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**Details of Operation Godsend are printed elsewhere in the
magazine.**

From the Registers :



Marriages – those whom God has joined together, let no one divide:

12th July 2008 David Robert Spurrell / Sasha Denise Lettington

20th July 2008 John Kentish-Barnes / Barbara Martinčić

At rest: 14th July 2008 Ansley Annie Douglas

**WHO'S WHO AT THE
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Mrs Jordie Edwards

This Newsletter reaches every home in the Parish thanks to the faithful service of many "volunteers". Jordie Edwards of Brook House has been doing this work for us for forty years, delivering to the Eastbourne Road and Brook House Lane area. She felt that now she has to take things a bit more easily, and so she has given up the Eastbourne Road part of her round. We put on record our grateful thanks for a fine piece of service to the community. Ian Dibble has kindly taken over where Jordie left off.

Derek Thorogood

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OPERATION GODSEND

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Changing library books

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Visiting/befriending.

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contacted within 24 hours

Which path are you on?

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Jesus' words in Matthew's gospel are arresting to say the least. In a nutshell He is saying that finding the path that leads to a fulfilling life on earth and the assurance of a place in heaven takes a degree of effort on our part.

Jesus was very fond of using metaphors when describing himself or the kingdom of God, but a casual glance at the words would hardly give away the underlying truth that he was speaking about himself – Jesus, the gate and the narrow road!

In our fast paced society many people don't appear to have time to stop and eat, let alone think about their lives or their eternal future. Are heaven and hell real places? Do all religions lead to God? Does God exist? If God exists why is there so much suffering in the world? Is their life after death? Why was I born? Is my life of any significance?

Sometimes it takes a real crisis to stop us in our tracks and ask ourselves some of the more searching questions about life. But stop and ask we must. If any of the above is true, then these questions and many others are just too important to ignore.

During September we will be running two new Alpha courses (see separate advertisement). Alpha is the forum for discussing all of the above, and more, in a friendly non-threatening environment. It takes ten weeks to complete the course (that's the effort part!) and begins with a meal followed by a short video presentation and a time of discussion. If previous courses are a good indicator then everyone should have a really interesting and enjoyable time with the added opportunity to make some new friends.

Not sure? How about attending the introductory Alpha Supper on the 16th September? Hopefully see you there.

Blessings - Rev'd Chris Lawrence

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

AUGUST

03 11th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Family Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

10 12th Sunday after Trinity

- 11.00 am Family Service on the Recreation Ground
- 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

17 13th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Contemporary Service with Baptism
- 6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing

20 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

24 14th Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Evening Praise

31 15th Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)

SEPTEMBER

07 16th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am Family Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

"We have one of the first 'Transition Villages' in Wealden and other communities are on their way to joining the 'Transition ' movement. Many Wealden towns and villages are already undertaking tree planting schemes and investigating ways to save on heating and electricity in their buildings among their actions to tackle climate change."

As part of its Climate Change Action Plan, Wealden aims to:

- Work with Town and Parish Councils to promote the establishment of self help eco-groups to disseminate good practice and innovation.
- Encourage Town and Parish Councils to consider the risks and challenges of climate change, and investigate where joint action can be taken.
- Develop educational display / presentation materials for promotion of climate change awareness at events and in the community.
- Establish our own carbon footprint and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions by 12.5% by 2012.
- Develop planning policies to ensure new developments are designed to use less energy generated from fossil fuels and other sustainable initiatives such as rain water harvesting.

"Wealden residents can help by improving the insulation in their homes and reducing, reusing and recycling their waste" says Cllr Doodes. "My husband and I can normally keep our weekly landfill rubbish down to one carrier bag and always recycle as much as we can."

"Town and Parish Councils are uniquely well-placed to promote local action on climate change" says Fiona Berry, the Council's Sustainability Co-ordinator. "If we all make some simple changes, together we will help make a difference. At Wealden, we are pleased to advise residents on recycling and reducing waste, or on how to access the grants available for improving home energy efficiency and installing small-scale renewable energy systems. Just call on 01323 443322 or 01892 653311."

More about Wealden's Climate Change Action Plan can be found on our web site, www.wealden.gov.uk

Your inspection of the gardens will focus on boundary security. A secure, fully fenced garden is a crucial requirement, especially if your dog is likely to come into season whilst you are away.

Host families will do their best to create a seamless change by providing a happy, relaxed home atmosphere that's nearly as enjoyable for your dog as your own home. So, perhaps you'd prefer to avoid any home boarding premises with distractions that are unfamiliar to your dog such as small children, loud teenagers or territorial cats!

Finally, there's a good way to establish the status of your selected location. Some home boarding locations are licensed by Wealden District Council after inspection by the Animal Welfare Officer. This is something else that you would do well to enquire about at the time of your meet-&-greet visit.

If you'd like more details about locally-based home boarding, you can contact Mary McGaughran or David Woolley on 01825 830058 or david.woolley@zen.co.uk

Wealden's Climate Change Action Plan

As concerns about global warming are brought closer to home, Wealden District Council has launched an Action Plan to reduce its emissions of the gases that cause climate change. Through the plan, which also helps prepare for a warmer and less predictable climate, the Council wants to support the many environmentally friendly Wealden residents and businesses, and, encourage more people to join in.

"All aspects of our lives will be affected by climate change," explains Councillor Pam Doodles, Leader of Wealden District Council. "We have recently seen both drought and flash flooding in Wealden. We all need to be more aware of the risks associated with climate change. We need to use energy more efficiently and adapt our recreation and agricultural practices accordingly.

"By signing the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, we have already agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations. This Action Plan expands on our efforts to reduce emissions, and we look forward to working with and encouraging Town and Parish Councils and local communities to do the same. We have been greatly encouraged by the commitment already given to this issue.

- 14 17th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 17 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 21 18th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Contemporary Service
(Guest Speaker Ian Roberts from Tearfund)
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 28 19th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Back to Church Sunday
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

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

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HOME BOARDING FOR DOGS

Thank goodness we're still a Nation of animal lovers so lots of Framfield, Blackboys & Palehouse Common households are blessed with the company of a home-loving dog.....or dogs! Our unconditional love for mans best friend can create a soul-searching dilemma when you're planning a holiday or short break (very good) a stay in hospital (not so good) or dealing with a one-off emergency (unavoidable). "Who'll look after the dog, Dear"?

You may try to use up favours with family, friends or neighbours. If no favours are owed, you may resort to boarding kennels & worry yourself sick about your dog's reaction to the relative isolation of such places. The cost of a professional house-sitting service may be uneconomical, unless you've just won the lottery! "Hey, what about boarding him out at the home of another dog lover. Would that work, do you think"?

Home boarding is the homely alternative to conventional boarding kennels. Your dog is happily integrated into the host family group & will enjoy full access to the home & its gardens. It is recommended that your consideration of suitable premises should start with a meet-&-greet visit. It's a two-way "no obligations" chance to judge the suitability of the premises & to make sure that your dog gets on with any resident dogs. Home boarding hosts almost always have their own dogs so you can be sure that your dog is in experienced & caring hands. Your meet-&-greet visit is a good chance to discuss your dogs likes, dislikes & funny little habits. Topics for discussion may include:-

Meal times (frequency, timing, portion size) & sleeping arrangements. Most hosts, for the sake of continuity, like you to provide your dogs usual food, favourite bed, most popular toy & possibly an item of your clothing, such as a slipper or tee shirt, which carries your scent & your dog can have it as a "comforter".

Exercise requirements: frequency & length of walks.

Your dog's favourite playtime activities.

How your dog normally responds to other dogs.

Would you be agreeable for hosts to walk your dog "off the lead"?

Are there any medication requirements?

What's your dog's reaction to horses, thunder, fireworks or other gremlins?

Any other habits, good or bad!

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

Non-League - Fixtures

26/04/2008	Maresfield v Blackboys – Cancelled
03/05/2008	Blackboys 191-3 bt Wadhurst 190-5 by 7 wkts
04/05/2008	Crowborough 194 bt Blackboys 148-6 by 46 runs.
11/05/2008	Blackboys 163-6 lost to St Lukes 167-5 by 5 wkts
18/05/2008	Blackboys 195-1 bt Rodmell 53 by 152 runs
22/05/2008	Heathfield Park 171-5 bt Blackboys 129-7 by 42 runs
25/05/2008	Barcombe v Blackboys – Cancelled
01/06/2008	Blackboys 113 lost to Rottingdean 114-1 by 9 wkts
08/06/2008	Blackboys 124 lost to Wadhurst 127-5 by 5 wkts
15/06/2008	W G Gracefully 295-7 bt Blackboys 134 by 161 runs
22/06/2008	Summerdown v Blackboys – Cancelled
29/06/2008	Laughton v Blackboys – Cancelled
06/07/2008	Moulscombe Wanderers v Blackboys – Abandoned
13/07/2008	Blackboys v President's XI
20/07/2008	Buxted Park v Blackboys
27/07/2008	Blackboys v St Lukes
03/08/2008	Blackboys v Waldron
10/08/2008	Buxted Park Six-a-Side Tournament
17/08/2008	Blackboys v The Invalids
24/07/2008	Ripe & Chalvington v Blackboys
31/08/2008	Blackboys v Eastbourne Counting House
07/09/2008	Tunbridge Wells II v Blackboys
14/09/2008	Blackboys v Wadhurst
21/09/2008	Blackboys v Summerdown

If you would like to get involved with Blackboys Cricket Club, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Colin Eade, Secretary. 01825 761028, colin.eade@gmail.com
www.blackboyscc.co.uk**

**St. Thomas à Becket Church
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" Back to Church Sunday "

**September 28th 2008
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BacktoChurchSunday

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Two new Alpha courses starting in September

- Evening course (7:45pm start) for those who are busy during the day.
- Morning course (9:15am start) for the 'early risers' and parents of school age or pre-school age children.

Alpha Supper - 16th September 2008

By way of introduction to the September courses, there will be an Alpha Supper followed by the talk '**Christianity – Boring, Irrelevant, Untrue?**'

Why not come along and bring a friend or family member?

The introductory supper is free of charge. For further details or to reserve places please contact Rev Chris Lawrence in the Church Office 01825 891090 or Pat & Ian on 01825 890761.



Alpha
*St. Thomas à Becket
Framfield*

Website – www.alpha.org.uk

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

We are currently in a mid-table position in Division 4 of the East Sussex Cricket League. Follow our progress in the local press or by logging on to our website.

East Sussex Cricket League – Division 4 - Fixtures

10/05/2008	Blackboys 256-3 drew with Mayfield 1st XI 217-3
17/05/2008	Rotherfield 1st XI v Blackboys – Abandoned
24/05/2008	Blackboys 273-4 bt St Peters 2nd XI 98 by 175 runs
31/05/2008	Blackboys 231-7 drew with Maresfield 1st XI 174-6
07/06/2008	Blackboys 127 lost to Little Common Ramblers 1st XI 129-8 by 2 wkts
14/06/2008	Plumpton 1st XI 156 bt Blackboys 92 by 64 runs
21/06/2008	Blackboys 330-2 drew with Glynde 3rd XI 199-5
28/06/2008	St James Montefiore 3rd XI 188 lost to Blackboys 122-2 by 8 wkts
05/07/2008	Fletching 2nd XI 179 drew with Blackboys 154-7
12/07/2008	Mayfield 1st XI v Blackboys
19/07/2008	Blackboys v Rotherfield 1st XI
26/07/2008	St Peters 2nd XI v Blackboys
02/08/2008	Blackboys v Maresfield 1st XI
09/08/2008	Little Common Ramblers 1st XI v Blackboys
16/08/2008	Blackboys v Plumpton & East Chiltington 1st XI
23/08/2008	Blackboys v Glynde & Beddingham 3rd XI
30/08/2008	St James Montefiore 3rd XI v Blackboys
06/09/2008	Blackboys v Fletching 2 nd XI

Unfortunately, over the past year, due to various reasons, the number of players that we have available has dropped. We want to start a 2nd XI next season and we are therefore very much on the lookout for some new-blood. We need some more local players to join our ranks and we would like to here from you. Our contact details are as follows:

Gary Funnell, Club Captain: 01825 890781 - gary.funnell@googlemail.com
Colin Eade, Secretary: 01825 761028 - colin.eade@gmail.com

News was forthcoming that Councillor Chris Dowling had achieved great success with the provision of two single decker buses for the Uckfield School bus run in September.

It was with great sadness that the news of Maurice Malyon's death was announced. Maurice was commended for his many years dedicated to the Parish and he will be a great loss to the community.

British Telecom are once again trying to remove the payphone in the High Street, Blackboys, and as this would leave Blackboys as the only village in the Parish without a public telephone, the PC have objected formally to the proposals.

Formal approval of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2008 was given at the June meeting. Inspection of the accounts is available by calling Jan Riddle or myself.

The two planning applications for the pavilions have been submitted to the District Council. Full public consultation by WDC will be carried out.

The Uckfield Appeals are once again underway. WDC are fighting very hard against the approval of any of the three sites. I will keep residents posted of any news, particularly of the Bird in Eye sites.

Full copies of the minutes are available from the Clerk. Please contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton.

Eryl Thomas (890360); David Andrews ((07826 835295); Myran Eade (890507); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Maria Naylor (0780 1230835); Rob Newton (890103); Ian Paisley (890904); Rita Redman (890276); Keith Riddle (890379). Fred Thurston (890071).

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Home Start Support and Friendship for Families

"Thank you for the help and support you have given us as a family unit. We are a stronger family now than I thought we could be!"

If you have good communications skills, a sensitive attitude towards others, and an understanding of the stresses, as well as the joys, of family life, Home-Start South Downs would like to hear from you.

For over 12 years our organisation has been supporting Lewes District families who have at least one child under 5 through difficult times. Thanks to Big Lottery funding we are now extending our work into rural Wealden.

Our big challenge is to recruit volunteers in order to meet the needs of Wealden families who are referred to us.

Home-Start volunteers home-visit families once a week for however long support is needed. Families are referred, or self-refer, for reasons as varied as isolation, physical or mental illness, bereavement, low self-esteem, disability, multiple births, or simply finding parenting a struggle. Most referrals come from health visitors.

Current volunteers, who must be parents themselves, range in age from 25 to 75 and come from diverse backgrounds. Volunteers offer friendly support, understanding, reassurance, a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, an extra pair of hands and practical help with activities like playing or story time. Support is confidential and entirely voluntary. A volunteer will only visit on a family's invitation.

As a volunteer you will gain support and training, new skills and experience, new friends, out of pocket expenses and the knowledge you are making a difference.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course will be held in Ringmer and will take place on Mondays, 9:30am to 2:30pm, beginning 29 September for ten weeks, with a break for half term.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about volunteering for Home-Start please ring us on 01273 612025 for an informal chat with Betty, Marion or Wendy.

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MAY/JUNE 2008

The May meeting was the equivalent of an AGM and Eryl Thomas and Rob Newton were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council respectively.

Fred Thurston from Blackboys was co-opted onto the Council to replace Jonathan Fenton-Vince. Eryl announced that unfortunately Jeremy Bacon has also resigned so there is still a vacancy.

The arrangements for committee positions were also approved and is as detailed below.

Finance: Eryl Thomas (Chair), Rob Newton, David Andrews*, Myran Eade* and Maria Naylor*. This also includes Jan Riddle (book-keeper) and Arthur Makepeace (Internal Auditor).

* David as Chair of the Environment Committee, Myran as Chair of the Recreation Grounds Committee including allotments and Maria as Chair of Planning.

Planning: Maria Naylor (Chair), David Andrews, Peter Friend, Rita Redman, Keith Riddle and Fred Thurston.

Recreation Grounds/Allotments: Myran Eade (Chair), Peter Friend (special responsibility Blackboys Allotments), Ian Paisley (special responsibility Framfield Allotments), Rita Redman and Keith Riddle.

Environment: David Andrews (Chair), Myran Eade, Maria Naylor, Ian Paisley and Fred Thurston.

Eryl Thomas and Rob Newton are ex-officio members on the last three committees.

Following on in the ordinary May meeting and meeting in June, the PC agreed to pay one third of the costs towards the new directional signs for Dower House Farm in an attempt to stop large HGV's causing problems when losing their way.

The problem with an HGV taking out the electricity cables in School Lane has not been answered as the cables are at the correct height and ESCC are not able to put an HGV ban on School Lane. The only answer seems to be to re-align the junction at the end of Blackboys High Street to enable HGV's to turn left onto the B2102 but is an expensive option for the County Council.

OIL SYNDICATE

The present cost of fuel, especially home heating oil, has reached levels which it is unlikely to fall from. Indeed, the future cost of fuel looks set to continually rise. A way of reducing costs of heating oil is to form a fuel oil syndicate.

With substantial support from parishioners it would be possible to negotiate a very competitive price for heating oil.

A commitment would be required from households to purchase their heating oil from the source with which a competitive price had been obtained for a period of 12 months.

With some 500 households participating substantial savings could be made to your annual heating costs. To participate and qualify you would need to be on the Framfield electoral roll (supplies would only be made within the Framfield parish boundaries). The cost of membership to the syndicate would be six second class stamps.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We recently came across a staggering statistic - there are 830 cancer charities! Add on all the other very worthwhile charities around and the number must be almost unbelievable. So, once again, thank you to all those people who choose to support Macmillan. During the last 3 years £1.4m has been invested in Sussex by Macmillan and to date there are now over 100 healthcare nurses and specialists in this area. Recently a skin cancer specialist has been appointed in Brighton - there is an 11% higher risk of this type of cancer in Sussex than in the rest of the country. In fact there are over 200 different types of cancer.

Macmillan is one of the charities which benefits from the National Gardens Scheme. Last year we received £500,000, and over the last 23 years we have received £11m nationally. In June our committee served tea and cakes at Hobbs Barton and the £824 raised there comes directly back to this area. The next event is the Annual Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September which will be held in a number of different venues, not only by our committee but by many individuals all around the area. Do look out for adverts and drop in for a coffee.

While on the subject of fund raising - as many people know, we have for a number of years held a Burns Night celebration. Next year we have decided to hold a St. George's Day event instead: Saturday 25th April 2009. More reminders nearer the time!

Meanwhile, 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**. There are also a number of booklets available providing information to help anyone who is suddenly confronted with cancer.

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 890400
Maureen Byford, Secretary 01825 831882

20 June 2008

I am writing this letter after receiving a letter from Peter Berry seeking help in raising money for Framfield C of E Primary School building project.

Most of you know my wife Rosemary tragically died in a scuba diving accident in Egypt. As this letter from Peter Berry arrived exactly a year after Rosemary died, I thought it might be a good idea to ask through Peter if the new building at the School could be called the 'Rosemary James Library'.

After Peter had consultations with the Diocese Church and School, it was agreed upon to dedicate the memory of the library to Rosemary.

Rosemary was well known in the village, not only as Postmistress and running the shop, but helping the elderly and caring over people's everyday trials and tribulations. When my two daughters, Maria and Laura, were very young, Rosemary also helped with the playschool. The girls had a marvellous time at Framfield School, which did the groundwork for their future education. I often told them they were privileged to attend Framfield School and now I think they believe me! As both the girls went to Uckfield Community College and university, Framfield School must have played a major part in their education.

Last week the School did a fundraising event for the project, called 'Party in the Playground'. If you did not attend you missed what the School is all about. The children of all ages were performing their various talents, dancing and singing amongst them, but above all you could see on their smiling faces they were enjoying the occasion. What better than to see children happy and full of life, in this age of computers and stay indoors activities. Not only is the School giving them a good start in education, but also a very enjoyable one as seen at the Party in the Playground. This is not achieved without the dedication from the School Headmistress, Janet Wilde and her staff, who work so hard with the children.

As the School is Church aided the Diocese is paying the majority of the building project, which obviously is a great advantage, so I am sure we can manage the 'odd' £30,000!!

Some of you people at Framfield offered to subscribe for a memorial to Rosemary after she died. At the time I did think about it very much, but now if you really wish to remember her in the parish, please could you help us at the School. This, I know, is not a good time to ask for contributions, what with the current situation of mortgages, rising food prices and energy costs, but this will help keep Rosemary's name remembered to you and also keep future education at the School in a healthy state.

Framfield & Blackboys WI

Our May meeting started with a Ploughman's Supper prepared by the Committee. Having enjoyed our eats we then settled down to the business of discussing the Annual Resolutions.

The first was a ban on deep sea bed trawling, the second, the inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill. Both resolutions were duly discussed and passed on a majority.

The results will be taken by our representative to the AGM in June in Liverpool

A lovely June day made our visit to Clinton Lodge near Fletching an afternoon to remember. The oldest part of the house dates from the early 17c and the additions to a century later.

The present owner has fashioned the garden to reflect those days. Lawn and parkland leading into various enclosed gardens bordered by trees such as Yew, Beech and Lime. The Rose Garden - all 19c roses trained into green pillars, surrounded a delightful Dovecote. The perfumes also surround you as you pass through. Other gardens such as the herb and the pottager were greatly admired.

We wandered back through a shady glade where tea and cake awaited us in the Lemonry.

After a Group photograph with the Lady of the house we gave our thanks and departed

For information about joining our WI or just attending as a visitor, call Rita Redman on 01825 890276

Lyn Malyon

Thanks to Judith T:

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WILDLIFE PERFORMERS

It just goes to show the perils of putting on events where the subject of the event is wildlife! Last month we had to cancel two 'Evenings with Barn Owls' at Woods Mill as sadly the owls had deserted and the eggs disappeared. Five eggs were originally laid and we can only conjecture as to what happened to the adults and the eggs. Luckily, we ran some very successful barn owl evenings at a site in East Sussex and the people attending were able to get lovely views of the parents bringing in food for their youngsters.

Whether the star attractions show at the allotted time depends on a number of factors but the biggest influence has to be the weather. A good example of this is the two nightjar evenings I ran at Ashdown Forest, just two evenings apart. The first evening was warm, sunny and still; woodcock performed their roding displays, Dartford warblers scolded from the gorse bushes and five nightjars 'churred' with an excellent view of one over our heads. The second night, at exactly the same spot, was cold grey and windy and not a single nightjar could be heard. A brief glimpse of a pair of woodcock at least salvaged something of the evening.

Sometimes things turn out far better than you can ever hope for at the beginning of the evening. My first attempt to run an 'Evening with Stag Beetles' in Henfield did not look at all promising, dull, windy, drizzling, all the elements needed to keep stag beetles under cover. Having extended the indoor session I hesitatingly led twenty people around the village and found six of these majestic insects including a flying male.

For the last few years, one performer that has never let me down is the nightingale, or more accurately nightingales. Woods Mill has consistently hosted two and sometimes three pairs of these most beautiful of singers and during May we put on at least two, but usually more, 'Evenings with Nightingales' and every time they have put in a superb performance even in the most inclement of weather. Over the years, hundreds of people have been able to get within metres of this lovely songbird pouring out its heart to an enthralled audience.

One of the main aims of the Trust is to get people close to wildlife and this year we have introduced very successfully a series of 'Evenings with Badgers' at a private wood in North Sussex and people have had the enthralling experience of being within metres of up to eight at a time, including this years cubs.

Getting people close to nature, learning about the subject they're looking at and just enjoying the experience is one of the main aims of the Trust. We hope that as a consequence of enjoying such an experience, people will then join us in ensuring that in the future there is a place where these creatures can still thrive.

If you are interested in finding about these Trust events and would like to go on an e-mail or postal list, please contact Sarah Atherton on 01273 497563 or e-mail at sarahatherton@sussexwt.org.uk.

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Believe it not, this is not exactly a begging letter, but it gives anyone the opportunity to remember Rosemary and also help to help improve Framfield School and alleviate the overcrowding in the present classrooms. Lets make sure we keep the School thriving and bring our children up in a Christian tradition, to understand the Ten Commandments on which our laws and democracy are based.

As I mentioned before the Party in the Playground was what the School is about, so if you see other events advertised, please support them even if you are in the twilight of your lives. I am sure some things will still give you a nice surprise.

Any contributions can be handed into the School or to me, or of course through the official letter sent by Peter Berry.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and any ideas for more fundraising will be gratefully received.

Jimmy James
Joan Chalmers, Laura James, Maria James

Welcome Baptist Blackboys

Graham "G.P." Taylor, best-selling author of Shadowmancer, Wormwood and Tersias, visited us at our meeting on Sunday 24 August, to talk about the occult and literature. His books are full of a powerful but loving God and a victorious saviour.

He described his life as a vicar and spoke of the fascination people have with the occult and books such as the Harry Potter series and the works of Philip Pullman. Graham said that these books have caused the Pagan Society to hire a full-time youth worker to deal with the huge volume of queries they are getting, proving what a spiritual thirst there is in this country. He reminded us that Christians who know that Jesus is the answer to this thirst, and who is victorious over the dark forces of this world, should share it.

We continue to meet every Sunday at 5pm in the Village Hall, for worship, teaching, tea and cakes – all welcome



FRAMFIELD PLAYGROUP
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We have had a wonderful summer term at Framfield Playgroup enjoying our last Topic of this school year, Animals. We have been pleased that many of our children have been able to bring their pets into playgroup to visit us and we have produced some lovely displays using the pictures the children brought in of animals that they saw during their half term breaks. We are going to be finishing the term with a trip to Raystede Animal Sanctuary as part of this Topic. We are also looking forward to our annual sports day (for which we hope the weather will be good!).

The older children have been benefiting from lots of time joining in with classes at Framfield School, both during their usual Playgroup sessions and as part of our Rising 5 sessions. These are very useful in helping the children with their transition from Playgroup to School. Although we will miss our School leavers very much, we feel that following these introductory classroom sessions they are all more than ready for their move to Framfield School. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the future and we look forward to the end of term Graduation Ceremony where they will all be presented with a Certificate of Graduation and a gift.

We are very pleased to still be offering prospective newcomers the fantastic opportunity of trying us for free. We would like to offer your child the opportunity to join us FREE for a week* in 2008. There is no obligation to come back after the week is up and you will not be charged for the sessions your child has enjoyed whether you decide to enrol or not. So why not come and try us? We still have some places for September 2008 and are even enrolling for September 2009.

If you are thinking of enrolling your child at pre-school, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We accept children from the age of 2 years old and they do not have to be potty/toilet trained. We are now open 5 mornings a week.

For more information or a copy of our prospectus, please contact:
Jo Rayner (Supervisor) on 07975 567766 or 01825 763470
Denise Muller (Committee Secretary) on 01825 890546
Alternatively, please feel free to visit us on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning between 9.00 and 11.30am in the Memorial Hall, Framfield or Thursday morning in the Church Hall

**Sessions run from 9.00am to 12.00pm (11.30am for under 3 year olds). We also offer an optional Lunch Club – for children aged 3 years and over – which runs from 12.00pm to 12.45pm. The Trial Week offer is limited to one week per child.*

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our June & July meetings were both unusual for our society, but each was very different from the other. In June our speaker Mr S Wood told us about the rose in history, and a lot about roses and how to look after them. It was a fascinating talk, especially for the gardeners amongst us.

In July we picked the warmest evening so far this year for a short walk followed by Cheese & Wine in the village hall. We were joined by two special guests, Adam Stout & Phillip Carr-Gomm. Mr Stout contacted the parish clerk, Ann Newton, to enquire about “Roy Hill Holiday Camp” in Blackboys. Ann passed the enquiry on to me and I was immediately able to help him as the society has a photograph of the camp (in Shepherds Hill/Pounsley area) probably taken in the 1930’s or 40’s from Chapel Lane. To cut a long story a bit shorter; Mr Stout was trying to find out exactly where the camp was, and if there is anything left of it. His main line of interest is in a Mr Macgregor Reid who was a “director” of the camp and was a member of the Unitarian/ Universalist church, and also Chief Druid! Some members of the society were able to help with memories of the camp, and as usual with enquiries we receive we managed to gain more information at the same time. One of the other “directors” of the camp was a Mr Peacock who also had connections with “the socialist side” in the Spanish Civil War”. This indicates a possible link with why a refuge for Basque children was established in Blackboys, about half a mile away from Roy Hill. I realise we are talking about events that happened about 70 years ago but if anyone has any information or memories of that time, I would love to hear from them.

The society does not have a meeting in August but on Tuesday September 2nd Hugh Miller will be telling us about “four brothers & a friend called Dan”.

Ann Turner

scheme managed by the Arts Council, England that recognises schools with a high level of provision in the arts. In gaining a Silver Artsmark, the school community has been recognised for our commitment to the wider development of children and teachers and to raising the profile of the arts. As a small school, we depend on solid team working and the whole school staff contributed to our success; however I am sure you will join us in giving a huge and special thank you to Miss Trudy Digweed, our Art Leader, who organised and submitted our application and whose energy and enthusiasm galvanised everyone else into action!

Our Breakfast Club has started really well: we have had at least 6 children on most days; they are offered a choice of breakfasts including juice, yoghurt, fruit, toast and cereal. There are a variety of games and activities to keep the children entertained and the feed-back so far has been very positive. We hope to be able to extend this and offer it as a facility for parents of pre-school children.

Our end of year performance has been one to remember and I am sure all the parents will be singing the songs for some time to come. It was lovely to see other members of the local community present and to be able to put faces to what have so far been voices on the telephone.

I have been so lucky to have had such a super start to my headship at Blackboys and I am looking forward greatly to the new term and everything that it may bring. Many thanks to everyone – parents, governors, members of the community - who has been so supportive, both to myself, and to the school. It really is very appreciated.

J F King
Headteacher

ADVANCE NOTICE – SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2008
CONCERT in aid of ST. PETER and ST. JAMES' HOSPICE

Levon Parikian is returning to Buxted with his orchestra and chorus for the fourteenth time to give a concert in **St. Margaret's Church, Buxted Park**, at 7.30pm on **Saturday 4th October**. The main choral work will be **Haydn's Imperial 'Nelson' Mass** and the chorus and orchestra will also **perform Handel's Coronation Mass 'Zadok the Priest'**. Tickets £10 (same price since 2004) will be on sale from the beginning of **September**.

Please make a note in your diaries, tell your friends, and support your local hospice. Last year's concert raised £3860 for St. Peter and St. James' Hospice.

Lindsey and David Waddington (01825 830723)

NO PARKING PLEASE !

We have recently been reminded that people are using the Southern Water drive to gain access to the Churchyard. May we remind you that there is no access via that route. The route must at all times be kept open for Southern Water and residents to obtain access. We would appreciate the courtesy to these parties by using the main entrance to the churchyard off Church Approach.

Thank you for your cooperation

The Childrens Newsletter



As you are all on holiday in August George says he hopes you have a wonderful time and will send in your pictures for the October edition. He and Poppy stayed with their friends Rupert and Daisy and they all went for long walks and played together.

We all wish one of our special artists a
VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER



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What an exciting last term we have had at Blackboys Pre-school! We have seen the fire service, Police and even a vet down at the Pre-school. The children loved using the fire hose and trying on the policeman's helmet, and how fantastic to have all their teddies looked after and bandaged by our local vet!

We had a very successful and fun fund raising event in the Quiz night. Raising vital funds for the Pre-school which is a non-profit making charity. Many local families and parents took part - the questions were quite hard! Lots of fun had by all. The social side of the Pre-school is very important to us and we recently had a mums' night out at the Blackboys Pub. Great to be able to sit and talk to each other without interruptions! More of the same to come.

The end of term is going to be marked by a sponsored walk around Blackboys Village - calling at the butchers, the village shop, the pub and the school. We have around 70 parents and Children coming so look out for the pictures in the local papers. We will be sad to see some of our friends leaving to go to 'big school' but this will be marked by a very important leavers' ceremony on the last day before the walk. We wish them all well at their new schools!

The Pre-school is open five mornings a week and two afternoon sessions. This is going to be increased due to demand with another afternoon session on a Thursday. We take children from two years of age so why not come along and see us or even try out the Pre-school for a free trial week? We have a wonderful outdoor space and village location. We are taking on an allotment which is right next to the Pre-school so we are looking forward to the children bringing home some of their home grown produce!

We have close links to Blackboys C E school and all the children who are going to start there in September enjoyed several superskills sessions up at the school during this term. We also took part in the sports day up at the school where the children were able to watch their brothers and sisters race and then take part in the all important toddlers race! Such fun. So we look forward to a long hot summer holiday and to coming back to welcome lots of new faces at the Pre-school in September.

Blackboys School

I can't believe how quickly this last term has gone, and I know I always seem to be saying it, but we have just been so busy! Not only have we had class assemblies but the children have all been out on trips: class 1 had a wonderful time at Seaworld in Hastings while classes 2 and 3 went to Herstmonceux Science Centre as part of their work in science. The sporting calendar has been full with cricket as well as football tournaments. There have just been so many highlights this term.

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful day out in June at the Road Safety Day organised by Uckfield Town Council. There was a huge amount to see and do and the children really enjoyed themselves while learning the importance of many aspects of road safety.

Sports Day can fill headteachers with fear and trepidation and as this was my first Sports Day at Blackboys, and having experienced a wide variety of such events at other schools, I have to confess to some anxiety before it started! Would the children become completely overwhelmed and end up in tears? Would the teachers know what was going on? Would the parents behave themselves? However, I need not have worried: it was all taken care of by Mr Sullivan's expert organisational skills. The children had a fantastic time as did the parents and teachers. The festive atmosphere was carried on by year 6 after school with the running of their stalls to raise money for their chosen charities.

A couple of weeks ago, year 6 went to All Saints Church in Crowborough for their Leavers' Service. This was another first for me, and of course the children of Blackboys excelled themselves. The Recorder Ensemble played to accompany one of the hymns and at the end of the service. I have to say that their performance was truly wonderful—children from years 4, 5 and 6. The standard of playing was very high and the group was praised not only by the organisers, but also by other attending schools.

Earlier this term we found out that Blackboys School has been awarded a Silver Artsmark Award. Artsmark is a national award