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Blackboys Inn. Tel: 01825 890283
Hare & Hounds, Framfield. Tel: 01825 890327
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Framfield Service Station. Tel: 01825 890663
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Framfield Play Group, Memorial Hall. Jo Rayner Tel: 07881 960875
Framfield CE Primary School, Mrs Janet Wilde Tel: 01825 890258
Blackboys CE Primary School. Mrs Gillian Webb Tel: 01825
890423

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Tel: 01825 763196
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The Meads, Grange Road, Uckfield. Tel: 0844 4773373

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hrs) Gas. Tel: 0800111999
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further local businesses.

St Thomas à Becket Church

Parish Newsletter



**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

APRIL/MAY 2007

**LETTER FROM REV ERIC DORÉ AS READ OUT IN CHURCH
ON SUNDAY 25th MARCH 2007**

Dear Friends

Well, I wrote in the last Parish Magazine that life is often a mixture of joys and heartaches. It seems to have been a prophetic word for Maggie and myself.

Firstly, we are looking forward to returning to church ministry for holy week and especially the great celebration of Easter Sunday. But, secondly, it is with sadness that I have to tell you that, on the basis of medical advice received, Easter Sunday will be my last service at Framfield. We do hope that you will all come and share with us that day - Breakfast at 9am and the Family Communion at 10am. I am in discussions with the Bishop and my GP about plans for the future.

Maggie and I really want to thank all those (both inside and outside the church) who have supported us in nearly 7 years here. We firmly believe that we obeyed God's call to come here and that we have (in all circumstances - both joys and heartaches) tried to be faithful to that calling and to the gospel message that Jesus first proclaimed. The joy of seeing God at work through people coming to faith, others deepening their faith as well as people being healed has been wonderful.

We shall miss you and will (in due course) let you know where we are. We hope that some of you will keep in touch with us and that we will hear good news of God's church in Framfield.

With love in the Lord Jesus,

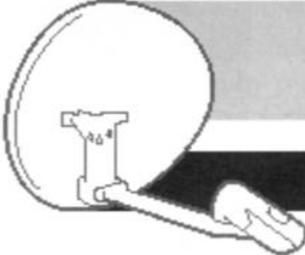
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Lastly, but probably most significantly, as everyone must know by now Parish and District elections are to be held on 3 May 2007. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact me or any of the Councillors listed below for details. Nominations have to be with WDC by 4 April 2007.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 27 March followed by 24 April 2007 both commencing at 7.30 pm.

Dates for all Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings are listed on the notice boards. Please contact any of the Councillors listed below or the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, who holds copies of the full PC meeting minutes.

Eryl Thomas (890360); David Andrews ((07765 320116); Myran Eade (890507); Jonathan Fenton-Vince (07903 234103); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Jack Gore (890494); Carey Jacobsen (07713 463471); Maria Naylor (0780 1230835); Rob Newton (890103); Ian Paisley (890904); Keith Riddle (890379).
Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax and answer machine)
Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours.

Framfield and Blackboys Allotments

Rents for the allotments are due on 1 April 2007. The cost per plot is £7.50.

Please pass your rents to the Clerk, Ann Newton, at 'Highlands', Blackboys, TN22 5LR.

Telephone number 01825-890182 for any queries.
Email address: framfield.pc@virgin.net.

Many thanks.

ST THOMAS À BECKET CHURCH FRAMFIELD



**EASTER IS THE TIME WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE
RISING OF GOD'S SON**

JOIN WITH US !!!

Good Friday 6th April

"Christ died for you"

10.00am Family Service
2pm Devotional Service

Easter Sunday 8th April

"Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

9am Breakfast in Church Hall

10am Family Communion – for all the family

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
LOCAL CHURCH**

Churchwardens : Mrs. Pat Tindall and Mr. Peter Tomsett (01825) 763460

Secretary to PCC : Mrs. Pat Herbert

Treasurer : Mr. Alasdair Smith

Office Administrator : Mrs. Anita Long

All communications for church matters should be left at the Church Office, Vicarage Barn, Framfield TN22 5NH which is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. Or, you can telephone the office on 01825 891090 or email framfieldchurch@btopenworld.com.

Please direct all urgent messages to Mr Peter Tomsett (Churchwarden) on 01825 763460. Messages left on the office answerphone, outside office hours, may not be acted upon until the next working day.

Details of Operation Godsend are printed elsewhere in the magazine.

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, 30 January and 27 February 2007.

Following on from my last report, as I am sure everyone is aware, WDC refused the recent planning application for Bird-in-Eye North. We still wait to see if anything will be forthcoming for Bird-in-Eye South.

Jack Gore (WDC) reported that WDC have set their portion of the Council Tax with a rise of 4.2%, which is considerably lower than the other authorities that make up the total Council Tax bill. Chris Dowling (ESCC) stated that ESCC's part of the Council Tax will rise by 4.3%. East Sussex is the second worst-funded council in England receiving almost the least amount of Government funding although more and more statutory functions are delegated to them.

Rosemary James attended both meetings to update the PC on the future of Rosemary's Pantry and the Post Office. Rosemary wishes to retire and is looking for a successor. However, the Government has recently announced that there are to be 2,500 Post Office closures so until it is known if Framfield is to be one of them the situation remains rather 'on hold'. The news will be known at the beginning of April. In the meanwhile anyone interested in filling the much-needed postmaster/mistress role should contact Rosemary in the first instance as we are all hopeful that Framfield will not be one of the forced closures.

The PC set the precept for the forthcoming financial year (2007/08) at £32,000 – the smallest portion of everyone's annual Council Tax bill!

Recreation Grounds - the contracts have been agreed for the maintenance of the three Parish recreation grounds and allotments for the next three years. The idea of providing a sports pavilion on both Framfield and Blackboys recreation grounds has been discussed. This would enable the Memorial Hall to become more of a function hall and changing facilities etc could be provided in the new pavilion, which might encourage more sports to the area.

The first Farmers' Market at the Memorial Hall was a great success and will be repeated every fourth Saturday in the month, 10-12 noon.

Blackboys Village Hall has been awarded a Big Lottery grant of £12,000 to enable the improvement works to continue. This is all thanks to the great efforts of our Chairman, Eryl Thomas.

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society

You should have received with this newsletter the Schedule for the Summer Show. This year we have changed the format of the dog show to a "Fun Dog Show" (which will not be judged under Kennel Club Rules) and to add to the fun there will be a Fancy Dress class for dogs (optional for owners!). There is no need to come early to register – just come along - entries (at £1 per class) will be taken in the ring and judging will commence promptly at 2.00pm. Everyone will be charged admission to the showground including dog owners (who haven't had to pay in the past) and this remains at £1 for adults and 20p for children. Also this year we will be hosting our very first Scarecrow Competition with a prize of £10 going to the winning entry and, as they were so successful last year, Wheelbarrow Races will be running throughout the afternoon with wheelbarrows once again being provided by Windmill Feeds. We have a new class in the Fruit & Vegetable Section of the show for "A Funny Shaped Vegetable" and lots of fun and challenging classes for all the family.

Please don't throw away spare seedlings or spring plant divisions as we intend to run our Bring & Buy Plant Stall again and will be looking for plants.

Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 11th April – Gardening Forum with Edna Abrams at Old Mill House, Blackboys – tel: 890976

Monday 24th April – Visit to King John's Lodge, Etchingham by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cunningham - coffee, talk and lunch (lunch not obligatory) and then on to Merriments Gardens.

Wednesday 9th May - Gardening Forum with Betty Davy at The Old Stables, Framfield – tel: 890378

Thursday 24th May – Visit to Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley, Surrey and then on to Vann (Gertrude Jekyll Garden) at Chobham for lunch and a short talk by the owner prior to going around the garden. For further information on prices and timings please call Alayne Jenkins on 890580.

Kathy Gore - 890494

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL

		Palm Sunday
01	10.00am 6.30pm	Family Service Evening Communion (CW)
05	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday A Celebration of Redemption – in the Church Hall
		Good Friday
06	10.00am 2.00pm	Family Service Devotional Service
08	9.00am 10.00am	Easter Day Celebration Breakfast in Church Hall Family Communion (CW)
15	10.00am 6.30pm	Family Service Evening Communion (CW)
18	11.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	10.00am 6.30pm	Family Communion Evening Praise
29	10.00am	Family Communion
		MAY
06	10.00am 6.30pm	Family Service – with Richard Jones from Biblelands Evening Communion (CW)

- 13 10.00am Family Communion (CW)
6.30pm Evening Praise
- 16 11.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 20 10.00am Family Service
6.30pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 27 10.00am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Praise

Church Services : BCP – Book of Common Prayer.
CW - Common Worship 2001

Martin and Julie would like to thank everyone in the parish for the cards and letters they have received following the death of their daughter, Lucie Rose Pratt.

They have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and support at this difficult time. All money raised in memory of Lucie has gone to the Rockinghorse Appeal at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children in Brighton and the Trevor Mann Baby Unit for which they are extremely grateful to you all.

**COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE
BY 10th MAY 2007
TO
ANITA LONG AT THE CHURCH OFFICE – 01825
891090
OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9.00am – 1pm
OR
ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182**



**We would like to thank you for your
support at our
Markets**

**Our next Market
dates are:-
28th April &
26th May**

**We look forward to
seeing lots of you
there.**

Sandy 840648

*BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

Our meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm start, usually on the first Tuesday of the month and our speaker on April 3rd will be Mark Perry-Nash who will be telling us about Chicago in the Roaring 20's. On Tuesday May 1st the subject will be Ashdown Forest, with Peter Kirby.

This year the society has a cause for celebration as we will have been in existence for 10 years in October. Apparently this is a major achievement for a "small local history group", especially as our membership is currently at its highest ever, and we intend to mark the occasion with a relevant event. I am currently collecting items for a small exhibition/display depicting what members have been doing and what the society has achieved during those ten years, and also what has been happening in our villages.

I would like to know if anyone out there has any photographs or documents etc relevant to the last ten years of "local history" in our community, particularly of areas/buildings that have changed or been built or even "disappeared". Blackboys Post Office is one building that has been lost, but we have gained 3 new "village signs", and new playground equipment has been installed in our recreation grounds. Your suggestions/contributions would be appreciated either by email: bturner.18maple@btinternet.com or on 01825 890359.

Ann Turner

"OPERATION GODSEND"

A SERVICE FOR ALL PARISH RESIDENTS

Examples of the services available are:

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Essential journeys - Visits to doctor's surgery or hospital, essential shopping, collection of prescriptions/changing library books

Resources

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Visiting/befriending.

Requests will be received on an answer phone

Tel. No: 01825 891072

Messages will be checked daily (evenings) and callers contacted within 24 hours

We are in urgent need of more volunteer drivers. If you live in the parish, enjoy driving, and could spare a few hours occasionally, we would be very pleased to hear from you. The most common requests are for transport to hospital appointments - Eastbourne, Brighton etc. and local trips to Doctor's surgeries, opticians and Bird-in-Eye hospital. If you think you can help, please contact the Church office.

SPRING IS COMING ! Time for planning and planting the garden !

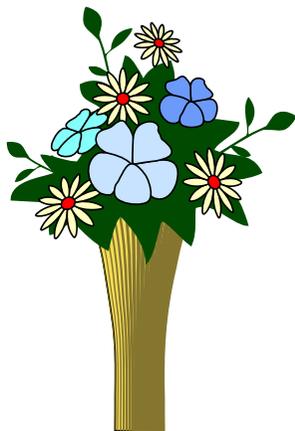
We are planning a SPRING PLANT SALE in aid of church funds, to be held in

**Framfield Church Hall
on Saturday, 12th May – 10am – 12 noon
and
Sunday, 13th May after the 10am service.**

Please put a note in your diary. Indoor and outdoor plants, gardening books etc. Tea and coffee available. Come and enjoy a chat about plants over a ‘cuppa’.

Any donations of plants gratefully received before these dates. Many thanks – Ruby Tagg

(Enquiries and additional information available from the Church Office – 01825 891090.)



Breast Cancer Charity

One of our residents in Blackboys has a place on the Playtex Moonwalk on 19th May which is a 26 mile marathon walk starting and finishing at Hyde Park and walking during the night, hence the title “Moonwalk”. It is a spectacular fund raising event at which 15,000 walkers took part last year, including herself, 1,000 of whom were men as this disease affects both genders. Decorated bras are worn on the outside of your clothing, if you are brave enough and if the weather is kind you can just wear the bra on your torso. If you have any items you would like to give for a raffle or you would like to sponsor her she would be glad of your call, or if you are mad enough perhaps you might like to join her in some walk training to get yourself fit. The charity website is www.walkthewalk.org for further information. This year’s event is totally full but they are organising others in various parts of the country. Her name is Christine Thomas and her tel. no. is 01825- 890809. Thank you on her behalf.”

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

***Enjoy reading but cannot get to the library?
Books too heavy to carry home?
Caring for someone who cannot be left?***

The County Council’s Library Service offers a free home library service to people who cannot easily use a library due to disability, frailty, or because they are caring for someone who cannot be left. Books, books on tape or CD, music CDs and DVDs can be borrowed. A member of the library staff or a volunteer will discuss your requirements with you and then bring you a library service on a regular basis.

Forms for this service are available at your local library or by ringing 01273 479155.

Blackboys School

It has been an exciting and challenging term here at Blackboys. I must firstly explain that Mrs Webb has been seconded to another East Sussex Primary School until Easter and that I am delighted to have been offered the opportunity to act up as Headteacher alongside Miss Digweed, who is now acting Deputy Headteacher.

All 5 classes have been very busy this term. The Fire Service visited class 2 recently to help them compare the Fire Service now to their counterparts during the Great Fire of London. I'm sure the sight of a fire engine caused some strange looks in the village, but rest assured, Class 2 are fully fire trained! Class 4 have been on a school trip to the Herstmonceux Science Centre exploring the telescopes and interactive displays. Class 1 visited Pottery Masterpiece in Hailsham and had a lovely time making and modelling.

There have been three events for Gifted and Talented pupils. Four pupils attended a writer's workshop for year 6; four pupils will attend a series of six Maths sessions at Uckfield Community Technology College; and we are hosting a musical enrichment day, which five children from Blackboys are attending. This is a superb achievement and pays testimony to the strength of music in our school.

On a sporting theme, five cross-country runners have made the Ringmer District team for the upcoming South Downs area race. We also won the Small Schools Netball Tournament, our third tournament win within a year. Coming soon are two football tournaments.

We recently had a puppet theme week. This theme week allowed DT skills and play/script writing skills to be developed across the classes.

We are always on the look out for local people to come in to school and listen to the children read. Subject to the usual police checks, the teachers would be grateful to anyone who could give say 1 hour a week. Please contact the school office or email via the school website (www.blackboysceschool.ik.org) for more details.

The school PTA have once again been working hard to raise funds and held an Easter Fayre on Saturday 24th March from 2-4pm.

Graham Sullivan - Acting Headteacher.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

Your local Fire Service personnel are happy to make an appointment to visit your home and discuss fire safety issues that are specific to you. They will also ensure that you have working smoke alarm(s) within your home and where you do not, they will supply and fit 10 year smoke alarms.

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Education, general 01273 481000

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St Thomas à Becket Church Framfield

Saturday, April 21st 2007

7pm for 7.30pm

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The fact is that we now face even greater challenges, as we come to terms with the ever-increasing numbers of visitors, whilst at the same time ensuring that we safeguard the unique qualities of the landscape and wildlife and the traditional interests of the commoners. We are running a publicity campaign to attract new members. You may have already received some information by post. Please consider becoming a member so that you may learn more about the Forest and assist us in our work.

For more information contact The Ashdown Forest Centre on 01342 823583.

OPEN GARDENS DAY IN MARESFIELD, SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2007

With the generous support of a number of Maresfield residents, the Association of Friends of Maresfield Church is arranging another Open Gardens day in the village, for Sunday, 24th June 2007.

As well as a fine selection of local gardens to visit, refreshments will be provided at an appropriate point along the route around Maresfield.

For details, including ticket prices, please contact Anne Seigne on 01825 763659. We are hoping for a fine day & thank you to all our friends for your ongoing support.

BACK FROM THE BRINK

Imagine that you are sitting on a bench somewhere in Sussex, enjoying your sandwiches when all of a sudden a huge bird comes and snatches it from your hand. Well back in the 16th and early 17th century this may well have happened and the huge bird would have been a red kite.

Way back then red kites were a very common sight in all our big towns and cities and in effect did the job that your Council now perform, clearing up all the rubbish in the streets (and I will leave you to decide whether they did a better job or not). Our Elizabethan ancestors would throw out all their rubbish, including leftovers, offal and all sorts of unsavory items on which the kites thrived, and in turn were revered by the populace as useful co-habitants. Shakespeare refers to kites no less than 15 times in his plays.

However, as we moved towards greater sanitation, coupled with more intensive agriculture, attitudes towards kites changed and their fortunes tumbled spectacularly. They were now considered vermin and a penny bounty was attached to their head. Persecution and a lack of carrion led to kites becoming virtually extinct in Britain to the extent that by the 1930's there was only one known breeding female left in the country, in mid-Wales.

Changing attitudes, decline in game keeping and conservation methods pulled these wonderful birds back from the brink. Supplemented by young birds from the continent, release projects in the Chilterns and Scotland have been remarkably successful to the extent that since 1992 the breeding population in the Chilterns has gone from zero to over 250 pairs. In addition, the Welsh population has also flourished, and rather ironically youngsters from the UK are now being used to bolster the declining European population.

We are now seeing the benefit of this increase in these beautiful birds in Sussex as more and more are now being seen on a regular basis and indeed they are now breeding in the west of the County.

The signs are that they will continue to expand and may be even more successful than buzzards. The one thing that might limit their growth is the fact that we are too tidy these days, we are not allowed to leave dead livestock out as carrion as it is perceived as a health and safety risk. In Wales, the Chilterns and parts of Scotland meat is actually put out for kites at feeding stations in a controlled way, sometimes attracting a couple of hundred birds at a time and have become great tourist attractions because of this practice.

Red kites are beautiful majestic birds; they represent a real conservation success, a beacon of hope. Where they occur they are easy to see, you only have to drive up the M40 to understand why they have made this one of Britain's most dangerous roads! I'm sure that within the next ten years they will be a regular feature of the skies over Sussex.

Mind you, you might have to be a little bit more careful about what you have in your picnics.

Mike Russell
Sussex Wildlife Trust March 2007
www.sussexwt.org.uk

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Our **Burns Night** was once again a successful evening with 120 people enjoying (at least they said they did!) a three course meal and Scottish dancing. The wonderful amount of £2,975 was raised – thank you so much to all who attended the evening and supported us.

A big thank you, too, to the children at Framfield School who took part in **The Big Hush** this year. This was a sponsored event and they raised well over £400. The children enjoyed taking part and the teachers enjoyed the quiet!

Our fund raising efforts coming up are – **Street Collection on Saturday 14th April; Walk on Ashdown Forest including lunch on Thursday 10th May; Teas at The Grange, Framfield on Sunday 13th May; Teas at Hobbs Barton on 2/3/4th June; Annual Golf Day at East Sussex National on Friday 15th June. Our AGM is on Wednesday 18th April.**

If anyone would like further information about any of the above, please give me a ring on the number below.

Although our Committee send some of the money we raise to Head Office for general use all over the UK, the majority of funds raised stays within the south east for use around our area, helping doctors, nurses, and specialists to offer medical expertise, emotional support and indeed financial help to people diagnosed with cancer across Sussex.

If anyone feels they need personal help or advice on matters relating to cancer or just general information on Macmillan Cancer Support, please ring the **Freephone Macmillan Cancerline on 0808 808 2020** or visit **www.macmillan.org.uk**.

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 890400

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS W.I.

How time flies, it does not seem long since the last report. The February meeting was really good fun with Una Wareham showing us the “gentle exercises”. I did manage to confirm that housework was included under the heading of exercise. So do not grumble about the Hoovering, it is good for you !!! The Bring and Buy went well, always popular with the members.

We discussed our outing venues and it would seem that Singleton was the most popular. This is the medieval village north of Chichester. When the date and other details are confirmed I will let you know.

On Saturday, 24th February we had our first stall at Framfield market and I am glad to say it was a success. This will be a monthly occurrence so we look forward to seeing you all there.

Oh, do not forget that there is a Craft Show at Uckfield Civic Centre on March 5th. Entrance will cost £5.50. This covers the cost of a certain amount of tuition.

Our meeting on the 13th March is something we are all looking forward to. Our speaker will be Sqn.Leader David Carey telling us about the Royal Air Force Search and Rescue. Most of us do not realise what an important job they do and it will be very interesting to hear some of the finer points of their work. If anyone is interested please come and join us, you will be very welcome. The April meeting will be of special interest to gardeners and cooks alike the subject being Mediterranean Plants and Herbs. This meeting will be at Blackboys Village Hall at 7.30 on April 10th .

Win Manning 01825 890569



BLACKBOYS PRE-SCHOOL
BLACKBOYS VILLAGE HALL, GUN ROAD,
BLACKBOYS, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 5JY

Tel: 01435 810149

Mobile: 07931 978071

Email: blackboyspreschool@googlemail.com

Website: www.blackboyspreschool.co.uk

Spring is here, so come and join the fun at Blackboys Pre-School! Visit us on our OPEN MORNING on 9 May and see for yourself just how much we've got to offer – including our superb outdoor play area and sensory garden. We believe that we can offer your child a fantastic start to their education. But don't just take our word for it. Talk to other mums, chat to people in the village, come and visit us, see the children, look at all the exciting things that the children are doing and learning.

We have an experienced manager, caring staff and an enthusiastic committee. We have a Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), a great relationship with Early Years Service, and a recent OFSTED report that we are immensely proud of. Nursery funding is available, and we welcome children from two to five years of age (and they don't have to be potty-trained). We are open Monday to Friday from 9.15am until 12.15pm, with an optional lunch club until 1.00pm.



So, what are you waiting for . . .