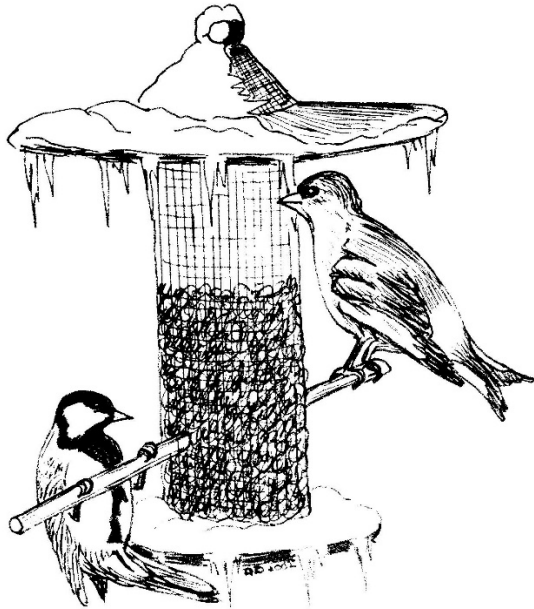


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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
LOCAL CHURCH

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER
01825 891033**

**PLEASE, PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE PHONE
NUMBER HAS CHANGED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

Note: The Church is now in interregnum.

**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 891033

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

Churchwarden: Mr Graham Seldon
(for urgent matters) 01825 508758

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

Treasurer: Mrs Gaynor Robson



From the Church Registers:

At rest: 13.12.2022: Elizabeth (Bet) Couling
No Baptisms or Weddings registered

Interregnum - Progress Report – new Incumbent

We will be part of a new benefice including Chiddingly, East Hoathly and Framfield. The new incumbent will initially be appointed as Priest in Charge of the benefice and will live in the East Hoathly vicarage. This is a central location to work from. 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.

Graham Seldon, Churchwarden and Barry Richardson, PCC Secretary

Letter from Revd James Vine as read out on 22nd January

Following an interview on 5th January we are pleased to announce the Bishop has appointed Revd James Vine as Priest in Charge of Framfield and Priest in Charge of Chiddingly with East Hoathly. The appointment was announced at Sunday service on 22nd January. As part of the announcement, we received a letter from Revd James, which follows below:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am so excited to have been called to serve you all in your three wonderful communities. Now that the official announcement has been made, I thought it would be good to introduce myself....

I was born and brought up in the Village of Westham, and attended schools in Westham and Eastbourne. I began a nursing career in Hastings in 1985, qualifying as a Registered General Nurse in the May of 1988, working initially in paediatrics, then moving on to Adult Cardiac Care. I responded to a call to Ordained ministry towards the end of the 1990's, attended theological college at St. Stephen's House Oxford, and was ordained in the summer of 2000.

Having served my Curacy at Eastbourne Parish Church, I have been Vicar of Saint Luke's Stone Cross with North Langney since 2003 and Priest in Charge of Pevensey Parish since September 2021. I am married to Clare and we have two grown up children; Chloe who is a Piano Teacher and lives with her husband in Rye, and Sebastian who lives with his Fiancé in Bournemouth and

manages a large Wetherspoons in the town centre. We have two dogs; Zorro, a Border Collie and Wicket, an English Cocker Spaniel. We also have a lone cockatiel called Eccles!

I am eager to begin this next chapter of my ministry with you all, particularly working with the schools in the Parishes as well as continuing the excellent work achieved by Chris and Phill. I hope to strengthen the links between the churches and the communities that they serve and can't wait to get to know you all over the coming months.

I'm also very pleased to announce that Bishop Martin has agreed for me to continue my role as training to my current Curate, the Reverend Janice Bartholomew. Janice is a part time, self-supporting minister, currently in Deacon's orders. Janice will be ordained as a Priest in June and is looking forward to continuing her training with you all in Framfield, Chiddingly and east Hoathly.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and I look forward to meeting you all in person following our move to East Hoathly.

With love and every blessing.

James (and Clare)

Wrap up well

We are all acutely aware of the rising costs of living – especially electricity. Unfortunately, we have an extensive electrical heating system in the Church and the Church Hall. Our electricity costs have risen by over 200%. The church is at the mercy of the economy, as we all are in this respect. We are running the heating system at a low level to keep our costs down as far as possible.

We hope the weather will not turn as cold as it did in mid-December. Please wrap up well when attending church!

Graham Seldon, Churchwarden and Barry Richardson, PCC Secretary

Contacting us

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

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

Please note that the latest notices and information are always posted on the church website. - www.framfieldchurch.org.uk.

Giving to the Church.

We are so grateful for any donations you are able to make. In a rapidly increasing cashless world, we are excited to announce that the church is now equipped with a cashless giving machine. Donations can be made easily using a credit or debit card. Simply select the cause you would like to donate to and the amount you wish to donate and tap your card on the top of the machine. We are currently collecting for the general church fund, the churchyard and our appeal for funds towards essential electrical works.

Christmas Services

We are pleased to have provided the usual Christmas Services this year, and despite the weather on 11th December a good number attended the Lessons and Carols service, which all enjoyed.

The Crib and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve proved very popular, thank you to Christine and her helpers.

Special thanks to Revd Nick Lamb, who conducted the Midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve.

We move forward into 2023.
Happy New Year to you all.

Diary of Church Services

Note: The latest church service information will always be on the Church website: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>

FEBRUARY 2023

- 05 Third Sunday before Lent**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd John Cleaver)
- 12 Second Sunday before Lent**
10.00 am Family Service
(with Christine Hayler)
- 19 Sunday next before Lent**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Rev Nick Lamb)
- 26 First Sunday of Lent**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion
(with the Bishop of Lewes
Rt Revd Will Hazlewood)

MARCH 2023

- 05 Second Sunday of Lent**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd John Cleaver)
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent**
10.00 am Family Service
(with Christine Hayler)
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd Nick Lamb)

26 **Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(with Revd John Cleaver)

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)

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BY 10th MARCH 2023**

TO

ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182

Please note new email address:

clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH COUNCIL –
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.

Appeal for Church Office Re-organisation and Electrical Supply

The Church Diocese intend to rent out the Vicarage as from the 1st of December 2022 following our Vicar Chris Lawrence’s retirement.

The church diocese will then terminate the electrical supply from the vicarage for the office on the 30th of November 2022. We are then required to arrange an alternative supply from our Church Hall to the office. This requires electrical and ground works to establish this new supply.

The total cost of these works amounts to £2100 which could not be planned within our budget. We have raised £1400 to date leaving £700 still to raise. Many thanks for your contributions.

This matter has come at a time close to Christmas and we appreciate our appeal is not happening at a good time.

If you are able help us raise the necessary funds, please either:

1. Sign up to the “Appeal sheet” in the church
2. The church is now equipped with a cashless giving machine. Donations can be made easily using a credit or debit card. Simply select the cause you would like to donate to and the amount you wish to donate and tap your card on the top of the machine.
3. Via our website: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk/giving.html>
4. Use the QR code:



<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b0aca34f-7696-4d7a-85a2-847ef236712a>

If you would like any more information please contact John Mordaunt on 01825 890443 or 07989 587459 or email: johnmordaunt1@gmail.com

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

12th February 2023

12th March 2023

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

Albedo (Latin for whiteness) is a term used in science to describe the amount of light from the sun that is reflected back into space. Namely, by clouds, snow, ice and anything white on the planet surface. In other words, the more light is reflected, the cooler the planet will be. For example, a white car, or any other white object, will reflect a little of the sun's rays, and be more visible than a dark colour, and also have a minute beneficial effect on global warming. Many animals have dark areas on their bodies to absorb light from the sun to keep them warm. It is not only humans that like to sun-bathe. As the days lengthen and the sun gets higher in the sky, many animals will sun themselves to get warm. Look out for birds doing it, also, reptiles and insects such as bumble bees.

Less light is reflected into space as polar ice and snow diminish. We should expect another hot summer this year. A good way to prevent drought affecting your garden is to install water butts to catch any rain that does fall. South-East Water Company often have offers to supply water butts at a subsidised price. Also, plant a tree, but make sure it is at least 7 metres from the house. I planted several trees in my Uckfield garden when we moved to our current house in 1987, now, the largest, a sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) is about 10 metres tall and shades parts of the garden, absorbs CO₂ and is a magnet for insects, birds and squirrels.

I had a camera 'trap' for my birthday this year, so I set it up in my garden to record moving animals. It has an infra-red light and camera that is triggered by movement, day or night. The camera also has a solar panel on the top to charge its internal batteries in daylight. With this camera, I have discovered that there is a wonderful healthy fox visiting our garden almost every night. The camera also records animal sounds. Other animals recorded and filmed includes humans, cats, squirrels and birds.

It has become increasingly important for us to understand, conserve and live with the rich and vital biodiversity that lives around us. Human populations are increasing and we are invading more of the natural world that we depend on. I have found it very rewarding to observe and study the natural world around me. Unless we understand it we cannot value it.

Martyn Stenning



Framfield & Blackboys WI

WI FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In these straightened times, members responded most generously to our request for donations to the Food Bank to be brought to our Christmas lunch. Items gifted ranged from everyday staples to gift boxes of biscuits and chocolates.



President, Delia Gillies with the donations

JANUARY LUNCH

At the time of writing, we're looking forward to our annual January lunch at the Hare & Hounds. I'm sure Lorraine and her team will do us proud, as ever.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 10 Feb Something From Your Past. Members bring treasured items which tell surprising or interesting stories.
- 10 Mar Talk by William Shaw, investigative journalist and author of over a dozen books both fiction and non fiction.
- 14 April Talk by Trevor Weekes of the Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service

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

PARISH MAGAZINE – ADVERTS ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL FROM 1 APRIL 2023. EMAILS WILL BE SENT OUT TO CURRENT ADVERTISERS – PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM BOXES. THE COPY NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY TO BE INCLUDED.

Ann - Parish Clerk

ALLOTMENT RENTS

Emails will be sent out in March to current tenants to renew their tenancies. Rents need to be paid by 1 June 2023 or an extra levy is applied.

Please check your spam boxes.

Ann - Parish Clerk

**Ashdown Singers - concert at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield,
Sunday 26th March 2023 at 3:00pm**

Our concert is in aid of the Holy Cross church organ fund with a programme of French music. The central focus will be a performance of Faure's Requiem, accompanied by his Cantique de Jean Racine and John Rutter's setting of Panis Angelicus by Franck. Continuing our theme of music by French composers, we are including pieces by two women - Mel Bonis (1858-1937) and Lili Boulanger (1893-1918). The choir will be accompanied on the organ by Tim Guntrip, the Director of Music at Holy Cross Church.

We have been delighted to return to performances in front of live and appreciative audiences over the last year. Our Musical Director Sam Barton, who has led us since 2020, has introduced the choir to new repertoire and all concerts now include at least one work by a composer from a minority group, an example being previously less familiar women composers of much ability such as the two featured. We have also welcomed several new members to the choir but are still keen to attract more new singers.

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A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO PRINT MATTERS WHO ONCE AGAIN HAVE NOT INCREASED THEIR PRINTING CHARGES. This enables the cost of advertisements in the magazine to remain the same and no charges are levied to organisations within the Parish wishing to submit copy.

A Big Thank You from Uckfield Art Group

Thank you to all those visitors who helped make the day such a success when Uckfield Art Group celebrated it's Autumn Exhibition in November. More than two hundred and thirty visitors passed through the doors to enjoy stunning original art at affordable prices and a great range of greeting cards. Only a handful of delicious homemade cakes were left at the end and the children had lots of fun on the activity table!!

The winning Artist with the most votes for the same picture was Denise Revell with "A Faithful Friend" (twenty four votes).

In second place was Annie Mills with "Rainy Stroll" (fourteen votes).

In third place was Rosemary Huxley with "Family In The Sun" (twelve votes)

Denise will be looking after the Tom Broad Trophy until the next Exhibition on Saturday 3rd June 2023 when you will have the opportunity to vote for your favourite picture once again. Another date for your diaries is November 11th when the Autumn Exhibition will take place. The Theme Section will be "Remembrance". Look out for more details nearer the time, but both Exhibitions will be in the Luxford Centre in the main town car park in Uckfield 10am - 4pm! Everyone welcome.

Fiona Flower

Can you help support me with my fundraising for animal & pet Search & Rescue ?



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I wanted to let you know I have started a crowdfunding Project for which I am aiming to raise £6,000. I would love it if you could donate using the link below or clicking the QR code to access my Project page.

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Parish Magazine Delivery

A volunteer, with car, required to deliver parish magazines to Tewitts Farm, Eason's Green, Pilgrim Hall, Diamond Farm, Pear Tree Cottage and all points in between.

It is six times a year and the current volunteer will gladly escort you on the round to acclimatise you to the route.

We can't manage without our loyal volunteers - please see if you could spare some time to deliver parish magazines.

Please ring Barbara on 01825 891172.

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. This has now progressed through the various stages and will hopefully be in place for the May 2023 elections.

Speed limits in Blackboys.

Lewes Road – the Parish Council has applied to ESCC for Community Match Funding to help cover the cost of reducing the speed limit on the Lewes Road through Blackboys.

High Street, Framfield Road - as part of the Reserved Matters application on the 50-house site, the speed limit on the Framfield Road to just beyond the site entrance will be reduced to 40-mph. The Parish Council is working with the developer and ESCC to progress options to reduce the High Street to 30-mph.

Old Nursery House appeal – the news came in that this has been allowed. The Parish Council will now concentrate on the Reserved Matters application when it is submitted to make sure that the village obtains, in the way of infrastructure, what is needed from the development.

Budget/Precept – at their November meeting the Parish Council agreed a budget of £72,838, but set the precept at £69,000, taking the balance from general reserves. This equates to an increase of £6.41 per year to an equivalent Band D Council Tax payer.

Pavilion – works to provide a ramp which is DDA compliant will commence in late February.

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

**Bevern
View News**



The Bevern Big Quiz Night

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THANK YOU FROM THE POPPY APPEAL



On behalf of the beneficiaries of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal I would like to thank everyone in the Parish who kindly donated to the appeal this year. I am delighted to let you know that we collected £1677.31 in the Framfield and Blackboys parish.

The appeal could not go ahead without our wonderful volunteers offering their time to carry out door to door collections so a special thank you to everyone who helped this year. If you have a few hours to spend in Oct/Nov and would like to help please contact me.

Dawn Lacey
dawnlacey@hotmail.co.uk
07990663543

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
www.walkinginengland.co.uk
john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Church Lunch in Chiddingly and East Hoathly

Chiddingly and East Hoathly churches hold a monthly Church Lunch. We would like Framfield people to join us. It's very informal and come as you are as you're able.

It usually happens on the first Sunday of each month at 12.30 pm, so the next one is scheduled for the 5th of February, and during the winter is in Chiddingly Village Hall. All are welcome. To book please email Peter and Faith - pf@zereg.com. Please state any dietary requirements.

It may also be of interest to your parishioners that we have a Bible study each week of a Thursday evening to which all are welcome either in person or on zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4563211258?pwd=dTVreXJLQXFzdVNrTUp0aVpZUzdJUT09>
at Burchetts Farm, Whitesmith BN8 6HA

We usually look together at the readings for the coming Sunday but during Lent we expect to be following the Chichester Diocesan Lent Course. We look forward to seeing and hearing some of you if you're able to join us.

Brimstone by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

It's around about now that I start getting a bit bored of winter. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a bit of bleak beauty: bare trees, frosted landscapes and all that. But now I need something to get my heart racing. Send me a sign – some life in the graveyard of winter, a promise of those dynamic spring months ahead, a flash of colour. In February my light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming butterfly.

On sculpted, vibrant yellow wings the Brimstone makes his elegant entrance into the New Year on those bright February days when you feel the warmth of the sun on your face. Its distinctive yellow wings have given birth to a legend – that this 'butter-coloured fly' inspired the word butterfly. This claim may not entirely be true. Also untrue is the notion that these February Brimstones are the first signs of the year's new life. Because by the time Brimstones appear in February they are already on their last (six) legs.

Fresh Brimstone butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in late summer, so by February they could be seven months old – and in butterfly years that's ancient. Admittedly almost all of that time they've been asleep in a hedge, sheltered from the storms under Holly and Ivy. Yet despite the worst winter weather they always emerge immaculate in the spring. They must be made of Teflon.

When they awake the (bright yellow) males search for a mate, they mate, the (pale yellow) females lay eggs and then both die. Still, an adult life of over ten months earns them the title of our longest-lived butterfly. An insect OAP.

The Brimstone's caterpillars feed on the leaves of Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn, unobtrusive shrubs which, like the butterfly, are widespread across Sussex. When I first became the proud owner of a garden it was only a matter of days before I evicted the gnomes and planted an Alder Buckthorn. The following spring I was excited to watch a Brimstone laying her tiny skittle shaped eggs and I studied the caterpillars as they hungrily defoliated my tree. It's funny, people often complain to me about caterpillars eating their plants –

especially cabbages (the food of Small and Large White caterpillars). Why people are concerned is beyond me. Cabbages are horrible. The only reason I would ever plant a cabbage is for the pleasure of watching something else eat it.

The first Brimstone sighting in February doesn't exactly mean that spring is starting but it's certainly a sign that winter is starting to end. And right now that's good enough for me. Either way this yellow butterfly is a welcome messenger of what's to come – the first sulphurous spark to ignite the blaze of spring.

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



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

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NEW LIFE CHURCH BLACKBOYS

***'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.'* Proverbs 3 v 5-6**

As we embark on a New Year - these words from the Bible are so precious - whatever lies ahead we can trust in Jesus - who is the same 'yesterday, today and forever!'

Just last week we looked at so many of God's promises to us that help us navigate these difficult times of bereavement, financial strain, anxiety over exams, jobs - so many things that will crowd in to steal our joy and peace. The young people learned the verse from Proverbs with actions - so good for them to have something true in their lives in times of increased pressure on them.

One verse that is so helpful as we ponder how to cope with all that the world throws at us is this one from John:

***'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'* John 14 v 27**

Our desire at New Life Church is to share this peace that we have found to be real and true in our own lives - through sickness, grief, troubles - and we want to share that with those around us. As you go into this New Year we pray that you may decide to investigate who Jesus is and get to know how he can transform your life - he is good and he keeps his promises! Check out our website to see that we are just ordinary people from the villages around Blackboys trying to live out a life that glorifies 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 or 01435 661054

Website: newlifeblackboys.com

SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN BLACKBOYS

There are concerns amongst residents in Blackboys about speeding traffic in the High Street and on Lewes Road. Local County Councillor Chris Dowling is working with Parish Council and a community group to press East Sussex County Council and Sussex Police to review the speed limits and take action.

To help address the speed issues in the High Street, a Community Speed Watch (CSW) group of volunteers could be set-up. The CSW system is a Police project and it is robust, with speeding motorists who are 'caught' by the CSW team reported online to the Police. The system has a rising level of contacts and warnings sent to offending motorists. Motorists who offend repeatedly and are reported can face Police prosecution.

Unfortunately, due to Police procedures and insurance cover, CSW cannot operate in Lewes Road.

The Parish Council would like to see a CSW set up in the Parish again, but a group of volunteers is needed- approximately 6 people. Training, equipment and support is provided.

Interested and want to help with road safety in Blackboys? Please contact the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton - 01825 890182 email - clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Good News – in December Government at long last announced that they were going to consult on potential ways to make decisions on what housing and infrastructure is needed locally. There is now a live consultation which runs until the beginning of March. This was only as a result of pressure put on Government by MP's supported by us/me/you. The devil will of course be in the detail and I understand that the MP's involved want out continued support to make sure we end up with what we need for where we live. We have therefore delayed the publication of our Local Plan during the consultation period.

A few other items which may be of interest – please contact me for the full details:

Electric vehicle charging points are due to be installed in Wealden-owned car parks soon.

Wealden is proposing to administer and manage a business grants programme so that rural businesses can apply for capital funding for projects which lead to job safeguarding. This might include the purchase of equipment and lasting assets or the conversion of buildings etc.

Councillors have agreed to earmark a £250,000 fund to help ease the current cost of living pressures.

As a Licensing Authority, Wealden is consulting on whether CCTV within both Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles would have a positive effect on the safety of passengers including children and vulnerable adults.

A new Wealden Vineyard guide for 2022/23 has been produced. In Sussex only there are roughly 50 vineyards, 16 within Wealden – they are all showcased in the guide.

As always, if you have any problems or queries please don't hesitate to make contact.

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

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at

Framfield Memorial Hall

on

Wednesday 8th February

7 for 7.30pm start

Teams of 6.

Horticultural knowledge NOT necessary

FABHS members free. Non-members £5 each

Please bring your own refreshments. Tea and coffee served in the interval.

For more information and to book your place call Jackie 07837 653371 or email Emma at fabhs.membership@gmail.com



MEETING SCHEDULE 2023

On each date detailed below, an informal Trust update will be held at 4.30 pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 5 pm.

At the time of issuing this notice, all meetings are to be held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, due to a regular booking in the Memorial Hall.

If there are planning applications which require the convening of a Planning Committee meeting these times may vary.

31 January

28 March

17 May

25 July

26 September

28 November

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, on 01825-890182 'Highlands', Blackboys TN22 5LR.

Agendas will be published on all noticeboards and the website - framfieldcouncil.org.uk

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE MARKET 2023

Memorial Hall, Framfield

The market opens from 10 am to 12 noon.

28 January

25 February

25 March

29 April

27 May

24 June

29 July

August – no market

30 September

28 October

25 November

16 December

Please contact Ann Newton with any queries
01825 890182 or email clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

Litter bins – our Parish litter bins have become targets for fly-tipping mainly of domestic waste. If anyone has any information could they please me know. Everyone is entitled to a bin collection paid through their Council Tax. No one should have to use our Parish bins for their own waste.

WHO'S WHO AT THE St THOMAS À BECKET NEWSLETTER

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Children and families – 0345 60 80 192 (see latest news above)

Library renewals – 0345 60 80 195

Library enquiries – 0345 60 80 196

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