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**Framfield, Blackboys
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From the Registers :



At rest:

22nd May 2008

Clarence Noel Tatham Waterer

**WHO'S WHO AT THE
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Taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8)

Despite the hubbub of getting children ready for school and making packed lunches etc, breakfast time at the Vicarage has Radio 2 playing in the background. Terry Wogan is usually good for a laugh and brings a good degree of lightness to the beginning of the day. In addition to the fun and frivolity Terry's programme has a Thought for the Day, given by a variety of presenters from various religious persuasions.

To all religions that believe that there is a god (whatever form god may take), no religious group can absolutely prove that their god exists. Faith is needed to bridge the gap and give credence to their particular set of beliefs. Even a devout atheist needs faith to affirm their belief that God does not exist!

As human beings we all have faith, and need faith, for our daily living. The expectation that a light will go on when you press the switch requires faith that the unseen electricity will make it happen. Sitting on a chair requires faith that the four legs will support your weight, otherwise you may just crash to the floor. There are many other daily examples we could quote that require faith but we accept them as routine as they mostly happen automatically. Over a period of time the continual cycle of 'cause and effect' affirms our beliefs and reinforces our faith; that's the way we learn and accept the world around us.

But what about faith in God; does he really exist? When you read about the many miracles Jesus performed in the Bible, are they true or a figment of someone's imagination, designed to dupe the gullible?

If you take the Bible at face value and read about Jesus' healing ministry you may well come to the conclusion that if Jesus was indeed God in human form, then performing miracles was easy for him. If He created the universe and everything in it then a few miracles here and there must have been a piece of cake!

Once Jesus started performing miracles of healing crowds flocked to him, why? In essence people had faith in Him. Jesus never turned anyone away and 'if he did it for me, he will do it for you'. Jesus moved with love and compassion on all who were in need.

St Matthew records - ***News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed, and he healed them (Matt 4:24).*** With Jesus words were never enough, he proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom by demonstrating it.

To believe in someone or something we require evidence, and it is right to be sceptical as words are seldom enough. Even the disciples found it hard to accept that Jesus was God but his response was to say: ***Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves (John 14:11).***

Obviously Jesus isn't physically with us today, so can we have any expectation that God may move miraculously upon us when we become ill or infirm? Well the answer is a resounding 'yes'. It takes faith to make that statement but I and many others within the local and world-wide church have personally experienced the power of God and witnessed God moving in miraculous ways. When it happens time and time again the evidence stacks up and you should be left with one conclusion; that God does exist and that He hears and answers prayer. God said He would **'watch over his word to perform it'** (*Jeremiah 1:12*) – and praise God He does!

Before Jesus left the earth: ***He called the twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness - Matthew 10:1.*** Jesus healed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the disciples received the same Holy Spirit to carry on demonstrating the reality of God's kingdom. Today the same Spirit is at work within every Christian to continue the commission Jesus originally gave to the first disciples - *Matthew 28:20*.

In Framfield church we have a Healing Service at 6.30pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a very gentle, informal service and there are people who will pray for you. Even if you have never been to church or considered being prayed for, why not come along?

Whatever your need, big or small, God is there for you – you only need to have the courage to ask. **Taste and see that the Lord is good!**

Every blessing – Rev Chris Lawrence

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society News

Preparations are well underway for our Summer Show on Saturday 9th August. The Show is the one event in the year when we can all get together as villagers and we would like to try and encourage more people in Framfield, Blackboys & Palehouse Common to be part of the Village Show. With this in mind we have arranged an informal get together on Tuesday 17th June 7.30pm at Framfield Memorial Hall. We would like to invite you to come along, have a drink and a chat about the show.

We have a couple of visits arranged during July and August. The first is at Wych Cross Nursery on Tuesday 8th July 10am this will include a tour of the Nursery and short talk (the whole thing lasting approx 1 hour). In August Doris Coles has very kindly offered to open her garden to members on Wednesday 6th August at 11am at Little Streele, Upton Mill Lane, Framfield. If you would like to come along please confirm with Doris on 01825 890500 (as always subject to the weather).

We had a talk arranged for Tuesday 22 July on 'How to present vegetables for the Show', regrettably we have had to postpone this.

Last month we attended the Framfield village market with a small stand. We plan to be there every month so please feel free to come along and have a chat.

Change to Schedule - Section 5

For all those gentlemen entering Cheese Bites into the summer show, please accept my apologies as I missed out an important ingredient - 200g of butter.

Jenny Bacon, Chair

01825 890236

email j.bacon@zen.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Over the past 30 years I have been the organiser, and a collector, for the parish Poppy Collection concentrated in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday in November and I have given the details of our successes in the Newsletters for February/March.

I always express my gratitude to my dedicated and long-serving 16 house to house collectors and for the help of the static collection "business points" in the parish during those two weeks. I have, however, always emphasised the success also of "Home Collections" throughout the whole year. There are now 29 homes with a collecting tin, which I supply, to absorb small change during the year and in the present turbulence I am so keen to increase our team. Last year an amount of £466 was able to be added to our total making £3,641 by this means.

We are all aware of the dangerous situations in Iraq and in Afghanistan and I would again ask for your support for those suffering as a result of the ongoing involvement of our Forces there. The Royal British Legion is totally committed to the vital need to help the families of those being killed, quite regularly now, and for the greater numbers being seriously wounded. You are likely to have read in the newspapers of the Royal Marine who recently lost both legs and his right arm in his early twenties.

Please let me know (890208) if you will help and join our team, or come and see me at Gate House Cottages.

Lieut. Colonel Nigel Drew

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE

- 01 2nd Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Service &
Baptism – Jasmine Shelley
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 08 3rd Sunday after Trinity**
*11.00 am Parish Celebration (All Age)
'Friends Weekend'
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 15 4th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)
6.30 pm Healing Service
- 18** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22 5th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family / All Age Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 29 6th Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)

JULY

- 06 7th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

* Service will be followed by 'Bring & Share' lunch in the Vicarage paddock - All welcome.

- 13 8th Sunday after Trinity**
 10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 16 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 20 9th Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Family / All Age Service
 6.30 pm Healing Service
- 27 10th Sunday after Trinity**
 10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30 pm Evening Praise

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



***St. Margaret the Queen
 Buxted Park
 Flower Festival***

“St. Margaret and other famous Queens”

<i>Friday 4th July</i>	<i>10am – 6pm Festival</i>
<i>Saturday 5th July</i>	<i>10am – 6pm Festival</i>
<i>Sunday 6th July</i>	<i>10am Parish Eucharist</i>
	<i>11am – 5pm Festival</i>
	<i>6pm Prayer & Praise</i>

Refreshments

Stalls:- Fairtrade Produce Plants Crafts

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St Thomas à Becket Churchyard - Flora and Fauna Survey during 2007 and ongoing

What can attract us to a church? There are probably as many answers to that question as there are people. They may include 'a real sense of God's presence', 'a very friendly, caring community', 'I have friends who go there', 'lively services', 'beautiful building', or in some cases, 'nothing whatever'. For me, when I joined Framfield church just over a year ago I could have said yes to all of these except the last one, and I admit there was one more reason.....Framfield Church also has a wonderful churchyard! As an ecologist, I was delighted to see such a huge area providing not only a resting place for the loved ones of the community who have passed on, but also a terrific sanctuary for wildlife. This fact was already appreciated by many in the church, who have worked hard over the years at appropriately managing the churchyard. Their challenge is to maintain the right balance between keeping paths accessible to visitors, whilst taking care of the best of the wild flora allowing them to flower so beautifully in spring or summer, depending on the species, and to set seed before being mown or strimmed at the best time.

So during the summer of 2007 I embarked on a plant survey, to assist those doing the hard work (mine was the fun bit!) in deciding which bits to allow to flower and which could stand more frequent mowing. While the full results still await analysis, so far a total of over 120 species of 'higher plant' have been recorded. This does not include the fascinating range of lichens to be found on many of the older gravestones.

But of course, plants are not the only inhabitants of our churchyard - there is a whole foodweb. On a warm summer's day, a delightful range of butterflies and damselflies can be seen flitting around the flowers, and crickets and grasshoppers bouncing around in the longer grass. Allowing some areas of rough grassland near the hedges and in the uneven ground around older gravestones has also created perfect conditions for Slow Worms, a protected species which has been seen on occasion by those caring for the area. As a result of donations, last year around 6 bird boxes were put up in various trees around the churchyard I wish I'd been there when they hoisted the 3 foot-long owl box into the big beech trees by the vicarage!

So as you walk through the churchyard this spring and summer, we hope you will enjoy the beauty and amazing diversity of wildlife that you will see around you. Maybe you will be visiting the graves of your own loved ones; perhaps if you linger a while, you may catch a glimpse of the sheer creativity and generosity of the loving Heavenly Father who makes it all possible, who notices when even a sparrow falls to the ground, who cares infinitely about every little detail of our own lives, and longs to pour the same love into us as he does into the rest of his creation.

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St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield Friends Association

The Friends Association was formed to help preserve and enhance the fabric of the church. Membership is open to all those who wish to see the church and churchyard preserved for future generations.

Funds are raised through annual subscriptions and social activities. In recent years Friends have organised concerts, open gardens and dinners. Since it was formed the Friends Association has contributed to the overhaul of the organ, roof repairs, the refurbishment of the Gage Chapel, the recasting of the bells and repairs to the stonework of the church windows. We are currently refurbishing the buildings iron guttering. Over £75,000 has been raised since the association was formed to maintain this beautiful building.

This summer The Friends invite all parish residents to enjoy the church and its surroundings during the 6th, 7th and 8th of June. There is something for everyone and everyone is welcome.

Please bring your photographs and memories of parish or church events with you so we can record them to share with the next generation.

For further information about the Friends please contact
01825 891090

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

Non-League - Fixtures

03/05/2008	Wadhurst v Blackboys – Won by 7 wickets
05/05/2008	Crowborough v Blackboys – Lost by 46 runs
11/05/2008	St Lukes v Blackboys – Lost by 5 wickets
18/05/2008	Rodmell v Blackboys
22/05/2008	Heathfield Park v Blackboys
25/05/2008	TBA
01/06/2008	Blackboys v Rottingdean
08/06/2008	Wadhurst v Blackboys
15/06/2008	Blackboys v W G Gracefully
22/06/2008	Summerdown v Blackboys
29/06/2008	Laughton v Blackboys
06/07/2008	Moulscombe Wanderers v Blackboys
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	Pevensey v Blackboys
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**

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

We started our campaign in Division 4 of the East Sussex Cricket League with a match at home to Mayfield. A team we have not played since our days in the old Cuckmere Valley Cricket League.

East Sussex Cricket League – Division 4 - Fixtures

10/05/2008	Blackboys v Mayfield 1st XI – Drawn
17/05/2008	Rotherfield 1st XI v Blackboys
24/05/2008	Blackboys v St Peters 2nd XI
31/05/2008	Maresfield 1 st XI v Blackboys
07/06/2008	Blackboys v Little Common Ramblers 1st XI
14/06/2008	Plumpton & East Chiltington 1st XI v Blackboys
21/06/2008	Glynde & Beddingham 3rd XI v Blackboys
28/06/2008	Blackboys v St James Montefiore 3rd XI
05/07/2008	Fletching 2nd XI v Blackboys
12/07/2008	Mayfield 1st XI v Blackboys
19/07/2008	Blackboys v Rotherfield 1 st XI
26/07/2008	St Peters 2nd XI v Blackboys
02/08/2008	Blackboys v Maresfield 1 st 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 2nd XI

Unfortunately, over the past year, due to various reasons, the number of players that we have available, especially for our friendly fixtures on a Sunday, has dropped. 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



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**A Parish Celebration
St Thomas á Becket Church**

June 6th, 7th and 8th 2008

Friday 6th June 7pm

Concert -The Weald Singers & Framfield Singers

**Saturday 7th June 10am - 4pm
Open House**

Find out about the history of the church
Share your memories and photographs of local events
Search for ancestors on the gravestone list
Discover the plants in the graveyard
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Church yard bug hunt
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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

At both meetings the subject of the Uckfield Appeals was still on the agenda. However the Parish Council has decided to wait to see what the timetable involves at the commencement of the next sitting in June.

Chris Dowling reported on his continued involvement over the issues with the Uckfield school bus. A petition has now been submitted to ESCC.

ESCC are still investigating the possibility of placing a directional sign indicating the correct route to the Possingworth Workshops in an attempt to stop large HGV's taking the wrong turnings.

The Parish Annual Assembly (15 May 2008) will be the forum for residents to come forward with any highways/speed issues prior to further representation to ESCC. Due to the publishing date of the Parish Magazine residents may miss this opportunity. Please don't let this deter anyone from contacting me with any issues after this time. Speeding on our roads is, unfortunately, an ongoing problem.

Mr Arthur Makepeace has been appointed Internal Auditor to the Parish Council and his experience and expertise in the field is welcomed.

Mr D Greengrow has been appointed Parish Handyman and will be carrying out the weekly inspection of the three play areas and doing 'odd jobs' as and when they are required.

Planning 'Phase 1' of the alterations to the RVL site at Squires Farm industrial estate has been approved by WDC but 'Phase 2' has been withdrawn. The PC will endeavour to keep residents informed if a further application is made.

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); 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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**JUNE 16th — 2.30 Tea at HOBBS BARTON
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**July 21st — 2.30 Tea at GRANGE FARM
HOUSE (Caroline Swire)**

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Concert at St Margaret's Church, Buxted in April was a most enjoyable event raising £500, with a further £500 donation! The voices of the soprano and tenor sounded wonderful, resounding in the Church.

The afternoon at The Grange, Framfield where people looked around Kathy and Jack Gore's beautiful garden under the Open Gardens Scheme was an enormous success. A huge number of people turned out on a lovely warm afternoon in May and contributed to Macmillan by enjoying our homemade cakes - we took £540.

Out of interest - 3 million cups of coffee were drunk at last year's Biggest Coffee Morning, and 725 runners took part in the London Marathon for Macmillan. 1000's of lives *are* changed because of the support Macmillan receives, and our committee very much appreciates the support of local parishioners because we realise there *are* so many worthwhile charities that all need help.

Open Garden/Teas - On Sat/Sun/Mon 7/8/9th June we will be serving tea and cakes at Hobbs Barton, Framfield. Valerie and Jeremy Clark's pretty garden is well worth a visit - come and look around and also enjoy homemade cakes in their beautiful old barn.

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

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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- 1000 Litres
- 2000 Litres
- 3000 Litres

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Keith Riddle
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Framfield & Blackboys WI Report

The speaker at our March meeting was Sqn. Leader David Carey with a "Personal view of the Falklands", a place that many of us know very little about. The human population of 2000 plus live mainly in the capital Stanley - others are scattered over the rest of the islands. Sheep farming is the main livelihood and they are slaughtered on the island and exported in refrigerated ships. We were shown slides of the bleak terrain and the various species of penguins. Adrienne gave our vote of thanks for a very informative and enjoyable talk.

Mr David Clarke gave us a very interesting talk at our April meeting entitled "The Last Voyage of RMS Queen Mary". She made her maiden voyage in 1936 and her last voyage in 1967. Her main travels were between Europe and America ferrying passengers across the Atlantic and during the war she transported troops from Canada and America to England. She was bought by America and her last voyage was a cruise leaving Southampton and calling at various ports from Portugal, Canary Islands, Rio de Janeiro, around Cape Horn, Peru, Panama, and on to the final destination at Long Beach California where she remains as a tourist attraction.

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The purpose is to offer a first, affordable, step on the housing ladder to enable savings to be built up for the next move. It has been hoped that this would be the ownership of a house or flat. The Project has been running successfully since 1992 but with current conditions the emphasis for serious saving has come very much to the fore. Accordingly, a savings element has been built into rental payments for the benefit of occupants on their departure, having completed a satisfactory tenancy. The level of this savings element is discussed with all applicants.

Priority is given for applicants from within the parish of Framfield although the Management Committee can accept occupants from neighbouring parishes. One unit will become available later in the summer and anyone who is now interested should, in the first instance, contact Lieut. Colonel Nigel Drew for further details.

GATE HOUSE COTTAGES, FRAMFIELD 01825 890208

Framfield C.E. School

Invites you to join in the fun at our

Party in the Playground!

Saturday 21st June 2008

12.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Entertainment by Framfield School Children
at 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm

Bouncy Castle/Assault Course

Penalty Shoot Out - Football and Netball!

Bean Bag Game!

Hook - a - Duck

Market Stalls - Jewellery, Handbags, Plants, Preserves etc.

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And More!

All proceeds will go towards the new building project

LIFE IN COLD BLOOD IN SHOREHAM

As always I, like millions of others, have been captivated by the latest David Attenborough television series 'Life in Cold Blood'. If anyone can make the often reviled and much maligned amphibians and reptiles almost lovable then he can and the insight the programme gave us into the lives of some of these creatures was truly remarkable. Throughout the series his boyish enthusiasm shone like a beacon from our screens and who can forget his response when he finally realised his 50 year long ambition of seeing the world's smallest chameleon during filming in Madagascar.

Some of the series was shot in the Galapagos Islands and it has been my good fortune to visit there on two occasions myself where I have sat on the rocks alongside and marvelled at the marine iguanas, those most prehistoric of reptiles and snorkelled amongst huge Pacific green turtles, so ungainly and awkward on land yet so graceful in the water. I have also been to the Charles Darwin Research Station and gazed wonderingly at 'Lonesome George' the last remaining individual of the Pinta Island race of giant tortoises, trying to imagine what it's like to be the last of your kind. George probably does not have the gift of imagination but he does represent the threats that reptiles and amphibians are under to their survival on this planet and the programme left us in no doubt that their hold in this world is more precarious than any other group of animals.

Most reptiles and amphibians live in the tropics where their numbers are great and varied while in our more temperate climate fewer are able to withstand the cooler winters. In the UK we only have 6 native reptiles and 6 amphibians, with a few other aliens having been introduced. All the natives bar the natter jack toad and the sand lizard are recorded regularly in Sussex, and with a bit of effort you can see these creatures yourselves.

As I write, my little pond in the garden is just a heaving mass of frogs, where well over 20 individuals are all involved in a sexual bonanza producing great mounds of spawn from which the next generation will emerge. Garden ponds are providing a lifeline for our frogs as the natural breeding sites in the wider countryside diminish. Meanwhile, at Woods Mill we have all been terribly excited as a similar scene was being enacted at one end of the lake, but here the participants are common toads. For me this was a great sight as in all my years at Woods Mill I have never seen such a large number of toads on the reserve.

In many garden ponds, and certainly at Woods Mill, a trip out at night with a torch will probably reveal some newts, probably the common or palmate newt, but if you are lucky it might be the magnificent great crested newts. What is more they might be indulging their displaying activity of gentle tail shaking, just like that shown on TV!

Finding amphibians can be easier than reptiles because in spring and summer they all need water, whereas snakes and lizards have a great capacity to disappear long before you come across them. Grass snakes are perhaps easier to encounter in water as frogs form a big part of their diet whereas the adder is most likely to be seen in the early morning sun, warming up on a bare patch somewhere on the Downs or in our heathlands. These are also the preferred habitats of the common lizard. Often all reptiles might be sheltering under a tin sheet or log, a really good place to find slow worms.

Programmes of the calibre of 'Life in Cold Blood' just open our eyes to the glorious wonder of the natural world and though it has shown examples of this from all over the world, there are species here right on our doorstep that have that same fantastic life style and sadly, their survival in this world is just as precarious as their exotic cousins.

Mike Russell
Sussex Wildlife Trust
May 2008
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Blackboys School

Another successful time at Blackboys School: we have been entertained by class assemblies over the past few weeks with topics as varied as “What makes a Successful Sentence,” “Danny Champion of the World”, and a real treat from Class Four who put on a wonderful display of the work they had been doing plus a fantastic dance routine which was stunning. Class one entertained us with work based on their theme “Dear Zoo”. These assemblies show what a rich curriculum the children benefit from here.

As you know, this year is the National year of Reading and it certainly started with a bang with the Brilliant Blackboys Book Day! The whole school community dressed up as a character from a book and reading activities took place the whole day. We were particularly impressed with Connor Luck as Winnie the Pooh and Emily Sowell as Queen Rat. Honourable mention must also go to Owain Groves as Mr Toad. All the children made such a big effort as did the staff. We composed a wonderful whole school story—which was only very mildly edited before going out on display to parents.

Our playground equipment has had a boost recently with the arrival of our Tesco Voucher Equipment and games have been purchased to enrich our Golden Time activities – particularly popular are stacking cups! It is planned to make the playground even more interesting than it is with map murals and ideas for games in the near future.

As ever our clubs go from strength to strength: cricket, art, animation, gardening, orchestra and recorder ensemble. Nearly every child in the school takes part in some form of after-school activity. Our orchestra will be playing at the celebration weekend at Framfield Church where some of our art work will also be on display.

The PTA have been as active as ever laying on a very successful Easter Fair and supporting us in so many ways from helping us develop our ICT by buying much needed extra equipment, to helping finance playground development. We really do value their commitment and contribution.

We have just completed our assessment week with the year 6s taking their National Curriculum Tests so now we are looking forward to a Science Week based on the theme of the Environment. Next term will see our performance and of course, Sports Day.

J K King – Headteacher

Framfield C E Primary School

Despite quite a lot of wet weather last term, class 2 managed to complete an interesting project in the school grounds with an officer from the RSPCA. They have developed a series of habitats for different creatures and we are looking forward to see whether anyone will move in! The whole school worked on a maths project about position and direction and this ended with a special assembly when all children demonstrated what they knew about compass points, following directions and using coordinates to play a round of golf and design beautiful repeating patterns.

As many of you will be aware the school is shortly due to begin a building project. This is very exciting for us as we will have a new classroom, an enlarged classroom and changes to the inside which will create better working spaces such as a new library. We are working on raising £30,000 to contribute towards this project and will be holding a number of fund-raising events during the year which I hope will be of interest to you. The project will also have an impact on the grounds and we will be working with the children to develop these once the build is complete. It should all be ready by Christmas - we hope so!

Janet Wilde
Headteacher



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!!!STOP PRESS!!!

We are all very excited to be able to take this opportunity to share with you some fantastic news about Framfield Playgroup. We have now gained registration from Ofsted for the use of Thomas à Becket's Church Hall enabling us to increase our sessions from three to five mornings a week. You will still find us in the Memorial Hall on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday but on a Thursday we shall be using the Church Hall for our setting. A five morning week is something we have been working to achieve for some time and we are extremely pleased to now be able to offer the Parish a daily pre-school setting.

Our close links with Framfield Primary School mean that we offer a fantastic early years start for local children. We also extend our availability to children living outside the Parish meaning that a wide section of the community can benefit from our Playgroup. We have a friendly and longstanding team of staff who are dedicated to the children's learning and development. But don't take our word for this - we will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 18th June 9.30 -11.30 at the Memorial Hall, please come and see us so we can show you our wonderful setting and what we are doing with the children.

We are also 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?

If you are thinking of enrolling your child at preschool, 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.

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 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall, Framfield or Thursday morning in the Church Hall.

'Sessions run from 9.00am to 12.00pm (11.30am for under 2 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.



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This term the children are working on mini beasts beginning with butterflies and resulting in a fabulous display of their work for the parents to view. As you can imagine the children are very keen to collect mini beasts to bring in to show everyone! With such a wonderful out door play area the children have the ideal environment to search for mini beasts at pre-school.

Term 6 the topic will be holidays and the beach ready for the summer. A safety week is also part of this last term's activities. Representatives from the fire service and police will be coming into to talk to the children. This always brings much excitement.

Over the Easter holidays the pre-school ran a Jumble sale to raise funds for new equipment. We were also very pleased to have been awarded a grant for more than £4000 for upgrading and adding new equipment to the pre-school resources. We hope to be able to add a climbing frame to the outdoor area with these funds.

Future fund raising activities include a Quiz night on Friday the 6th of June. Tickets are available from the pre-school if you are interested. This is always a fun night for parents and locals to test their knowledge and have fun raising money for the pre-school.

The pre-school is open every morning and also two afternoon sessions, with an optional lunch club. We welcome children from the age of 2 (not potty trained) to five years of age. We have a wonderful team of staff and a fabulous out door area. We have a recent OFSTED report that we are very proud of. Nursery funding is available. Talk to other mums, chat to people in the village, come and visit us, see the children, look at all the exciting things that they are doing and learning.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all the residents of Blackboys for their generous donations to the Blackboys Carol Singers. Like last year, we were collecting money for Save The Children. This year we managed to collect enough to give a child a place in school and to buy a water filter and a supply of "Plumpy nut" for a month. Very successful! The children all had a wonderful evening and, we are reliably informed, already looking forward to doing it all again in December.!

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 SUMMER PARISH NEWSLETTER



Yes it's me George. Just when we thought it was safe we're leaving Framfield but not going far. Poppy and I would like to welcome another "George" who was "Maisie Daisy" until a further examination took place, to the Village. Please do not let him harm Jean Pierre (Jean Paul?) the remarkable rabbit also "at home" there. Poppy and I LOVE rabbits! Mistress does not share our reasons why we love them, but understands them.

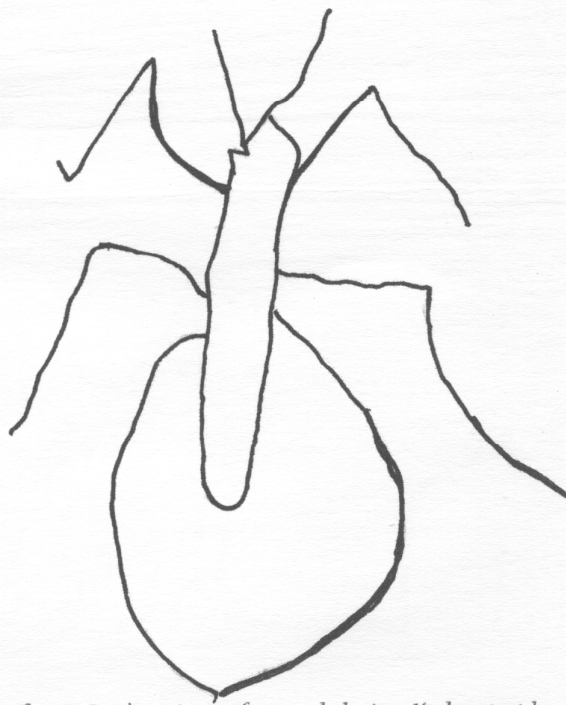
Mistress is delighted with all the pictures and has chosen three.

Have a lovely summer and look after the family who are coming to live in our home. I am reliably informed that our new abode is "teeming with wild life" so, if Mistress doesn't make the repairs to the fence a priority, we should be in for some real fun sorting them out. GEORGE & POPPY

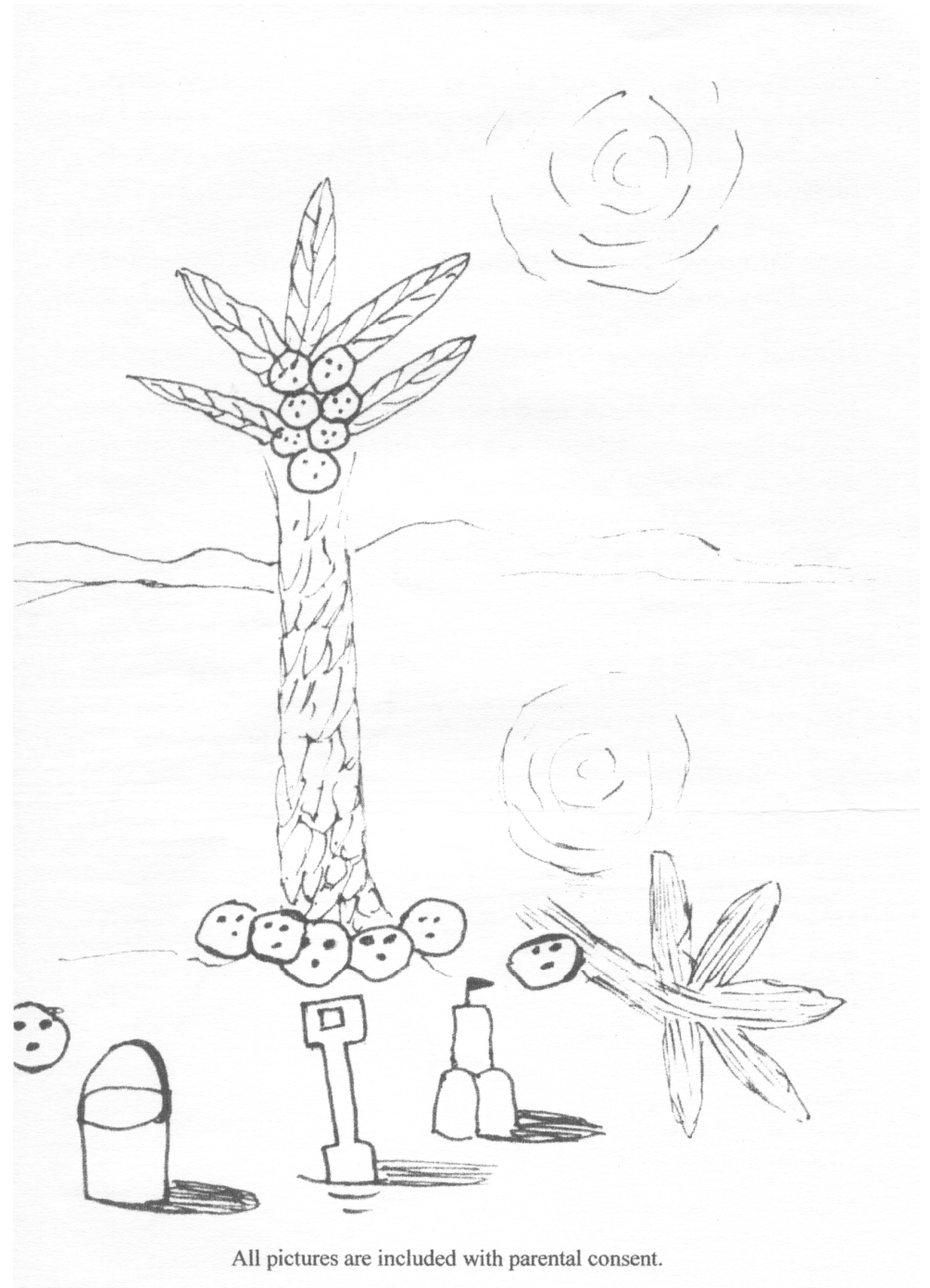
THANK YOU ALL FOR THE LOVELY DRAWINGS YOU SENT TO THE NEWSLETTER.

I expect "George" will tell you all about the "Move" in the next letter. He and Poppy will be having a holiday with their friends Rupert and Daisy whilst I have a holiday in Mongolia. All a bit of a rush but that's how life goes sometimes and it should be an interesting, and, hopefully, not too painful a time. Camel and pony transport does have it's drawbacks, and the "ger" tent looks fun. Well if Ghengis Khan could live in one so can I!

Thank you to everyone who sent items in early so that I could complete the newsletter. Sue W



This is Ben's picture of a pond skater. He has paid so much attention to detail and we are really pleased he sent it to the Newsletter. Let's have some more



All pictures are included with parental consent.