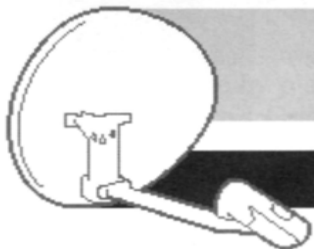


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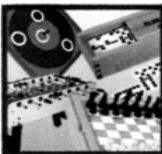
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DECEMBER 2007/JANUARY 2008

Warmest greetings from Framfield Vicarage.

The Lawrence's finally landed on Friday 2nd November and the warmth of welcome we have all received has overwhelmed us. Thank you all very much for making us so welcome.

On an introductory note, I am usually known as Chris (only my mother calls me Christopher if she is about to have a stern word with me!). I am married to Sarah and we have four daughters; Lois (11), Phoebe (10), Isobel (6) and Olivia (4).

My working background was with the MoD as a senior mechanical engineer in the Naval Warheads Department until 2001 when I was given the opportunity to train for the ministry. The family spent the next two years in Oxford while I studied at Wycliffe Hall theological college.

Prior to becoming a full time mother Sarah ran her own business as a beauty therapist, latterly from Buxted Park.

My first appointment was as Curate in the parishes of Wadhurst, Stonegate and Tidebrook where we have been for the past four years.

The road to Framfield has not been an easy one. Many seemingly fruitless job applications having gone before, but God often saves the best till last if you are prepared to hang in there and simply trust that He has it all under control. We are certain that this is the place we are supposed to be and as such are looking forward optimistically to a bright and fruitful future.

So what of the future for the church and community? I am of the firm belief that God has created each one of us to be in a right relationship with Him through his son Jesus Christ and as more men, women and children come into that relationship the family of God expands and the community thrives. In essence there should be no division between the church and community; one is an expression of the other.

One of my particular desires is that the church family is not looked upon as a group of religious people. Being a Christian has very little to do with religion.

As we are all aware a great deal of the worlds problems, both past and present, can be attributed to 'religion'.

Rosemary James –

I can now write telling everybody who contributed so very generously to Rosemary's sponsored child in Ethiopia. Rosemary has sponsored the child for seven years and her name is Etaferahu Yeshaw, she is now fourteen years old and lives in a village called Cheleme. The village is 520 km to the north-east of Addis-Abbaba, the capital of Ethiopia. Her father is a farmer and her mother a housewife and she has one brother and *OM* sister.

Not all the money is going directly to Etaferahu but to the village community. It consists of the purchase of reference books for Cheleme primary and junior school, sixty combined desks for the school, twenty four kits of sports wear, five volleyballs and five footballs.

A new house has been built for Etaferahu and family, made of wood and stone with a thatched roof. Also, one milk cow, one plough ox and five sheep. Plus five sheep for twenty needy children of the village.

As you can see. World Vision has done, I think, a great job for Rosemary's project. *One* which I think she would have greatly approved. Giving Etaferahu better living conditions, a better education and better prospects in life for her and all the village community.

Through your generous donations, the future of this village in Ethiopia must be truly thankful for this part of East Sussex. I must once again thank you for your generosity in your tributes to Rosemary and benefiting our not so privileged people in Cheleme village in Ethopia.

Jimmy James, Laura, Maria and Joan.

The collection taken at the Blackboys School Harvest Service on 5th October amounted to £80.44. This sum has been donated to The Malthouse Trust.

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It may surprise some that God has little time for pious religion. Anyone can subscribe to a set of values and live by a 'good' moral code yet God is not impressed. Religion leads to a sideways comparison where we judge each other, often negatively. The right comparison has to be a vertical one, but the Apostle Paul reminds us, *'all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God'* (Romans 3:23). This would be an impossible situation if it were not for the grace (unmerited favour) of God. Jesus dying for my sin and yours so that we could be bought back into a right relationship with God. Paul sums it up when he writes to the church at Ephesus *'For it is by grace you have been saved, though faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast.'* (Ephesians 2:8-9). There is such freedom in those words. God in effect holding out His hands and saying, 'come as you are, bring all of your baggage, your hurts and disappointments, your personal insecurities and leave them with me; accept my unconditional love and walk into a new future.' I am reminded of Jesus' words from John 10:10 *'I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly'*. As we enter the Christmas season we have the reminder that Jesus laid down his divinity and came to earth to live among us and share our humanity. Christmas is a time to celebrate this fact and to celebrate with family and friends. The church has a rich variety of services over the Christmas period so please come; there is something to suit all tastes. On a practical note. From the 21st November I shall be working from the Church Office, so please call in. On behalf of Sarah, our daughters and myself may we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and wonderfully prosperous New Year.

Blessings

Chris Lawrence

DECEMBER

02 Advent Sunday

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

09 Advent 2

10.00 am Family Communion (CW)
4.30 pm Christingle

12 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

13 6.30 pm Blackboys School Carol Service

16 Advent 3

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Lessons and Carols (by Candlelight)

21 9.00 am Framfield School Carol Service

23 Advent 4

10.00 am Crib Service

24 Christmas Eve

11.00 pm Midnight Communion (CW)

25 Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Festival Communion

30 Christmas 2

10.00 am Family Communion (CW)

Hedgelaying in the Parish

On September 8th the Laughton and District Plough Society for the second time running held their annual hedgelaying competition at New Place Farm (adjoining Lewes Road, B2192) by kind permission of Ray Edmondson. A big thank you is owed to him for helping to keep an old country craft alive.

There was a great deal of public interest shown in the work as it was readily visible from the road. The winning position was Mr R Whittaker but a local man, Mr M Moore from Framfield, won the Plashett Park cup for the competitor living within the Laughton and District area - well done Mark! Third was Mr P Mathews and Mr R Whittaker also won the Moulnd cup for the best one year growth.

The excellent lunch for the competitors, judge and steward was enjoyed at the Black Lion, Halland courtesy of Mr Jeremy Courtney - thank you Jeremy! Next year the competition will take place at the A27 near Glynde village, by kind permission of Mr P Pile, on the second Saturday in September.

Des Whittington (890357)
(Laughton and District hedge laying Secretary)

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At our AGM in October we celebrated our first 10 years with a display of relevant photographs and documents. Members and friends enjoyed a seasonal supper before the official proceedings and there was plenty of time afterwards for everyone to peruse the items on show.

On December 14th we will be holding our Christmas event in Blackboys Village Hall. A buffet supper will be followed by a "presentation" by Don Dray, The Dancing Decades - from Ragtime to Swing. Tickets are limited and are available in advance only. On Saturday 19th January there will be a guided walk around Falmer, followed by a Pub Lunch.

The society has received several enquiries this year but there is one in particular that I would like to mention. I was contacted by a lady in New Zealand trying to find out more about her ancestors who lived in the Parish towards the end of the 19th century and into the 20th. The names she is looking for are Brown(e) and Squire(s) and a scan of census returns hasn't thrown up much information so far, can you help? If you can I would be pleased to hear from you. If you would like to know more about the activities of the society or are interested in joining, my contact details are below.

Ann Turner

Tel: 01825 890359 or email:
baturner.18maple@btinternet.com

JANUARY

06 Epiphany

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

13 Epiphany 2

10.00 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Praise

16 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

20 Epiphany 3

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10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

27 Epiphany 4

10.00 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**** Please note that in future there will be 2 BCP services at 8 am on the first and third Sundays of the month**

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Details of Operation Godsend are printed elsewhere in the magazine.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A large number of local people dropped in for a coffee and a browse among the stalls in Framfield Church Hall for the Macmillan annual Coffee Morning in September. Over the whole of the county nearly 1200 coffee mornings were held, and this one raised £182. The committee also stood outside Tesco's for its annual collection and couldn't believe the amount raised - £1,047. Thank you to all who contributed to both events.

As screening and treatments improve, more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives. 1.2 million of us are living with it today. This means that as well as medical help, people affected by cancer need practical, emotional and financial support and to meet these needs Macmillan is changing and broadening its range of services.

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**.

Our next fund raising event is ***Burns Night on Saturday 2nd February 2008 at Ringmer Community College***. Please contact us on one of the numbers below if you would like more information.

Meanwhile, a **Very Happy Christmas and Good Wishes for the New Year** to you all, and thank you again for your support throughout the year.

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

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

The Parish Council met on 25 September and 30 October 2007. I detail below some of the items that were discussed and other issues for information. Anyone wishing for a copy of the full minutes to any meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Eryl Thomas thanked everyone involved in this year's Summer Show with special thanks to Kathy Gore for all her unending efforts for what has become a real Parish event.

The subject of drawing up tenancy agreements for Blackboys allotment holders has been on the table for some time now. The Parish Council will endeavour to put the wheels in motion in time for the new financial year on 1 April 2008. The rent may also increase from April 2009, which will be five years since the last increase. More information will be available in the next edition of the magazine.

With the winter months drawing in residents seem to pay more attention to street lighting or more to the point when the lights are not operating as they should! All the Parish street lighting is owned and maintained by the Parish Council care of EDF Energy but any problems need to be reported to me in the first instance either by telephone or email.

Chris Dowling discussed the problems with speeding drivers on our roads and particular attention was paid to the B2192 in Blackboys where there has been another spate of accidents. Not only is the speed of the vehicles a problem but also the condition of the pavements - photographic evidence was provided by local residents.

The pavilion project is ongoing with regular meetings of the parties concerned -this is reported fully in a separate article in this magazine.


Please contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton.

Eryl Thomas (890360); Jeremy Bacon (890236); David Andrews ((07765 320116); Myran Eade (890507); Jonathan Fenton-Vince (07943 103224); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Maria Naylor (0780 1230835); Rob Newton (890103); Ian Paisley (890904); Rita Redman (890276); Keith Riddle (890379).

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction. As a Parish Council we try and communicate with all Parishioners and this report is part of that process. Since last year's report we have had elections for both District and Parish Councils. Ann Newton, our Parish Clerk is now also our District Councillor and we wish her well in this new role. This is a good opportunity to thank our outgoing District Councillor, Jack Gore, for his efforts on our behalf over the last 12 years; it has not always been easy but his good sense and balance have been much appreciated. May I also thank, on your behalf, Ann Newton, who deals with Parish day to day problems and fellow Councillors for their time and effort, given freely, through the year.

Planning. Another year and the Bird-in-Eye spectre still hangs over us. Proposals for developing the southern part of this area were refused and an appeal has been made. But the overall position is unlikely to be clear until the New Year as other related development propositions have also been made and appealed and these will all be taken into account by the Planning Inspector. Following local opposition to a new caravan site at Mill field in Blackboys the applicant lodged an appeal which was heard as an Informal Hearing and I am very pleased to report that the Inspector agreed this was not a suitable site.

Environment. Generally we have a good record as far as footpath maintenance is concerned but landowners sometimes do need to be reminded to keep accesses clear, safe and marked. Equally users should always keep to paths, secure opened gates and not leave litter, Then we will all be happy! There seems to have been slightly fewer traffic accidents this year on most roads throughout the Parish but there are some sites which see a high level of activity. Speed limits are still too

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation grounds - Pavilions

We hope you are already aware that the Parish Council is embarking on a project to replace the existing sports changing facilities at each of the Framfield and Blackboys recreation grounds. The concept was discussed at a public meeting in March this year followed by an update at the Parish Annual Meeting in May. Reflecting the expressed support, the Parish Council decided at its July meeting to go ahead and this was publicised at the Summer Show in August.

The deficiencies of the existing facilities are well known to regular users (cricket and football clubs) and they have been involved in the design of new facilities. With improved facilities the possibility of after school activities including team sports could be safely supported. A small steering group is overseeing the project and reporting to the Parish Council who will be responsible in the long term for maintenance of the facilities. We have already had some help from 'Clearwater' (building company) in the design and planning aspects of the proposal. We expect to get planning approval early in the New Year and, depending on the success of our fundraising efforts, work might start before the end of the year.

Each building is likely to cost about £50,000 even if we and the Clubs do a lot of the straightforward work ourselves. Ideally, if every household in the Parish contributed £100 we would have sufficient funds. But we realise that not everyone would either agree or be able to afford such a sum and that raising the Parish element of Council Tax by a significant amount would also not be welcomed. So, we will seek grants from appropriate bodies, charities and councils. An appeal for contributions will also be made to business and commercial interests within the Parish.

But this will probably not be enough alone and we are also seeking, therefore, financial help from parishioners (you the reader!). If you feel you can make a positive contribution to this venture, or want further information, please contact our Clerk, Ann Newton or any Councillor.

Eryl Thomas, Chairman FPC.

Framfield & Blackboys
Horticultural Society News

As the new chair of the Horticultural Society let me introduce myself and family. We have two boys George ten & William seven and moved to Framfield in May 2002. We attended our first summer show that August which all the family enjoyed. It was a pleasure to have such a lovely traditional Village show with all that came with it - Brass Band, lots of exhibits to view in the Marquee & Hall and Mrs Back to Front to entertain the children.

It was not long before I became a member of the society and gained my 10% discount from Stavertons (available to all members) and later joined the committee.

We are always looking for new members to join the society so if you would like to become more involved with the village and summer show then please let us know.

Individual membership is £3.00 pa and £5.00 for a family. I have listed a few of the events already arranged for this coming year including a visit to Jenny Homewood's garden - Acorn Cottage, Bird in Eye where she has an amazing collect of snowdrops, a talk by Patrick Coulcher on 'The Natural History of the Isles Of Scilly' 27/03/08 at Framfield Village Hall, a visit to Arundel Castle 3/6/08 and a demonstration by Maurice Malyon on how to present vegetables for the Summer Show 22/7/08 - please come as everyone is welcome.

We held our AGM on Wednesday 7th November, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was able to come, for their support. Kathy has been in the chair for 9 years and made such a difference to the Society and Summer show which, would not be the success it is today without her support. She will be a tough act to follow but I will do my best.

Jenny Bacon - Chair

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high and we will continue to pressure ESCC to get reductions and also the Police to enforce existing limits.

Recreation Grounds/Allotments. We have 3 grounds which all need maintenance and a lot of our annual budget goes on this. So we do hope you all use and enjoy them. We still have problems with dog fouling and will install more dog mess bins at Framfield and Blackboys grounds but please let us know if you can identify persistent offenders. One set of swings at Blackboys has had to be replaced at a cost of £7,000 and this sort of expenditure may be needed in coming years for the play areas at both grounds. The Blackboys allotments always seem to be occupied but if you are interested in securing one then please contact Ann Newton who keeps a waiting list.. Over the coming year we will be looking again at allotment tenancy arrangements and also at the position in Framfield.

Elsewhere you will read about the project to have Pavilions at Framfield and Blackboys grounds. This is a major project for us and any advice, help and support in implementing this initiative will be much appreciated.

Law and Order. Most of us are aware of the role of the Police Community Support Officers and many will now be used to seeing our PCSO, Nick Arthur, around the Parish. Generally the Parish does not have a significant crime problem, but we do have our moments, and the police reaction is quite positive. Most of us probably feel the PCSO initiative to be a good one in that we actually see them out and about so if/ when the Government reduces funding for them we will need to make strong representation.

Housing. Depending on the figures produced we sometimes find ourselves agreeing with the District Council on likely requirements for housing including the affordable element.

Given the national and South East expressed need for housing we will be facing pressure for development in the villages as well as the towns. In rural areas the need and shortfall of adequate infrastructure is a key issue and we must continue lobbying for this to be a key element of any proposed site consideration. As a Parish Council we try to be realistic on this subject and accept that over the next few years a small amount of development in the villages will happen as it has done in the past. What is clearly unacceptable is something the size of Bird-in-Eye within a rural parish.

Points of View. There was a Parish Council stall at the summer show and it was a good opportunity to make contact and seek views. But we also have an Annual Parish Meeting each May when only a handful of parishioners attend.

So, are you all perfectly happy with what we are doing or do you think we would not listen to your views if you gave them? Of course we hope it is the former but if not please let one of us know. Councillors give their time and effort willingly but some feedback does actually help morale!

Eryl Thomas (890360)

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A Note from Kathy:

I'd like to thank the members of the Society for the beautiful cachepot presented to me at the AGM. I was very touched. I have enjoyed being chairman of the society for the past nine years and shall continue to support it in any way I can. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make it such a happy experience and I wish Jenny every success.
Kathy Gore

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We have started the new Autumn term with the highest numbers ever at the pre school and set to rise by the end of the school year! All very exciting. Due to the increased interest and demand for places we have started doing afternoon sessions. In addition to all the fun things for the children we also have a fun packed range of events for parents and families to raise additional funds for the Pre School, starting with a Jumble sale on the 17th of November.

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To arrange to come and take a look contact us via phone or e mail -what ever is easiest - we look forward to seeing you.

Framfield and Blackboys WI News

Our September meeting was held in Blackboys Village Hall and our speaker Mr Proctor gave us a most interesting talk with slides on "Camping and Trekking in Nepal". A fascinating country and hard going on the rough terrain, needing the help of Sherpas and donkeys to carry the camping equipment.

We had a Group Show at East Hoathly in August. Several of our members won prizes in the various Craft and Cooking Classes but five members of Framfield and Blackboys won first prize and the cup in the group entry. We depicted a scene from the ballet "The Nutcracker".

Our October meeting at Blackboys Village Hall was a members evening. Individual Members shared memories of family event and a poem about the history of St. Thomas à Becket Church was read and enjoyed. We also enjoyed the readings of excerpts of letters sent to the Ministry of Pensions, an amusing end to a special evening.

At the December Meeting in the Framfield Memorial Hall our speaker Mr Schofield will tell us "The History of Magic"

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Lyn Malyon.

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21st January
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ALL WELCOME

AGES 50-100

Contact – 890648

Blackboys School Christmas Fair - to be held on Saturday 8th December between 1pm-4pm. Santas Grotto, Christmas Crafts, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hamper Raffle, Craft Room, Tombolas, Games and much more.

Christmas Special

The Welcome Baptist Church, Blackboys will hold a Christmas Special on 9 December at 5pm. This cafe-style church meets in Blackboys village hall every Sunday (except Dec 23) from 5-6pm for tea, cakes and informal worship. All ages welcome.

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We are now halfway through the Autumn term at Playgroup which of course brought us to Halloween. The children dressed up for the day in their spookiest outfits and everyone had a fantastic time. We also enjoyed dressing up during Framfield School's Book Week. Barefoot Books kindly came into Playgroup to show us their unique range of children's books.

We are pleased to welcome four new children to Playgroup this half term and are glad that they are settling in well.

Our new Lunch Club, which runs until 12.45pm, is already a great success and the children who are currently participating have really been enjoying eating their lunch alongside the children from Framfield School.

The project to develop a garden for the children's use is gaining momentum. This is thanks to a great working party who are dedicating themselves to maximising the potential of the space. As everyone helping with the project is doing so voluntarily, their efforts are much appreciated.

We held a very successful stand at the Village Market in October where we sold some T-towels produced using the children's self-portraits. We were pleased to raise £28.00 in total. We are next participating at the market on 15th December and hope you will come and support us there.

Our Christmas party is planned for the 19th December and Father Christmas usually makes room in his busy schedule to pop in and say Hello! We hope that he will be able to make it again this year! We are also planning a trip to the Bluebell Railway to visit him there.

We still have a few spaces for 2 and 3 year olds who are thinking of starting at Playgroup and we are in fact even registering for September 2008! Therefore, if you are thinking of enrolling your child at playgroup, please do not hesitate and give us a call. We accept children from the age of 2 years old and they do not have to be potty/toilet trained.

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, Wednesday or Friday morning between 9.00 am - 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Blackboys School

Since I last wrote, it has been a busy and rewarding time for the children, parents, staff and governors of Blackboys.

We are delighted to announce the recruitment of our new Headteacher. Mrs Jonquil King will be joining the school after Christmas, moving from Rotherfield Primary School. Mrs King impressed us all with her drive and enthusiasm and I am sure she will be a huge asset as we continue to transform our school from a good standard to an outstanding standard. During my time as acting headteacher, I have been indebted to the continued hard work and professionalism of the staff and the superb behaviour and effort of our pupils, who have made my job easier during a difficult time.

Highlights of the past few months have been many. We celebrated Harvest at the beginning of October. Our service at St Thomas A Becket was themed on "A Sussex Harvest" with our recorder ensemble playing a moving rendition of Sussex By The Sea. We said thank you for local farmers and produce, sang with our usual gusto and were entertained by some excellent play by our orchestra.

School Governor, Dr Nick Argyrou, gave a stimulating talk to class 3 and 4 on the subject of microbes. Backing up his words of wisdom with some excellent graphic simulations, I can report that the use of soap has certainly increased since his visit!

On a sporting front, the school football team have won the local Cub Football Tournament (entering as guests) and were only defeated in a tournament in Uckfield by the eventual winners. Added to this was a valiant second place in the Ringmer Area Swimming Gala. In the future are planned forays into Girls Football at Lewes Football Club and the area Netball Tournament, where the team are aiming for their 5th consecutive win.

Recent months have seen a varied number of school trips. Both class 3 and 4 visited the British Museum to see the exciting Egyptian artefacts. Class 2

have enjoyed visits to Anne of Cleves House and Michelham Priory as part of their work on the Tudors. By far the tastiest trip was Class 1 's visit to Pizza Express where the children designed and baked their own pizzas. To the envy of the school (and particularly the Acting Headteacher!), the children brought their creations back to school for a picnic.

Our hard working PTA had their AGM recently, where renewed fundraising was planned. Recent successes have included a jumble sale and the ever-popular "Kids on the Catwalk". It is now all steam ahead for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December. Keep your eye out for posters around the village.

On the subject of Christmas the Infant Children are busy learning their lines for our school nativity. Coupled with the juniors singing a range of traditional carols, the service at St Thomas a Becket on Thursday 13th December is bound to be spectacular.

On that note I would like to take this opportunity to wish members of the parish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Graham Sullivan
Acting Headteacher
Blackboys School

'The Framfield Stagers'
present

The Babes in the Wood

(A Family Pantomime)

At Framfield Memorial Hall

Friday 29th February '08
& Saturday 1st March from 7.30pm.
Saturday Matinee at 2pm.

Tickets available from the Box Office 01825 890931

Adults £5.00 – Children £2.00

The Childrens' Parish Newsletter



George, Poppy and J
wish you all a very
Happy Christmas and
especially to
Lois, Phoebe, Jsobel and
Olivia who have come
to live in the Vicarage.



←←←← Note new mobile number for Inside Out 0791 569 7304

Framfield C E Primary School
November 2007

We welcomed 14 new children into our Reception class in September and are pleased to report that they have settled in extremely well. This is partly due to the excellent transfer programme which we run with Framfield Playgroup, and also to the rest of the children in the school who have welcomed them and supported them as they learn how to negotiate their way through the school day. All the children participated in our Harvest Festival in the church which was a considerable achievement for the very youngest children. We also held a service of celebration and thanksgiving for our Bishop's Commendation award. The Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings joined us for this special occasion, as did Nigel Sarjudeen, Education Officer from the Diocese, members of the school and parish community. It was a lovely occasion which demonstrated the children's confidence and the eagerness with which they approach their religious experiences and education. The presentation which the children produced can be seen on our school website: www.framfieldcep.e-sussex.sch.uk. This term promises to be as busy as ever with plans for a Christmas production already underway. The School Council is discussing a project to improve the school's pond, and staff and governors continue to work towards improving the premises and the provision which we offer. The most visible sign of our continued improvements is the fence along The Street. I am aware that this has not met with total approval locally and wish to express my hope that the benefits to the children will be recognised. We have improved the overall safety of the playground - the children are not confronted by speeding cars as they play, there is a reduction in pollution and noise, and more shade from the sun. In addition the fence has created secluded play areas and a marvellous surface for games and art work. Although they cannot be seen the children are still there and are still enjoying their work and play.

Janet Wilde, Headteacher

SELECTIVE WILDLIFE WATCHING

There are just some wild visitors to your garden that you really welcome, others, well you just wish that they will go and visit someone else's. Hedgehogs are one such visitor that I'm sure nearly everyone would like to see snuffling across the lawn or flowerbed. Harmless and helpful to the gardener, we put out food and drink to encourage them, build them little boxes to hibernate in and carefully check the bottom of bonfires to make sure they aren't incinerated on Guy Fawkes night. Turn them into moles however, and all sorts of medieval instruments of torture are devised to discourage and at worst, kill them. What do they do wrong? They have a similar diet to hedgehogs so are just as useful, but the fact that they make dirt piles on our lawns turns them into public enemy number one. If hedgehogs made a mess would our attitude to them change?

Bees we like, or at least tolerate, while wasps send us into bouts of apoplexy, but both deliver a nasty sting. Bees make honey, wasps, well they just make themselves a nuisance, but in fact they can be very good for the garden as they feed on some pest species.

One of the great pleasures in life is to sit out in the garden of a summers evening and hearing the frogs croaking from some hidden, dank corner, but my neighbour can't bear to be anywhere near them. Horrible, slimy things that jump out at you while you are pottering, so I'm sure that he would be very happy to see a grass snake slither into the pond and take a frog for lunch, whereas for most people this would be the signal to run indoors and not emerge for at least a week.

A glimpse of a brown rat will have us reaching instantaneously for the phone to call the rodent operatives, as they are known these days, but a badger lumbering up the path at dusk can elicit real delight, until that is they start digging up the lawn in search of earthworms and grubs, then our attitude changes somewhat. I have a long time memory of many years ago when someone rang the Trust to ask what was the Trust going to do about "its" badgers digging up my lawn?!

Wildlife needs our gardens. We have systematically and continuously eaten into their habitats making their world smarter and smaller. Some adapt better than others, taking advantage of new opportunities that man-made environment has to offer, but the majority of species find eking out a living more and more difficult. Generally people welcome animals, insects and birds visiting the garden, it can enhance and enrich the view from their window, and the interest in 'Gardening for Wildlife' has mushroomed over recent years.

But we can be a bit selective in what we set out to encourage and worry when the wrong species turn up. So really, when you see something is not quite to your liking, take a deep breath and just remember that it is just trying to find a little niche for life in an increasingly hostile world.

Mike Russell, Sussex Wildlife Trust, November 2007. www.sussex.wt.org

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET
CHRISTMAS MARKET

15th December – 10.00 to 12.00 noon

NO MARKET IN JANUARY 2008

**But PARTY IN VILLAGE HALL FOR ALL
STALL HOLDERS/HELPERS AND
CUSTOMERS**

26th January 2008 6 pm to 8.30 pm –ish



Bring one plate of food to share or packet
and own plates/utensils/drink which you
would use.

RESTART MARKETS – 2008

23rd February 2008

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR to
to all and MANY THANKS FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

Sandy - 840648

Framfield Memorial Hall 200 Club.
WIN £400

The Club has been running since 1980 and is an important fund-raiser for
the memorial Hall.

It is simply a group of people (up to 200) who pay an annual
Subscription, are allocated a number and win prizes (or at least have a
chance to win prizes)

Membership is open to all and each number is included in the draw for
each prize - there is no restriction to the number of entries each individual
can have.

For 2007 the annual subscription was £15 and the top prize £400 The prizes
10 at £25 6 at £50 3 at £100 1 at £400

If you are interested or if you would like an additional number please
contact one of the following.

Sandy Rogers	Greenacres Halland Park Farm	01825 840648
Mary Short	25 Becketts Way Framfield	01825 890854
Esther Eade	Farriers Way Framfield	01825 890507
David Jenner	10 Cleve Close Framfield	01825 890632

**THE 2007 DRAW WILL BE HELD AT WINE AND CHEESE
EVENING IN FRAMFIELD MEMORIAL HALL ON
MONDAY 10th DECEMBER AT 7.30PM**

COME AND COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS



FAREWELL!

To Peter and Delia (Gillies) who, after very many years, have just retired from printing our Newsletter. Their totally committed belief in the value of the "Letter" in the Parish manifested itself in their arranging for this issue to be printed by Matt Bigwood of "Print Matters" with the same terms and datelines that we have previously had. A seamless changeover much appreciated by all of us.

ALSO

Alison Clarkson, our Treasurer for the last three years, who has left us with a healthy, neat set of books but no one volunteering to take her place. Ann Newton, despite an already huge workload, has offered to write to our Advertisers, both present and those who have expressed interest in joining us, after Christmas.

We hope you will all continue to support us and that your advertising has been beneficial.

THANK YOU ALL! Sue (Ed.)

Framfield C.of E.Primary School

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Nail Bar-Tattoos-Games

Tombola

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th

3pm-4pm

at the School

ALL WELCOME

Ann Kirk-891232

Christmas at St Thomas à Becket

Framfield - Palehouse Common -
Blackboys

December 2007

SUNDAY 9th

10.00 am Family Service
4.30 pm Christingle Service *(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)*

WEDNESDAY 12th

11.30 am Holy Communion

THURSDAY 13th

6.30 pm Blackboys School Carol Service

SUNDAY 16th

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
(followed by coffee, tea and mince pies)



Christmas



FRIDAY 21st

9.00 am Framfield School Carol Service

SUNDAY 23rd

10.00 am Crib Service

MONDAY 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00 pm Midnight Communion

SUNDAY 30th

10.00 am Family Communion (CW)

Christmas Day
10.00 am Family Festival Communion

