staffed on a full-time basis.
Messages may be left on the Office answerphone.**



From the Church Registers

Baptisms: None

Weddings: 20th August: Jamie Donald Diplock and
Josephine Katrina Moore

At rest: None

Well, the Vicar has retired, but we are still a working church!

Well Revd Chris went out in style after a Morning Praise Service and a High Tea on Sunday 28th September. Thank you to all who attended the service and those who contributed, organised, attended, and catered for, the afternoon tea. The Church Hall was packed full!

I am sure I speak for us all in saying:

Best Wishes to Chris, Sarah, Phoebe, Lois, Isobel and Olivia.

Not forgetting Nigel and Benoit (cats are family!).

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admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk.

However, messages may still be left on the office answerphone (01825 891090).

(The old email revchris.framfield@gmail.com has closed as of 31st August 2022.)

For urgent enquiries please contact the Church Warden, Mr Graham Seldon, on 01825 508758, email : warden@framfieldchurch.org.uk

Please note that the latest notices and information are always posted on the church website. - www.framfieldchurch.org.uk. Please check this website as it will have the most up-to-date information regarding service details and the rota. ***This will be increasing in importance as we organise visiting clergy or in case of last-minute cancellations due to weather etc.***

What happens now ?

We intend to continue to hold a service each Sunday in Church and online, with the help of our Churchwarden, volunteers, and visiting clergy, and would like to assure all parishioners that St Thomas à Becket, as your local church, will do its best to continue to offer the same service and help that

we have in the past. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any baptism, wedding, funeral, visiting or help which is needed in the parish.

The visible presence of the church is a comfort to many who rarely go inside and a reminder that prayer and worship have gone on in this place for over 800 years. This feeling of peace, which many feel inside the building, is due to the presence of the Holy Spirit, the manner in which Jesus said He would be with us after His bodily form had left the earth, and the means through which He works today.

We have felt His presence and seen Him work, because prayer ministry and worship still go on in this place.

What is not so obvious is the pastoral work and visiting which continues as before. By its very nature, this is confidential, but much appreciated by those who have needed support. We offer private prayer after each service and have a group of trained people who will pray simply or just listen if that is needed.

Much like housework, the work of cleaning, grass cutting and flower arranging etc. is not appreciated fully until those who do it have stopped!

Appointing a new vicar can be quite a lengthy process, with a few layers of bureaucracy involved – be assured we will keep you all informed as best we can.

Blessings to all in the Parish.

Graham Seldon, Churchwarden

Barry Richardson, PCC Secretary

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Diary of Church Services

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OCTOBER 2022

- 02 Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd Nick Lamb)
- 09 Harvest Festival - Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
(with Christine Hayler)
- 16 Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd John Cleaver)
- 23 Last Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
(with Peter Berry)
- 30 Fourth Sunday before Advent**
10.00 am Morning Praise
(with Christine Hayler)

NOVEMBER 2022

- 06 Third Sunday before Advent**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd John Cleaver)
- 13 Remembrance Sunday (Second Sunday before Advent)**
10.00 am Family Remembrance Service

- 20 Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd Nick Lamb)
- 27 Advent Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)

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TO

ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182

Please note new email address:

clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Mrs Ann Newton (Parish Clerk)

Telephone/fax: (01825) 890182.

Please note new Email: clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

**Postal Address: 'Highlands', Framfield Road, Blackboys,
East Sussex TN22 5LR.**

Parish Council website: www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk

**CHURCH NEWS ITEMS MAY ALSO BE
EMAILED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk

**This bi-monthly Newsletter is distributed free to all homes
(around 1100) within the Parish.**

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Church Opening Hours are now 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
(10.00 am to 3.00 pm in winter)

The Churchyard

Dear Friends,

I lived in the parish of Framfield for 56 years, and for the past 11 years in Buxted. I have worked on the maintenance of the Churchyard for the past 53 years and been in charge for the last few years, under the supervision of the Vicar.

The Churchyard is kept tidy as we can, with help from our volunteers, and funds from generous donations.

I would like this year to give special thanks to two volunteers, one from Bexhill and one from Eastbourne, who have been very helpful with strimming, hedge cutting, fencing, and painting.

If you would like to help us with the maintenance, by joining us, please contact me: freddy@framfieldchurch.org.uk. To donate to expenses, please go to: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk/donate.html>

Thanks again to all.

Mr Frederick Pratt (Freddy)

Magazine delivery

Is there anyone out there who would like to take on a Parish Magazine round – it takes about half an hour and includes Framfield Place and Hammonds Green. Six deliveries per year.

Please contact Barbara on 01825 891172.



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

**9th October 2022 (Harvest Festival)
13th November 2022**

Looking for a local venue ?

Then look no further!

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 children's birthday parties. Our rates are £11.00 per hour. For one off users (parties, wedding receptions etc), the hourly rate is £15.00.

For more details about the hall and its events please get in touch with Graham Seldon on 01825 508758, mobile 07973 685992, or email: hoss.graham@outlook.com

Nature Notes

The climate change emergency we are experiencing is a bit of a paradox. We are currently experiencing a drought in many places around the world. However, the truth is that with the high temperatures, more surface water from planet Earth has evaporated and is suspended within the atmosphere above our heads and around us, and I mean billions of tons of water! So, why does it not fall as rain? The answer is – that it does, but only when the atmospheric conditions allow it. The Met Office say “The Earth's atmosphere exerts pressure on the surface. Pressure is measured in hectoPascals (hPa), also called millibars. Areas of high and low pressure are caused by ascending and descending air. As air warms it ascends, leading to low pressure at the surface. As air cools it descends, leading to high pressure at the surface. In general, low pressure leads to unsettled weather conditions and high pressure leads to settled weather conditions.” The strength of these conditions is governed by solar energy.

The problem now is that when it does rain, more of it falls than it has in the past and this causes floods. All of this is because greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide and methane are trapping heat energy within the global atmosphere. So, the average temperature of the planet surface is rising leading to more extreme conditions, namely, more heat and more rain. There is also likely to be stronger wind. Such as in 1987.

So, what does this mean for nature (the biosphere)? These factors, heat, floods, and strong wind act as selective forces. Those animals and plants etc not coping, will become victims, and those that are able to cope with the conditions, will survive to breed. In the long term, this will lead to new species evolving on the planet. A process that takes many centuries. It was climate change due to a meteor that did for the dinosaurs.

What does this mean for humans? Well, if we are causing these changes by burning fossil fuels, our conscience should induce us to reverse the trend, because this natural selection will differentiate the survivors from the victims. In France, 15,000 people died of heat related causes in the very hot summer of 2003. Also, I am seeing animals in France now that books published in 1999 say should be further south. The one thing that is constant in nature is change. We surely must stop burning fossil fuels.

Martyn Stenning

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

Community Governance Review – the Parish Council has asked to be included in a CGR organised by Wealden District Council. The request is to ask for the number of councillors to be reduced from 11 to 9. We will know the outcome in due course.

Hall hire rates – the rates which hadn't been reviewed since 2017 have been changed to an hourly system but retaining local and non-Parish rates. These new rates are in line with neighbouring parishes.

Speed limits in Blackboys. Awaiting an update from ESCC.

Palehouse Common – issues with HGV's. The Council is still waiting for the costings to erect some new signs to discourage HGV's from entering Palehouse from the western end.

Blackboys Allotments – emails have been sent to tenants who appear not to be using their plots. If anyone is struggling and wishes to relinquish their plot please let me know.

Village Market – there are two markets left this year - 29 October and 26 November. The December date has been cancelled. Markets run from 10 – 12 noon in the Memorial Hall, Framfield. Everyone welcome.

Parish Magazine – if you would like to advertise in the magazine, please make contact. It is the adverts which fund the magazine.

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.

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182

Email: clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

Website: www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation.
Blackboys and Framfield Schools News

After a refreshing summer break, the staff and children of St Thomas a Becket Church of England, Blackboys and Framfield Schools, have been busy making a great start to term 1.

In the first week of term, both schools enjoyed a drum circle workshop, learning to play drum rhythms and working together as a team. Also, to celebrate our church school status, the children worked in their houses to make a recreation of Understanding Christianity's 'Big Frieze'; a visual representation of the whole bible. These big pieces of artwork now grace the hall at Blackboys and the main corridor at Framfield. Finally, all classes studied a picture book called 'My Beautiful Voice', which tells the reader about the impact an inspiring teacher can have on pupils who might usually be a little shy. The children used the book as an inspiration for their own writing, be it in poetry, narrative or non-fiction form.

Our two schools are working really closely together at the moment. Both are currently working on their upcoming Harvest Festivals. Lorraine from the Uckfield Food Bank has spoken to both schools to inspire their harvest food collections and the schools are filled with lovely singing of traditional harvest hymns and songs.

In the summer, Framfield School had an external re-refresh, with new paint at the front of school and repairs to brickwork and roof. At Blackboys the outside area for Class 1 was totally re-vamped with an exciting new reading den added. The Federation Football kit was also replaced with a smart new look sponsored by local company MJD Designer Homes. Thank you to them for their support. The kit has arrived just in time for the boys' and girls' football tournaments at Uckfield College.

Although the new academic year has only just begun, we are thinking already about opening our schools for show rounds ready for Reception pupils for September 2023. Please keep an eye out on the schools' websites

for details and for the latest news and updates check out our Twitter feeds: @blackboyschool and @framfieldcep

Thank you for your interest in our two schools.

Graham Sullivan
Interim Executive Headteacher
St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation
Blackboys CE School
Framfield CE School



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NEWLIFE

NEW LIFE CHURCH BLACKBOYS

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. I Corinthians 15 v 19

This verse from the Bible really resonated with us over the past weeks - as we, like I am sure all of you, were deeply saddened at the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. However, over and above this was the wonderful realisation that she no longer was constrained to the duty and cares of this world - but was finally able to inherit her heavenly crown and meet her true king - Jesus - the one she had so faithfully served all her life. In her own words before her coronation, the Queen said: 'The whole of life is a journey to God ... I have not chosen this office for myself: He has appointed me to it, and I go to be consecrated to it by Him .. And because he leads, I may follow in complete trust.'

What a testimony she was, demonstrating what it looks like to follow Jesus - she led a life of service to others whilst recognizing that this life is not the whole story - that we are created to eventually live with Jesus in his eternal kingdom - and this is the HOPE that we have and long to share with those in our community. In the midst of suffering, illness and pain that so many of us experience here on earth - He promises hope to those who choose to follow him.

Our Sunday meetings are for everyone. Why? Because all kinds of people were attracted to Jesus and wanted to come and hear him. We welcome you regardless of your circumstances, age, background, or experience of church.

We currently meet every Sunday at Blackboys C of E Primary School.

We start our Sunday meetings with coffee, tea, and cake from 10.15am to 10.45am, at which point the meeting follows and usually lasts until 12.15pm. There is a group for children for part of our time together and a family service for all ages once a month, followed by lunch together.

We'd love to meet you ... you are welcome to just drop in and say hello!

We also have a young people's activity group called Let's Have Fun which meets fortnightly at the weekend.

We are also hugely privileged to work in the Primary School using Open the Book - bringing the stories of Jesus alive through acting with the children once a fortnight

Please phone us if you would like someone to pray for you, or if you'd like to know more about us.

Email : newlifechurchblackboys@gmail.com

Call: Suzanne Hammond on 07794 869384

Website: newlifemidsussex.com

Waldron Community Market

The Waldron County Market has become the Waldron Community Market.

Waldron Community Market meets at Holy Cross Priory Village, Lewes Road, Cross in Hand on the 2nd Thursday each month at 10.00am until 12.30pm. Currently we are all indoors with a wide range of quality foods and exciting crafts. If ideas go to plan, we hope to increase our 'offer' of producers with new stalls trading outside as well as inside to create a 'virtual' High Street. Refreshments are served until midday in the elegant Boughton Lounge, so making for a relaxing and pleasurable shopping experience. More information is available on our website:

www.facebook.com/waldroncommunitymarket/

Graeme Mackenzie can be contacted either on the via email gandsmack@uwclub.net or telephone 01435 866419 for details".



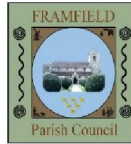
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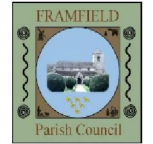
A 2-page pull-out, with useful information to keep



In a time of anxiety and stress with the cost of living, there is little comfort in knowing that the price cap on energy is set to rise 80% from the 1st October 2022. At the time of print, the new Prime Minister has stepped in replacing the energy price cap with the energy price guarantee. This has alleviated some of the concern about increased energy costs, but it is worth exploring what agencies, support and charitable organisations may be able to do to help you.

This information is also downloadable from the Framfield Parish Council website using the QR code above.

Unfortunately, there is too much information to put into the Parish Magazine. If you need support and do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can contact the Parish Council for some extra assistance.



Here are some support organisations and services available:

Turn2US is a national charity that provides practical help to people who are struggling financially. There is a wealth of information available on their website along with social media links. There is also a useful benefits calculator that can help you make an initial assessment as to whether there is financial support available to you through the benefits system.

Website: <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Your-Situation/Cost-of-Living>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/sharer/sharer.php?u=https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Your-Situation/Cost-of-Living>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/intent/tweet/?url=https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Your-Situation/Cost-of-Living>

Helpline: 0808 802 2000 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday)

Wealden District Council (for Wealden pensioners), they are having a 'benefits Day' on the 31st August 2022 between 9am and 5pm at the Vicarage Lane, Hailsham Council Offices.

Please see this link: <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/news/benefits-day-to-be-held-for-wealden-pensioners/>

For anyone else within Wealden, you can check the Wealden District Council website to see if you are entitled to any benefits or support:

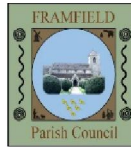
<https://www.wealden.gov.uk/benefits/what-help-can-i-get>

Benefits Team - Wealden District Council: 01323 443500 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday)

East Sussex County Council have a Welfare Benefits Helpline. This link provides lots of information as to how you can access benefits and grants:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/social-care/benefits>

East Sussex welfare benefits helpline: 0333 344 0681 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday)



Wealden (Uckfield) Citizens Advice Centre can provide free confidential, independent and impartial advice on multiple issues that affect your life. They can be contacted online or by phone. In some cases, an appointment may be made to visit their centre. You may be able to get an emergency food parcel voucher from the CAB to use at the Uckfield Foodbank.

You can find lots of useful information and support here:

<http://www.wealdencitizensadvice.org.uk>

To speak with an advisor: 0808 278 7811 or 0800 144 8848 **

**See their website for advice and appointment times throughout the week:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/local-citizens-advice-details/?serialnumber=100821>

Uckfield foodbank may be able to help you if you are struggling to put food on the table. They are a charity, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK

See their website for more information: <https://uckfield.foodbank.org.uk>

If you need to contact them directly, it can be done by calling 01825 745489 or email admin@uckfield.foodbank.org.uk

The quickest way to reach them is by email. Emails and telephone messages will be responded to between 10am and 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays

Uckfield Community Fridge is available 10am-12pm Tuesday, Friday and Saturdays, and 4pm-5.30pm on Wednesdays. Set up by volunteers, their aim is to reduce food waste and redistribute surplus food in Uckfield whilst bringing people together and connecting them with their community. Everyone can give, and everyone can receive.

Anyone can pop along, Based in the large green container off the Luxford Field in Uckfield.

Find out more here: <https://www.facebook.com/UckfieldCommunityFridge>

Framfield Parish Council - if you cannot find the right support or want some assistance with sign posting to the right service, you can contact us. We'll do what we can to point you in the right direction.

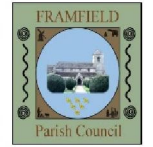
You can email: clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

Phone/Leave voicemail with your name and contact number: 01825 890182

Wealden District Councillor – Ann Newton is also available to help local residents who may need help accessing the right agencies and getting you the right support.

You can email: clr.ann.newton@wealden.gov.uk

Phone/Leave voicemail with your name and contact number: 01825 890103



Mental health is also important. There are many organisations available to offer to support to you. Do not struggle alone, someone will always be there to listen to you if you find yourself in a bad place.

You can do this through the NHS online: <https://sussexcamhs.nhs.uk/help-im-in-crisis/> and follow the online guide. If you have made an attempt on your life or self-harmed and need urgent medical attention, call 999 and ask for an Ambulance.

If you are in crisis and need somebody to talk to, these links and numbers may help you get back to a better place:

The Samaritans. You can contact them 24/7 by phone, email, letter and by app.

Call them free (anonymously if you wish) on 116 123

See their website for more support: <https://www.samaritans.org>

Childline. They are there to help anyone under the age of 19 with any issue that they are going through. It is free and confidential 24/7

See this link for various ways to contact them: <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support>

Or you can call: 0800 1111

Other useful organisations that are available to support you with a mental health crisis:

www.papyrus-uk.org

www.harmless.org.uk

www.lifesigns.org.uk

www.thecalmzone.net

There are also some smartphone apps available offering support and advice. You can find these in the Play Store for Android, or Apple's App Store:

- Stay Alive
- Calm Harm
- Mind Shift
- distrACT
- Mood Tools – Depression Aid
- Well Mind
- In Hand

Personal Memories of our late Majesty the Queen from
Parishioners



“At the moment I am in my home in Provence listening to the many sad tales about the Queen, but I've just heard an amusing story about Theresa May and the cheese on a picnic with the Queen.

I have been a professional chef working at Buckingham Palace, Claridge's and the Savoy. I was Chef Garde Manger, or larder chef, preparing all cold work.

Part of my job was to open oysters which were served on ice, and this was often done in front of the customers.

One day I noticed the Queen looking at me very carefully, after a while she got up and walked over to me which terrified me rather, and she asked me, "do you know why I'm looking at you so carefully?". I replied, “No, Your Majesty I hadn't noticed”.

She then went on with a twinkle in her eye to say, "I'm watching in case you find a pearl in those oysters you are opening for me, and if you do it will be mine!"

She then went on to ask me exactly how they should be opened and the different methods”.

If anyone else has had meetings with the Queen and have any amusing anecdote, please let me know and I will put in the next issue of the village magazine? – Parish Clerk.

THE COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS OF FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ARE DEEPLY SADDENED AT THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY AT THIS TIME.



A book of condolence was placed in the Church for residents to express their sympathy. The book was opened on 9 September 2022 and was closed at 5 pm on the day following the funeral. The book will be passed onto Wealden District Council who will arrange for it to be sent to The Keep (ESCC Archive).

MY LIFE WITH FUR AND FEATHER

INTRUDERS

I am writing this in early September so by the time you are reading it; it will be quite dark and gloomy. This summer the weather has been very strange, from heat waves to torrential rain. The pond in our wood hardly had any water in it and was surrounded by thick mud. My son's black and white Spaniel decided to take a short cut across the pond to come and see me and come out completely black. She was not pleased when I hosed her off and made horrible cries of protest. Incredibly just after this we had a rainstorm and the next morning, I was amazed to see the pond was completely full. A few days earlier a new telegraph pole was installed in our garden right next to the drive. I walked down the drive and saw that all the filling for the pole had been washed out as the water rushed down the drive. The electricity people had to come out and fill the hole to make it safe!

The first intruders I noticed were bees who decided to make a nest neatly tucked behind the weather boarding above the kitchen window. They were fine, no trouble at all. Eventually they all vanished. Meanwhile wasps arrived and decided to build a nest again under the weather boarding on the opposite side of the cottage by the French doors leading on to the terrace that is used frequently by family, visitors, and dogs. They were fine, very good tempered, ignoring all the comings and goings. I could stand directly under their nest building and quite enjoyed watching them. However, one night when the lights were on they suddenly changed. The outside of the French doors was covered in agitated wasps, luckily, they were closed. I went to bed and had the light on and could see some wasps on the window. It was closed so I was not bothered. I then became aware of something flying round the room, it was a wasp, and then I noticed another one. I climbed out of bed and went into the kitchen to find a container and suitable cover so I could catch the wasps and put them outside. Eventually I captured the two now angry wasps. The French doors were still covered in wasps so I could not open them. I unlocked another door and let them out. I then went back to bed to read my book. Something whizzed past me, another wasp then another, soon there were lots of them flying round the room. I climbed out of bed, looked behind me to see a wasp crawling about on my bed, then managed to step on one who reasonably enough

stung the bottom of my foot. I know people love going to the gym or going to keep fit classes but why bother when you can get all the exercise you need trying to catch a room full of wasps. Eventually after an hour or more I had collected all of them, no wasp was hurt during this exercise! I then bravely went outside to see how they had managed to get in, taking a long-handled broom so I could bang all-round the window frame. Eventually I found a tiny gap that they had managed to squeeze through.

It must have been the strange weather as I was then getting bitten by midges that came indoors and then had lots of flies who would fly into my mug of tea and drown. I am quite happy with spiders and spent some time gently guiding them into suitable hiding places so I would not stand on them. They also liked the bathroom, so I had to remove them before showering. One day I saw a big thing on the French door I could not work out what it was then realised it was a huge slug I had never seen anything like it before.

The wasps all settled down again and did not try and come indoors again and the midges stayed outside and so did the flies.

On the plus side the wildlife is wonderful, and the woodpecker eats from the feeder attached to the window, so I get a wonderful close-up view of him and today the Long-tailed tits are back, it used to be November or December when they arrived so are seasons are changing

Hazel Carter 01825830477



FRAMFIELD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December 12 - 3pm Framfield Village Hall

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Great Tit by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Just for the record, I've never trusted them. Unlike all the other familiar, friendly faces on my back garden bird table there's just something about the Great Tit that's always made me suspicious. Perhaps it's my mistrust of uniforms. The Great Tit's smart plumage with a collar, black tie and a glossy black cap makes them look too official, too authoritative. And that bright yellow chest? Far too garish for the garden.

Their behaviour isn't exactly endearing either. Great Tits are the bullies on the bird table. They'll aggressively assert their authority and violently peck at other birds as they plunder the peanuts. When a house-hunting Great Tit can't find a suitable hole to nest in, it'll simply evict a Blue Tit and move in.

Their dominance is also heard in spring when their two-note song, "Tea-cher! Tea-cher! Tea-cher!" rings out through our woodlands. It was this "Tea-cher!" that taught me my first lesson in bird song identification; an easily recognisable two-note war cry used to proclaim the tit's territory. But I was soon to learn that not everything was how it seemed. Each male actually has an average of four different songs, which can be sung at three different tempos. This varied repertoire is a sly Beau Geste trick employed to trick other Great Tits into thinking that a woodland is more crowded than it really is. The birds who know the most tunes secure larger territories and breed more successfully. And it's a trick that fools me each year too; if I don't recognise a bird call in the woods it's always a Great Tit.

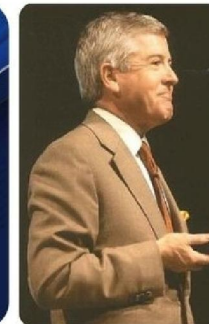
Through aggression and deceit, these birds have successfully established an empire that spreads from England to China. And it's from the far-flung corners of this empire that we've recently received reports of some rather worrying behaviour. From Finland came news of a group of Great Tits changing their vegan diet of seeds and nuts to something much more meaty: other birds. In Hungary, scientists made the chilling discovery of a population of Great Tits which have developed a taste for the brains of hibernating bats. Sure, these are isolated incidents at the moment but with human society plunging rapidly towards the abyss and an army of Great Tits acquiring a taste for blood and brains, is it unreasonable to hypothesise a post-apocalyptic future where humans are at the mercy of plagues of zombie Great Tits? Close your windows people – they're coming for us.

Bevern View News



Dinner & Auction

With guest speaker Dr Harry Brünjes



We are thrilled to be able to share an evening of 'Science and Show business' with our guest speaker Dr Harry Brünjes, Chair of The English National Opera and The London Coliseum in the beautiful Barcombe Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 12th November.

Our wonderful Patron, Natasha Kaplinsky, will be hosting the event and drinks will be served from 7pm accompanied by The Torino String Quartet. As usual, following the three-course meal we will have another incredible auction which will close the evening and the hope is that we raise enough vital funds to give our residents 'more from life'.

For further details on how you can purchase tickets for the event head to our website – beverntrust.org. We very much look forward to seeing you there!

If you would just like to see what our residents get up to at Bevern View then we recommend you watch our video which can, again, be found on the website.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Her Majesty the Queen – I was saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty the Queen and my thoughts immediately went to her family. To see her, admittedly looking frail, welcoming the new Prime Minister on the Tuesday, and then to hear of her death on the Thursday was a surprise. Although, to hear that she passed peacefully surrounded by her family, who could ask for more.

I then became part of a team putting into place the arrangements in line with the royal protocols for the District and Parish. Details of the Parish book of condolence which was placed in the Church are elsewhere in the magazine.

As Leader of the Council, I was privileged to attend on Sunday, 11 September 2022, the Proclamation announcing the Accession of King Charles III as the new Sovereign at Lewes County Hall (on behalf of the County Council), Hailsham War Memorial (on behalf of the District Council) and Uckfield Civic Offices (on behalf of the Town Council).

Along with many others, this is all very new to me. Not many of us can remember the death of the last Sovereign or be fully aware of the arrangements which follow. It is so interesting and I have learned so much in the last few days. Is there another country like us? I feel very proud to be British.

At the time of writing, her Majesty's funeral has not taken place but I am sure this will be another glimpse into how we do things so well and with such respect.

I understand that King Charles III will then travel to many countries accompanied by Prime Minister Liz Truss. What a week the Prime Minister has had! But again, how well we all cope.

There is only one thing left to be said – God Save the King.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

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Scorchio – The Summer Show Returns



The 13th August saw the return of the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show after the difficulties caused of the past couple of years. It was an extremely hot day! The whole endeavour was a testament to the Summer Show Committee who put in the work to make the Summer Show 2022 take place, trying to recall all the details of what we do! As always, people just appear to assist in the setting up of all the paraphernalia of the event as the community congregates for the biggest celebration of what the parish does together. I have to thank ALL the helpers in whatever capacity they joined in with the preparations and dismantling.

The Summer Show itself was as much a success as always despite the weather being unhelpful. There were fewer entries in the competition sections but the standards were just as good as ever. There were some stunning blooms and flower arrangements as well as a range of tasty cooked produce and creative photograph entries. I am hoping that we can get back to the more normal entry numbers in 2023 when the weather might be more conducive to successful vegetable and flower growing and the heat less of a barrier. **We need you to have a go!** I would like to thank all of the judges, stewards and anyone who took the time to enter something in the 124 categories we have. It was overheard that "it was good that the show is still one of the bigger village shows and that it was back this year." We like to think "The Summer Show Is Back!"

The field and arena was a hive of activity, with stalls-a-plenty of all types and the area hosted a range of events to entertain including the Eastbourne Scottish Pipe Band, children's games, The Hopper's Derby and the return of the Egg Throwing Championship.

Around the arena were a creative range of scarecrows competing for the two monetary prizes. From the head in the soil "Mole Catcher" to Leah the Football Captain via the Flowerpot Men, the range was stunning and it was very difficult to reach a decision in both the family and child categories. I would like to thank GTD for their sponsorship in respect of the prizes. For this part of the show we were joined by TV chef Marcus Waring and his film crew, with Marcus entering his own scarecrow for part of his second series of Tales From the Kitchen Garden. We look forward to seeing our Summer Show on the BBC in 2023!

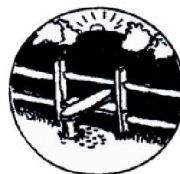
With the temperature above 35°C the refreshments and bar were busy. I would like to thank Harvey's and Three Acre breweries along with Bignose and Bearty cider for their contributions as well as the staffing teams that ran these so efficiently in trying conditions. Regretfully, after all the preparations we had to cancel the Dog Show element of the day for the safety of the dogs themselves in the heat. Rest assured we fully intend to bring back the Fun Dog Show in 2023. However, we were delighted to be joined by some Blackboys alpacas who will return next year!

Thank you to all who helped or came along to support the Summer Show. We look forward to seeing you next year! And please consider entering into the competition sections or adding your name to the ever-growing list of helpers (contact terry.everitt@outlook.com) that make the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show such a success.

Terry Everitt, Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show Chair

Summer Show Results

Trophy/Section/Award	For	Winner
The Hobbs Barton Cup	Best exhibit in show	Jenny Bacon
The John Dann Cup	Best "From My Garden" exhibit	Jenny Bacon
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup	Most points in Class 1	Terry Everitt
The Desmond Gunner Cup	Best exhibit in Class 2	Terry Everitt
The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Best carrots	Terry Everitt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	Best runner beans	Jeremy Bacon
The David Hazelden Plate	Best tomatoes	Richard Chapman
The Peter Butler Plate	Best dish of fruit	Saffron White
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Most points in flower classes	Jenny Bacon
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Best dahlia	Chantal Roser
The Geddes Rose Bowl	Most points for roses	Jenny Bacon
The Williams Cup	Best novice roses	<i>Not awarded in 2022</i>
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Best sweet peas	Eloise Adamski
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Best hydrangeas	Emma Page
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Best novice exhibit	Caroline Harrison
The Colonel Nigel Drew Cup	Novice Plate of Produce	<i>Not awarded in 2022</i>
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Most points (novice classes)	Jackie Argyrou
The Henry Cup	Most points floral arrangement	Margaret McSheehy
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Best floral arrangement	Margaret McSheehy
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Most points cookery section	Rachel Owen
The Arthur Makepeace Trophy	Best Cookery Exhibit	Christine Sullivan
The Barbara Briault Cup	Best exhibit children's section	Iris Adamski
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups	For most points in children's sections	
	4 years and under	Alma Joy Morrison-Hall
	5 to 7 years	Joni Morrison-Hall
	8 to 10 years	Iris Adamski
	12 to 16 years	<i>Not awarded in 2022</i>
The Sampson Bowl	Best handicraft exhibit	Sue Starnes
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup	Most points in photography	Ann Finch
The Burton Bowl	Best photography exhibit	Mark Owen
The Jeffery Victor Ludorum Trophy	Most successful family	Penny/Adamski Family
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture – Fruit and Vegetables		Terry Everitt
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture – Floral Art		M. Roser
Junior Competitor's Awards of Merit		Saffron White Logan Holland
The National Vegetable Society – Silver Medal & Diploma		Denise Taylor
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society		Terry Everitt
Best in Dog Show – Pedigree		<i>Not awarded in 2022</i>
Best in Dog Show – Novelty		<i>Not awarded in 2022</i>
Note on Trophies and Special Awards		
<i>Trophies are kept for one year, other awards are yours to keep in perpetuity.</i>		
<i>You will be contacted about returning the trophy in July. It should be given back clean and polished please.</i>		



Framfield & Blackboys WI

FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW

We were delighted to participate in this year's Summer Show. The event was much missed during Covid. Large numbers of people attended despite the sweltering weather. Our cake stall and jar tombo-la were both very successful as was our raffle. The prize of a hamper full of wonderful goodies was won by Steph Hammond.

AUGUST LUNCH



Earlier in the week, we gathered for our annual August lunch at the Hare & Hounds where we enjoyed excellent food and lovely, friendly service provided by Lorraine and her team.



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 890417. Follow us on Facebook or Google Framfield & Blackboys WI

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