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# Parish Newsletter



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and  
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**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008**

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

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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:**

**16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2008      James Frederick Mc Guinness / Sarah-Louise Abbott**

**WHO'S WHO AT THE  
St THOMAS À BECKET NEWSLETTER.**

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within the Parish.*

"THANK YOU" to all our contributors.

The Editorial team of Barry Sue and Ann would like to thank all our contributors for their items for this "one off" very early printing of the St Thomas à Becket Newsletter. Your support has been outstanding and we are most grateful. We would also like to thank the wonderful band of volunteers who have made this delivery possible - thank you Delia and Derek - also to our Printers, who have had to (possibly) re-arrange print runs to accommodate us.

*Barry, Sue and Ann*

## OPERATION GODSEND

### A SERVICE FOR ALL PARISH RESIDENTS

Examples of the services available are:

#### Transport

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

#### Resources

Small handyman/woman tasks - eg changing fuses, altering clocks etc.  
Visiting/befriending.

Requests will be received on an answer phone  
Tel. No: 01825 891072

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

## So the world didn't end on September 10<sup>th</sup> – but what if it had?

September 10<sup>th</sup> was an interesting day to say the least. It marked the turning on of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC); part of the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN), Switzerland. The ongoing experiment has been designed to recreate the conditions of the 'Big-Bang', which apparently brought time and space into existence 13.7 billion years ago. It is hoped that by understanding what happened at the dawn of time we will be able to grasp how life began and how all of what surrounds us came into existence.

However, the element of danger couldn't be discounted. It was apparently a possibility that a 'black hole' could have been created that would have swallowed up the earth and all of humanity with it!

'Switch-on' was a success, but several people who phoned into Radio 2 seemed genuinely disappointed that the world hadn't ended! It begs the question 'so what if it had?'

A few years ago the family were out for a walk across the fields in Rotherfield where we stopped to chat to two elderly men. As the conversation continued, one remarked, "there are only two important questions in life; where have you come from, and where are you going?" Since that time I have often pondered those few, but very significant words.

Are we indeed the product of some primeval soup from which we eventually evolved into human beings or does God as the Bible describes create us in His image? The former hypothesis doesn't exactly fill one with a sense of intrinsic worth or dignity! The human body is far too complicated to be an accident. Perhaps the psalmist is absolutely right when he writes **'for you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139: 13-14).**

And what of the other question "Where are you going?" Of the two this has to be the most significant. Although we cannot see them, the Bible describes Heaven and Hell as real places. At the end of our lives we either go to one place or the other. Hell conjures up many unpleasant images in the mind but fundamentally it has to be a place that is totally devoid of any goodness or love. Simply because God (who is love) will be absent.

In this life we all have choices and we have to live the consequences of those choices. What if the world had ended on the 10<sup>th</sup>? Where would you have you ended up? It is not a question that can be lightly dismissed – it is far too important and worthy of our investigation.

During September we will the running two new Alpha courses (see separate advertisement on page 8). Alpha is the forum for discussing the big questions in life, in a friendly non-threatening environment. It takes ten weeks to complete the course 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.

I will sign off with some words from the apostle Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter.

### ***'The Day the Sky Will Collapse'***

**Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.**  
*(2 Peter 3: 8-9 The Message translation)*

Blessings – Rev'd Chris Lawrence

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### FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET DATES:

25th October and 22nd November

CHRISTMAS MARKET 20<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)

10am - 12 noon and every following 4th Saturday  
of the month  
ALL WELCOME

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### **Framfield and Blackboys Monday Club**

October 6<sup>th</sup>: "World of Raystede" by President Morgan Williams

October 20<sup>th</sup>: "A Zambian Adventure" by Lynne & Paul Ireland (Demelza House)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Boccia – Tea and cakes

November 17<sup>th</sup>: (open to all) The Uckfield Singers will be singing a variety of popular and easy listening songs at Framfield Memorial Hall. Entry on the door to include tea/coffee/biscuit. Free entry to Monday Club Members.

For more info ring 01825 840648.

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### **Welcome Baptist Blackboys - SPREE 2008!**

Spree is the nationally-run weekend camp held at Great Walstead School for Urban Saints (formerly Crusaders) groups from the Southeast of England.

During the weekend of 18-20 July, 26 young people (8-16 year olds) from Blackboys Urban Saints after school club and Life2themax youth group from Blackboys joined youngsters from across the region for a full weekend of fun and friendship whilst learning about following Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We were really blessed with a dry weekend and enjoyed some fabulous cooking by Andy Doherty. Some of the highlights for the children included: the talent show, bungee trampolining, balls on water(!) swimming, Head Hunters (don't ask), mega bouncies, art and craft, late night hike, even later than midnight movies, the very loud band – oh yes and football!!! Mr Sullivan (Deputy Head of Blackboys CE School) made his annual 'tent inspection' on the Saturday which is always a highlight, usually revealing how much tuck has been consumed in one night.....

Apart from a severe lack of sleep and some disturbingly untouched wash bags..... it was good to spend time together, from the youngest to the oldest playing Footie or Frisbee or helping others wash up. The lively meetings held in the evenings for the different age groups reminded us all about the race we are all in, if we want to try and live life to the full – following God's rules. With the Olympics looming we had been learning about this race before us, where we are reminded in Hebrews 12 v 1 to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin which so easily entangles, and run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Our next special Sunday is September 28 at 3pm, starting at the Blackboys recreation field – Football Training followed by refreshments in the Village Hall at 4.45pm followed by a talk by Alan West an ex professional footballer.

If you are interested in either the after school club at Blackboys School (5-11's) or the Life2themax youth group (11-16's) call Suzanne Hammond 01435 868846 (Welcome Baptist Blackboys)

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**26670**  
**Uckfield Police Station**  
**Tel: 0845 60 70 999 Ext: 26670**  
**Email:**  
*katie.breeds@sussex.pnn.police.uk*

**Collecting for the Red Cross:**  
 Have you got a little time each month to look after a collection box in your local shop? It doesn't take long and will help raise vital funds to help the Red Cross continue their valuable work in Sussex. Please contact Hannah Rosalie on 01273 227805 or [hrosalie@redcross.org.uk](mailto:hrosalie@redcross.org.uk)

### Temporary Road Closure Order - B2102 Bird In Eye Hill, and U7866 Sandy Lane, Framfield

To enable East Sussex Highways to carry out resurfacing and drainage improvement works, it will be necessary to implement a temporary road closure.

The closure is necessary for expediency, safety of contractor's staff and highway users. Due to the class and width of the road it would not be possible for highway users to pass and re-pass with safety whilst work is being carried out.

The B2102 Bird In Eye Hill, will be closed from outside Bird In Eye Farm in an easterly direction to outside Hailwell Farm, to include the U7866 Sandy Lane to its junction with the U7866 Spurlings Lane.

The diversion route for light vehicles will be via the B2102 Hammonds Green Road, U7403 Brookhouse Lane, the U7512 Palehouse Common, the C26 Eastbourne Road, C26 New Town, the B2102 Framfield Road and vice versa. The diversion route for HGV's will be via the B2102, the B2192, the U7512 Palehouse Common, the C26 Eastbourne Road/New Town, the B2102 Framfield Road and vice versa.

This work is expected to commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and from the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

The contact for these works is East Sussex Highways. Telephone 0845 60 80 193

## DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

### OCTOBER

- 05 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00 am Family Service  
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 12 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)**  
 \* 11.00 am Family Service  
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 15 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 19 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00 am Contemporary Service  
 6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 26 Last Sunday after Trinity**  
 10.00 am Parish Communion  
 6.30 pm Evening Praise

*\* Note start time – service followed by Harvest Lunch*

### NOVEMBER

- 02 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent (All Saints Day)**  
 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00 am Family Service  
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 09 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
 10.00 am Remembrance Sunday  
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

# 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 168 lost to President's XI 172/8 by 4 wkts
20/07/2008	Buxted Park 220/1 bt Blackboys 175 by 45 runs
27/07/2008	Blackboys 146/7 lost to St Lukes 149/6 by 4 wkts
03/08/2008	Blackboys v Waldron – Cancelled
10/08/2008	Buxted Park Six-a-Side Tournament – Runners Up
17/08/2008	Blackboys v The Invalids - Cancelled
24/08/2008	Ripe & Chalvington v Blackboys – Cancelled
31/08/2008	Blackboys v Eastbourne Counting House - Cancelled
07/09/2008	Tunbridge Wells II v Blackboys - Cancelled
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](mailto:colin.eade@gmail.com)  
[www.blackboyscc.co.uk](http://www.blackboyscc.co.uk)**

- 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Contemporary Service  
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 19 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 23 Sunday Before Advent**  
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)  
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 30 Advent Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
(*This will be the only service today*)

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

**COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE  
BY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008  
TO  
CHRIS LAWRENCE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE –  
01825 891090  
OR  
ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182**

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

**Mrs Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine). Email: [framfield.pc@virgin.net](mailto:framfield.pc@virgin.net). Messages will be picked up during office hours. All communications for Parish Council matters should be directed to the Secretary.**

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## 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 84 lost to with Blackboys 86/6 by 4 wkts
19/07/2008	Blackboys 165/9 drew with Rotherfield 1st XI 153/8
26/07/2008	St Peters 2nd XI 177/9 lost to Blackboys 178/3 by 7 wkts
02/08/2008	Blackboys 168/3 bt Maresfield 1st XI 167 by 7 wkts
09/08/2008	Little Common Ramblers 1st XI v Blackboys – Cancelled
16/08/2008	Blackboys 198/7 drew with Plumpton & East Chilmington 1st XI 135/8
23/08/2008	Blackboys 185/5 bt Glynde & Beddingham 3rd XI 182/8 by 5 wkts
30/08/2008	St James Montefiore 3rd XI 169 lost to Blackboys by 6 wkts
06/09/2008	Blackboys v Fletching 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI - Cancelled

Unfortunately, over the past year, due to various reasons, the number of players that we have available has dropped. We want to start a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**St. Thomas à Becket Church  
Framfield**

**" Back to Church Sunday"**

**September 28th 2008**

**10.00am**

*We welcome you to join with us on this  
special occasion*

*A warm welcome is guaranteed and  
a glass of wine and nibbles will be served  
after the service*

***WE ARE ALL VIP'S TO GOD***

**BacktoChurchSunday**

# “IS THIS IT?”

## If God did exist what would you ask ?

Over 2 million people in the UK and 11 million worldwide have now attended an Alpha course, an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world.

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with a day or weekend away.

### 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 – Week1**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008**  
**Places still available ?**

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

For further details or to reserve places please contact Rev Chris Lawrence in the Church Office 01825 891090 or Pat & Ian on 01825 890761.

Website – [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk)



**Alpha**

*St. Thomas à Becket  
Framfield*

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

I find myself including an item in the Parish Newsletter several times in the year but this has become necessary because of the turbulence in the world, and particularly because of the dangerous situations in Iraq and in Afghanistan. Our troops are in constant danger in the latter and you will be well aware of the number killed and the much larger number of those wounded, many seriously, which will have a profound effect on their future lives. They and their families badly need our help to which the Royal British Legion is totally committed.

Once again, as in the past 30 years as the organiser and as a collector, I bring to your attention the closeness of Remembrance Sunday on 9th November and the Poppy Collection activity during the two weeks beforehand.

I have been blessed by the support of so many dedicated and long-serving house to house collectors but, as the years go by, I badly need several volunteers who would join our team for those two weeks. Please let me know (890208) if you will help or come and see me at Gate House Cottages in Framfield.

I am pleased to be able to say that the numbers of those of you who keep a collecting tin, which I supply, over the year as a "Home Collection" to absorb small change has increased to 33 and I am so grateful for this response. It benefitted our taking last year by £466 of the total of £3641. Please contact me if you will help to increase this number yet again.

**Lieut Colonel Nigel Drew**



**FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**AS WE ARE NEARING THE SEASON FOR FIREWORKS, THE PARISH COUNCIL, ACTING AS TRUSTEES FOR THE THREE PARISH RECREATION GROUNDS, WOULD LIKE TO REMIND RESIDENTS THAT FIREWORKS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY OF THE GROUNDS.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.**

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCING INCREASED AIRCRAFT NOISE?**

If so, the first point of contact is Gatwick noise complaint line (free) on 0800 393 070.

Every 'phone call to this number is logged as a complaint and therefore it is important for residents to leave a message and subsequently write a letter to the address below explaining that there has been increased aircraft activity, flying at lower heights than previous years.

Write to: NATS, London Area Control Centre  
PO Box 100  
Sopwith Way  
Southampton SO31 7AY

Some specific details already received from Gatwick noise complaint department indicate that there has been a 50-100% increase in air traffic within 2km of Blackboys. Furthermore, in previous years there has been a maximum of 20% of aircraft below 7,000 feet.

This year, on the day a complaint was lodged, of the 43 aircraft, 24 (over 50%) were below 7,000 feet.

**ST. MARGARET THE QUEEN,**  
**BUXTED PARK**

**7.30 p.m. SATURDAY**  
**4th OCTOBER 2008**

**THE PARIKIAN ORCHESTRA**  
**AND CHORUS**

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***MOZART-'PARIS' SYMPHONY***  
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**UCKFIELD, EAST SUSSEX. TN22 4HT**  
with **Stamped Addressed Envelope** and cheque payable to:-  
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## A Plea to all parish residents

It would be lovely if those of you who like to have garden fires would refrain from doing so during the warm weather months when fellow residents have their windows open, have washing on the line and are attempting to enjoy their own gardens in the nice weather.

There has been a spate of local garden fires recently (one of which caused burning embers to leave holes in neighbouring trampolines) and each time the polluted air in Framfield has caused local residents to run around closing windows and doors as their homes become smoke-filled and the air becomes difficult to breathe! This is especially unbearable at bed-time when some fires are still smouldering and fumes have reached bedrooms with open windows. It's a no-win situation when closing windows in the summer heat is equally unbearable. By then, of course, the smoke is already in the room and nothing can be done to clear the air. Please also consider that some of your neighbours may be asthma sufferers.

If residents are forced to report offenders to Wealden District Council the problem may be treated as a statutory nuisance. You can avoid this by adopting any of the following methods of garden waste disposal:

- You can make compost from your garden waste - the following website provides tips on how to make compost - [www.gardenorganic.org.uk](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk)
- You can take your garden waste to any of the 6 household waste recycling sites within the Wealden District. These include the one in Heathfield and the mobile site available on Sunday mornings at Uckfield.
- You can use a shredder to reduce small branches and twigs to chippings which you can spread on the garden as a mulch to reduce weeds as well as maintain soil moisture.
- Store your garden waste until the weather turns colder when the majority of people will have doors and windows closed. All it takes is a little consideration and thought for others.

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The worlds Biggest Coffee Morning will be taking place all over the country on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Last year there were 1200 coffee mornings hosted across Sussex.

We shall be at Pizza Express, Uckfield, hoping to serve a record number of cups of coffee during the morning.

There will also be numerous other coffee mornings in the area – so do try to support one !

We are always looking for volunteers to help us fund raise. There are so many ways in which you can help – from making cakes in the summer for "open gardens" to shaking a tin when we have our street collection...

Please let us know if you can spare a little time. You can make such a difference.

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](http://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*



**FRAMFIELD PLAYGROUP**  
 The Memorial Hall, The Street,  
 Framfield, TN22 5NR  
 OFSTED Registration No: 511222  
 Charity Commission No: 1040794  
 PLA Member No: 29899



We are very excited to return to Playgroup following the long Summer Holiday. Although we have had a large number of children graduate from Playgroup to Framfield School (who we will miss very much), we now look forward to welcoming back our younger children and also to meeting our several newcomers. We have lots of exciting activities planned and are more than ready to begin the new Autumn term.

Framfield Playgroup offers children a warm, friendly pre-school environment. We have a longstanding team of staff who are dedicated to the children's learning and development. But don't just take our word for it – if you are preparing to enrol your child at a pre-school please call us to arrange a visit! We accept children from the age of 2 years old and they do not have to be potty/toilet trained.

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 are now even enrolling for September 2009.

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

\*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.

**Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show Results 2008**

The Hobbs Barton Cup	Stuart Barton
The John Dann Cup	Sarah Cooper
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup	Terry Everitt
The Trevor Horscroft Cup	Terry Everitt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate	John Small
The David Hazelden Plate	Stuart Barton
The Peter Butler Plate	Val Peaty
The Dennis White Memorial Cup	Jenny Pratt
The Elsie Jeffery Jug	Richard Chapman
The Geddes Rose Bowl	Jenny Pratt
The Williams Cup	John Penny
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup	Sarah Hince
The Gordon-Wilson Cup	Alison Wright
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl	Sarah Cooper
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup	Sarah Cooper
The Henry Cup	Sandy Rogers
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup	Felicity Dearden
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup	Jenny Bacon
The Barbara Briault Cup	William Bacon
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups – age 4 years and under	Myla Penny
5 to 8 years	William Bacon
9 to 11 years	George Bacon
The Sampson Bowl	Ann Barton
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup	Cerys Bradley
The Family Cup	The Bacon Family
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture (Class 1)	Terry Everitt
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture best exhibit in Sections 2 & 3	Jenny Pratt
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art – runner up to best in show	John Penny
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art best exhibit in Class 82(Novice)	Frances Brinkhurst
Banksian Medal	Jenny Pratt
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit	William Bacon/ Nina Moore/ Ben Shelly
The National Vegetable Society – Silver Medal & Diploma	Stuart Barton

## Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society News

The Framfield & Blackboys Summer Show took place on Saturday 9th August.

The Summer Show has been taking place for over 40 years providing fun and entertainment for everyone and this year was no exception despite the wind and the rain. The Warbleton Brass band played in the background and Mrs Backtofront was her normal colourful self entertaining the children. Other attractions included the hoopla, tombola, plate smashing, plant stall, coconut shy, Pimm's tent, wheelbarrow racing and for the first time in a while we had some live stock at the show, Maria Naylor from Brook House Farm very kindly brought along a sow and piglets. Other local organisations came to support the show raising funds for the new pavilions in Framfield and Blackboys.

The number of Horticultural and other exhibits in the show totalled 524, 100 of which were from children. Len Stebbings, Judge of the Flowers and Plants Section did comment that the number of entries this year were a little thin on the ground which was probably due to the erratic weather conditions prior to the show. Len also provided the Society with plenty of ideas for next years schedule, including suggesting a class to be judged on the culinary qualities rather than RHS rules. The Cookery Section Judge, Karen Beard, had an array of culinary delight to taste including strawberry jam, cheese bites and 10 different rice crispy cakes!

Winners including Jenny Pratt who won a number of cups including The Dennis White Memorial cup, The Geddes Rose Bowl the Diploma for excellence in Horticulture and the Banksian Medal. In the floral arrangements Section Felicity Dearden won Best in Show with John Penny being awarded the Certificate of Merit for Floral Art as runner up with the exhibit "Off to the races" – the first time in the show's history this award has gone to a gentleman. The fun dog show was well attended, congratulations goes to all who waited patiently in the rain, in particular to Archie for winning Best in Show and his owner Mrs Jill Chandler. Also to Alfred in the Fancy Dress Class dressed as a Hell's Angel with owner Penny in similar attire.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported this years show and if anyone would like to get more involved next year please give me a call or drop me an email.

Date for your diary - Our AGM will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm at Framfield Memorial Hall followed by a talk by James Masters, Head Gardener at the National Trust Garden Standen.

### **Jenny Bacon, Chair**

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## CELEBRATING THE MAGIC OF MIGRATION

It's that time of year, swallows and house martins gathering on the wires excitedly chattering to each other, waiting for the right conditions to launch themselves across the channel and embark on their hazardous 5000 mile journey right down to the tip of South Africa.

All 'our' swallows winter right down near the Cape, along with all the other European swallows and hundreds of people down in that area celebrate their return which can number anything up to 5 million birds. Their relationship with the swallows meant that when the birds roosting areas were threatened with an Airport development, thousands of people protested to the extent that the plans were changed to accommodate the swallows.

People worldwide are still fascinated by the idea of migration and the arrival and departure of birds are celebrated across the globe. Next April I will be leading a trip to Lake Horborga in Sweden where the whole town is given over to a festival welcoming the return of some 10 thousand cranes on their way to their breeding grounds, and it's not just birds that people acknowledge as fantastic migrants. In Pacific Grove, California the whole town is given over to the arrival of monarch butterflies as they make their way southwards to a particular forest in Mexico. For a week in September these huge butterflies rest in gardens and parks and even on the residents, who welcome this natural phenomenon to the extent that they market the town as the 'Butterfly Capital of the USA'.

This year interest in migration has been stronger than ever. The BBC has devoted a year long radio series to it and with the advent of radio trekking technology we are able to explore these extraordinary journeys in great detail. People have been able to track the migration of ospreys on their way back to Africa finding out the precise locations where they stop for refuelling how long they spend there and the time it takes to get to their final destination. All of this is very useful information and helps lobby for the conservation of these places as important stopping off points for the osprey and other species.

We may lament the loss of our summer breeding birds as a sign of the impending winter, but they are replaced by other species that find our winter much to their liking. Here in Sussex skeins of Brent geese start arriving at the end of September and within a month Pagham and Chichester Harbours hold significant numbers of the world population. Hundreds of thousands of waders refuel on their way to Africa, though some stay for the winter in our estuaries and harbours finding enough food to sustain them through the colder months.

Migration, these miraculous journeys undertaken by thousands of animals from the biggest of them all, the blue whale, to tiny moths and dragonflies still fills us with awe and wonder and it's so good to know that even in this modern technological age, people are prepared to celebrate and be inspired by this most fascinating aspect of the natural world.

**Mike Russell Sussex Wildlife Trust**

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The summer term ended with the highlight of the very successful sponsored walk. Over 30 children came on the walk with parents and grand parents, staff and committee - nearly 70 people in all. It was a glorious sunny day. The route incorporated the butchers, Village shop, school, cricket ground and Blackboys Inn. Very welcome drinks were supplied at the Blackboys Inn of which we were very grateful. Fiona from Pure plants was the first person to be surrounded by the children for the first stage stickers! Thank you Fiona! Thank you also to the two community support officers who helped us along the route and enabled the very large group to cross the road safely. Pictures were shown in the Sussex Express. A massive amount of nearly £800 was raised in sponsorship. Our most successful fund raising event to date!

A great deal of work has been happening over the summer holidays. A review of the pre school resources has taken place and old toys thrown out replaced by new, a whole range of dressing up materials, puzzles, games, books, role play area, mats and most excitingly an ICT suite! The outdoor area has been updated. So we start the new year with great excitement for the children and parents.

Blackboys pre school is open every morning and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. A lunch club is available every day and also a breakfast club run at Blackboys C E School.

We accept children from the age of 2 years - not potty trained. All our staff are either undertaking training at NVQ3 level or have already achieved NVQ3 or higher. We are constantly upgrading their education to ensure they are highly qualified and able to give the best level of education and support. We have a great OFSTED report.

Come and see for yourself - we offer a free trial week. Look out for our forthcoming open day in November.

## Framfield CE Primary School

At the time of writing the school is closed and building works are progressing with great speed. This project is very exciting for the school and marks the first major building since the school house was built in the 1930s. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those members of the school and village community that have contributed so significantly in time and money towards the build. We need to raise £30,000 but had received over £13,000.00 by the end of the summer term. This has been made possible by the hard and sustained work of many people who are both directly and indirectly associated with the school. We will be setting up a roll of honour and if you would like to appear on it you can still send in your donations at any time to the school.

Inevitably we will be working alongside the builders on our return to school, as the completion will be later in the Autumn term. Nevertheless it will be 'business as usual' and we are looking forward to getting our teeth into the new term. We will be welcoming our youngest members as they join our Reception class. As always at the end of a school year, we hold a special Leavers' Assembly for those who are moving on to their next school. We are very proud of the achievements of all our children and are happy to send them out into the world knowing that they are confident in their own skills and abilities, and people who know how to learn. We wish all the new year 7 children at UCTC a very happy start to their new school career.

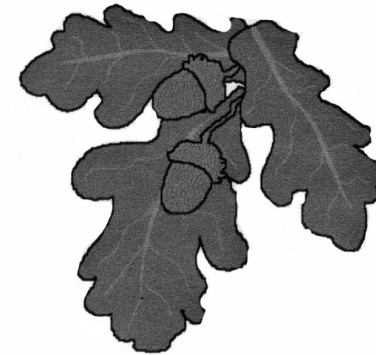
We also said goodbye to Mr Galvin. We are sorry to see him go as we have greatly enjoyed his time with us. However, he will be returning from time to time as a supply teacher, and will also continue to offer music lessons. I am sure many of you will be delighted to know that he is now the very proud father of a beautiful baby boy. I am very pleased to introduce Ms Amy Gaylor who is replacing Mr Galvin. Ms Gaylor comes from Bedford and she brings her own considerable musical talent. We are looking forward to working with her.

Janet Wilde  
Headteacher

TO ALL OF YOU STARTING A NEW  
SCHOOL GEORGE , POPPY AND I WISH  
YOU ALL GOOD LUCK!  
THOSE OF YOU STAYING IN  
FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS  
SCHOOLS, HAVE A VERY HAPPY TERM  
AND DO NOT FORGET TO SEND US  
SOME MORE OF YOUR PICTURES.



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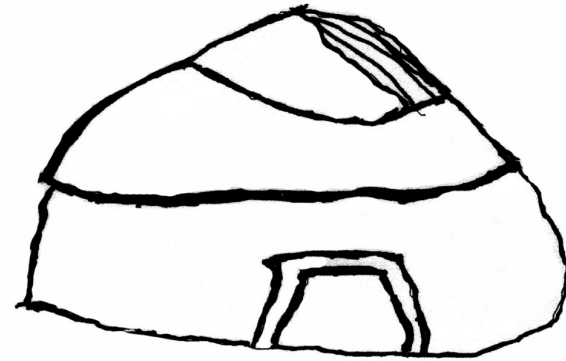


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Hello! Yes it's me "George". Poppy and I have had a lovely time with our friends Rupert and Daisy as we have had two holidays with them. Our "Pack Leader - Mistress" took herself off to Mongolia and managed to survive that and then visited friends in USA She went to see some bears in Canada and we were very glad that the "Stampede" was not on in Calgary as she ended her trip there. We both hope that she will stop this gallivanting and settle down. We have! Two meals and two walks and lots of "snoozes" a day are all we need to keep us dogs happy - so why can't humans be like us?

We are also fed up with people "doing things around the house". If we'd have known it was going to disrupt our lives so I do not think we'd have moved. We wander around all day long "keeping an eye" on them - after all, we don't want to miss anything (and there might be FOOD!) I must finish typing now - I have a sore paw  
"George"



George's drawing of a Mongolian ger  
He would have fitted well - the door height  
is 4ft

