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Parish Newsletter



**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

**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, let no one divide:

8th August 2009: Andre Holt / Jodie Williams
22nd August 2009: Simon Tongue / Elizabeth Evans

At Rest –

1st September: Desmond Vernon Beeney
14th September: Ann Deborah Press

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

Joint Chair -
For the Church: Rev. Chris Lawrence
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A bi-monthly Newsletter distributed free to all homes within the Parish.

Welcome Baptist Blackboys

On Saturday 5 September two of our leaders Simon & Yuri Warner left for the border of China with North Korea to visit an orphanage and other venues. They will be gone for nearly a month seeking to determine how they can be of help to North Korean refugees.

From Sunday 20 September the Crusaders Club, now called Urban Saints, will be moving from Blackboys school to Blackboys Village Hall on alternate Sundays 5-6pm. As usual the club will cater for all primary school-age children plus a brand new group for 11 – 13 year olds. The content of the club will remain the same – crazy games, friendship, Bible stories, drama, singing, praying, craft and more!. If you are interested please contact Emma Doherty 01825 890029. Donations of 50p a week to help towards crafts and refreshments if you are able. There will be coffee/cake and papers in the smaller hall on Club Sundays.

The other alternate Sundays we will meet for informal worship as before 5 – 6 pm.

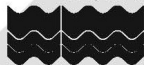
Tel: Barbara Solly 01825 765178 for further information. Or look on the website www.blackboys.org.uk.

Bus timetables

Timetables for Rider bus services are available on buses or to collect from local libraries, council offices and tourist information centres.

They can also be downloaded from our website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/buses along with bus route maps for East Sussex.

East Sussex
County Council



ESCC Bus Service Information

A new range of timetable leaflets is now available for *Rider* bus services which are funded by East Sussex County Council. These timetables have been updated following the changes made in some areas last July.

These timetables cover Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford, Battle, Wadhurst and Robertsbridge, Crowborough, Uckfield & Heathfield, and Rye.

The new leaflets are available onboard buses and from libraries, tourist information centres, local council offices, and some doctors surgeries. They are also available online at: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/buses>.

After listening to feedback from passengers, the County Council has produced the new leaflets in a larger print and added town centre bus route maps.

An updated East Sussex bus map leaflet is currently in production and will be available early autumn. A new timetable for Bexhill will also be available in the next few months, although the current one is still valid.

Rider services are operated by bus companies and community transport providers on behalf of the County Council. The County Council spent around £1.7 million on the provision of these bus services last year.

Hell – The unmentionable topic?

There don't seem to be many 'fire and brimstone' preachers around anymore, warning humanity that they are risking the fires of Hell unless they repent and turn to Christ.

During a brief visit to Birmingham I innocently stumbled upon two Christians who were preaching in the street about Hell and damnation. I must admit I was quite shocked and in my naivety asked why they weren't preaching about the love and compassion of Christ in their attempt to attract people to Christianity. The reply was equally startling "doesn't work here in Birmingham, they are too thick skinned". Apparently, fire and brimstone cuts it on the streets of Birmingham!

Hell is not spoken about very much these days. I am never sure whether it's just not politically correct or whether Christians just don't have the stomach for it anymore! Interestingly, Jesus spoke more about Hell than He did of Heaven in the New Testament!

My personal brush with Hell was during a series on Ignatian spirituality at college, where a prayerful meditation was carried out asking God to show you what Hell is like. My revelation of Hell is perhaps not for the pages of the Parish Newsletter at the moment, however it was very reminiscent of the account of the Rich Man and the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

You may be asking the question "what's the point of asking God to show you what Hell is like?" I suppose the simplest answer is to say that unless you know what you have been saved from, then you may never fully appreciate the significance of the crucifixion or Christ as 'Saviour'.

I have often wondered whether the slave trader John Newton had a robust vision of Hell when he wrote: *Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

The main reason for bringing up the question of Hell is to promote the Alpha Course! Alpha is the perfect place to openly discuss any question regarding life and the Christian faith. Alpha is not all heavy discussion; it is also good fun and an opportunity to meet others who are also searching for some answers to the bigger questions in life.

Rev Chris Lawrence

“IS THIS IT?”

DOES GOD EXIST?

- YES
 NO
 PROBABLY

EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE
alpha.org

THE ALPHA COURSE



Life - Ever wondered what it's all about?

Over 2 million people in the UK and 13 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 away.

**Alpha course - Week 1 Tuesday 22nd September;
Framfield Church Hall 7:45pm - 9.30pm
(Places still available for following weeks)**

Each evening will begin with a DVD presentation followed by a break for 'coffee and cakes' and a time of discussion. 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 Tel: 01825 891090
or Rod Trickey 01825 891172

Registration forms are also available at the back of church.
Website – www.alpha.org.uk

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET



NEXT MARKET:

24th October 2009
and
28th November 2009

10 am - 12 noon

ALL WELCOME

Come and enjoy the Market stalls,
tea/coffee/ bacon rolls and company

Sandy – 840648

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 Royal British Legion

Women's Section

East Hoathly & Halland Branch

**Cordially invite you to a Coffee Morning
on Saturday 24th October 10.30-12.30
In The Village Hall East Hoathly.**

**Cake Stall Home made Produce
Games for the young and Young at Heart**

RAFFLE

*Entry free but Coffee/Tea 40p & Cake 40p
Parking Facilities for the Disabled*

All Proceeds go to The Poppy Appeal



DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER

- 04 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)
- 11 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11.00 am Harvest Festival Service
6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)
- 18 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Contemporary Service
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 21 11.30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)
- 25 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER

- 01 All Saints' Day**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 08 Third Sunday before Advent**
10.00 am Remembrance Sunday Service
6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

Our Saturday Second Team league results are as follows:

Rye III 81-4 bt Blackboys II 80 by 6 wkts
Heathfield Park III 118-3 bt Blackboys II 117 by 7 wkts
Blackboys II 187-8 bt Bell Yew Green IV 101 by 86 runs
Hellingly IV 166-1 bt Blackboys II 165-8 by 9 wkts
Seaford IV 141 bt Blackboys II 120 by 21 runs
Willingdon III 124-5 bt Blackboys II 123-8 by 5 wkts
Blackboys II 204-8 drew with Little Common Ramblers III 204-6
Newick III 127-1 bt Blackboys II 126 by 9 wkts
Blackboys II 205 drew with Pevensey II 195-9
Blackboys II 117-3 bt Heathfield Park III 113 by 7 wkts
Rye II 299-3 drew with Blackboys II 203-9
Blackboys II 188 bt Bells Yew Green IV 83 by 105 run
Hellingly IV 182 v Blackboys 53-1 Abandoned
Seaford IV 210-8 bt Blackboys II 91 by 119 runs
Willingdon III 249-5 drew with Blackboys II 193-5
Blackboys II 137 bt Little Common Ramblers III 90 by 47 runs
Newick III 212-8 by Blackboys II 128 by 84 runs
Pevensey II 117-5 bt Blackboys II 114 by 5 wkts

Off the field, we have managed to secure a £5,000 grant from the Grassroots Sussex Community Foundation. We are a small club run by volunteers and this grant has been awarded to help cover our running costs. This grant is most welcome indeed and we of course cannot thank enough the foundation for their generosity. It is not easy task running the club and it is quite surprising how quickly the money gets swallowed up. We are most grateful.

Onwards and hopefully upwards, we now start planning for 2010. If you would like to get involved with Blackboys Cricket Club please do not hesitate to get in touch. As I have said before, we want some new players to help take our club forward

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

- 15 Second Sunday before Advent**
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Contemporary Service
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 18** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22 Sunday Next before Advent (Christ the King)**
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW)
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 29 Advent Sunday**
10.00 am Sung Matins with Holy Communion
No Evening Service

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

**COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE
BY 10th NOVEMBER 2009**

**TO
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OR
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**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
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BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

In 2009 Blackboys Cricket Club entered two teams in the East Sussex cricket League. Our first team played in division 3 and held their own to finish mid-table in sixth place. A good result in what is the probably the highest standard of cricket that the club has played in.

In their inaugural season in the East Sussex Cricket League, it was always going to be a learning curve for our new second eleven. The aim right from the start was not finish bottom of Division 12 and this was duly achieved thanks to the five points that were gained in the last match away to Pevensy II. The second eleven finished second from bottom by one point but also only one point away from finishing third from bottom.

As the club moved away from friendly cricket, we have demonstrated that we can run two sides and hopefully we can now take this forward to the seasons ahead. A satisfactory season all in all.

Our Saturday First Team league results are as follows:

Blackboys I 201-6 bt Robertsbridge I 195 all out by 4 wkts
Blackboys I 186-7 drew with Wadhurst I 176-9
Blackboys I 137-2 bt Pett I 136 by 8 wkts
Blackboys I 145-5 bt Herstmonceux I 143-6 by 5 wkts
Ringmer II 247-7 bt Blackboys I 214 by 33 runs
Blackboys I 237-6 drew with Bells Yew Green I 214 for 9
Crowborough I 197-5 bt Blackboys I 195-6 by 5 wkts
Plumpton I 135-3 bt Blackboys I 134 by 7 wkts
Blackboys I 194-8 drew with Newick II 163-8
Wadhurst I 265-6 drew with Blackboys I 226-6
Blackboys I 213 drew with Robertsbridge 141-9
Pett I 237-6 drew with Blackboys I 195-8
Blackboys 132-7 v Herstmonceux I - Abandoned
Blackboys I 116-4 bt Ringmer II 112 by 6 wkts
Bells Yew Green I 245-5 bt Blackboys I 135 by 110 runs
Crowborough I 176-6 bt Blackboys I 172 by 4 wkts
Plumpton I 16- drew with Blackboys I 121-8
Blackboys I 107-2 bt Newick II 103 by 8 wkts

Framfield CE Primary School

All staff and children have returned to school full of energy and well-rested after the summer break, and we are now planning for a very busy term ahead. We will be focusing on Houses and Homes and this will give the children the chance to choose to investigate and research any aspects that interest them. To start off we are holding two art days when we will be making sculptures related to the children's ideas about homes. NADFAS, a local art society, is funding us in this venture. We will also be working to understand more about what it meant to be evacuated during the Second World War, and the children are already very excited about this. If there are any members of the community who would like to share their experiences with us we would love to hear from you.

I was very pleased to see photographs of the Horticultural Show when Jimmy James exhibited some of the produce that he and the children have grown. We are still reaping the harvest and looking forward to preparing the ground for next year's crop. Sunflowers along the front of the school have grown beautifully and the children are eager to measure them to see just how much taller than themselves they are.

No doubt you will have seen information about the planning application submitted by East Sussex County Council for an extension to the school to accommodate the playgroup. There are still several stages to the process to work through but we are hopeful that the application will be successful and the build will go ahead. This will provide much needed purpose-built facilities for the youngest members of our community and help us to meet the requirements for childcare in this area. We have tried for many years to acquire this and are very pleased that we have local and county support.

Janet Wilde
Headteacher

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Just imagine that you are a young swallow, have just left the comfort of your nest for the first time and there is the whole wide world out there to explore. Your parents have decided that it's time for you to look after yourself so have stopped bringing you tasty packets of insects, so your first task is to learn how to catch your own food.

Watching other birds that look just like you swooping low over the ground you decide to join them and soon discover that is where your next meal is going to be. For a while the intended victims easily avoid your clumsy attempts at catching them, but it doesn't take long to get the hang of catching insects in the air and for the next few weeks there is food a plenty, your muscles are developing, feathers become sleek and you grow out a fine long pair of tail streamers. At one stage a dark silhouette appears which sends some of the other birds into a panic but your instinct is to join the other swallows and your cousins the house martins in harassing the shape until it has passed over.

Very soon the days begin to shorten, nights become colder and food is harder to find. More and more swallows appear from the north and hundreds of them gather on telegraph lines chattering excitedly to each other and you join them, instinctively knowing that something momentous is about to take place but you're not sure what it is or why, but you just know that you have to leave this place and fly off in a southerly direction.

One day, the urge becomes so strong that you all just take off together and feel the wind behind your tail that takes you to the South Downs where there is one last chance for a good feast. Ahead of you is a big stretch of water that smells different to anything that you have come across before so you fly up and down the edge, a magnetic force drawing you but the frightening roar of the waves making you anxious and uncertain. Eventually the pull is too strong and you take off, a plunge into the unknown.

The wind and the waves sap your energy but in time land appears and you manage to reach some bushes and though completely exhausted you manage to feed up on some local insects. Energy restored, you continue your journey south, spending nights in reedbeds along the French coast, having to cope with predators, bad weather, the occasional loud bang and speeding bullet.

- **Ratification of the recent refusal for information under the Freedom on Information Act.** *Members were advised that full details of the formal request for information from Mr Bernard Lillywhite are held in the Recreation Ground Committee minutes dated 15 July 2009 that had already been circulated.* Following brief discussion Brian Hodge proposed that the Council fully ratify the decision. This was seconded by Myran Eade and agreed by all present. *[Post meeting note: Councillors should now be aware that Mr Lillywhite has asked for an Internal Review of the decision which has been put in hand and will be reported on at the next meeting].*
- **Pavilion Project:** Myran Eade and Rob Newton declared a personal interest in being members of the Cricket Club and did not vote on the item under the second bullet point.
 - **Update** – there was still no news of any progress on the Framfield front.
 - **Resolve to approve the agreement** between the Parish Council (the Trustees) and Blackboys Cricket Club for use of the recreation ground. Following minor alterations this was proposed for agreement by Maria Naylor, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all.
- **Environment:** ESCC officers will come and explain the latest proposals for traffic calming prior to the next full PC meeting.

Reports from Representatives

Blackboys Village Hall: Eryl Thomas reported that the AGM was to be organised shortly.

Memorial Hall: Eryl Thomas stated that a letter had been received from Sandy Rogers on her suggestions for improvements to the Hall. A general walk around is needed to assess what needs to be done and a risk assessment.

Schools:

- **Framfield:** The Clerk reported that she had been advised that ESCC had applied for planning consent to provide pre-school care facilities on the School site, which would reduce the use of the Hall. The full planning application was yet to be received. [Post meeting note: a courtesy copy of the application has now been received and stated in the application form is that the School itself will still continue to use the Hall for PE and lunch etc].
- **Blackboys** – Nothing to report other than they had three very successful performances of The Tempest and a damp sports day!

Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Summer Show – Eryl Thomas asked for volunteers to help on the Council stall at the Show. PCSO Simon French would be there with the CC TV van.
- Fred Thurston commented on an article in the Courier whereby it seemed as though the Parish boundary might change around the new roundabout near the Cysleys Farm housing estate. With input from Chris Dowling and the Clerk the meeting heard that there were health and safety issues around the positioning of the current Uckfield/Framfield boundary sign and if this had to be moved it would NOT mean a change in boundary which could only be done by the Boundary Commission.
- Myran Eade commented on the amount of work many councillors seem to be carrying out at the present time.
- Maria Naylor stated that we seemed to have fallen on our feet with Simon French as the Parish PCSO.
- The Clerk reported that she had emailed Simon's report to all those on email and would sent hard copies to those not.
- **Initial discussions on the LDF Consultation.** Following good initial discussions the meeting agreed that Eryl Thomas should draft a formal response for further discussion after the next Planning Committee meeting on 5 August 2009.

If anyone requires a full copy of the meeting minutes please contact me via the details below.

Eryl Thomas (890360); David Andrews ((07826 835295); Myran Eade (890507); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Brian Hodge (890199); Mark Moore (890166); Maria Naylor (890946); Rob Newton (890103); Ian Paisley (890904); Fred Thurston (890071).

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine). Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours.

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

At the July meeting Eryl Thomas asked that the Parish Council formally record the death of Rita Redman. Rita had been a Parish Councillor in Framfield for some 14 years.

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) reported on the following:

- *A site meeting was in the process of being arranged around the area of the B2192, Lewes Road, near to the garage where an accident had recently occurred and a petrol pump destroyed.*
- *ESCC are conducting a review of their procedures for deer hot spots with particular relevance in this area to the B2102 at Possingworth.*
- *The issues with the two low level EDF cables in School Lane continue and the meeting agreed that a concentrated attempt should be made to rectify the cable that was brought down outside The Stables. EDF could commence the appropriate legal procedure to gain access to the land further down the road.*
- *Community Transport – Chris thought that now was the right time for the Council to get involved. The Clerk was asked to pass the recent communication from ESCC to David Andrews so that he could initiate a meeting.*

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) reiterated the need for individuals and the Parish Council to respond to the LDF Spatial Development Options Consultation.

Finance

- The total expenditure for the month was £2,613.82.
- **Ratification of the purchase of a new computer system for the Clerk's Office.** Eryl Thomas reported that as both printers had broken down, the idea had been to replace them both with one laser machine that is also capable of scanning and printing in colour. Three quotes had been received and a printer purchased for approximately £175.00. East Hoathly with Halland PC had agreed to cover the cost of this purchase. At the same time investigation into the current computer system was made with a view to adding memory etc and in conclusion thought best practice to purchase an entire new system. Again three quotes were obtained and the best deal chosen. This was proposed for payment by Myran Eade, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all present.
- **Donation to the Framfield & Blackboys Monday Club.** Eryl Thomas reported that a letter detailing the accounts for the year had been received from Sandy Rogers and a request for a donation. He proposed a figure of £100.00. This was seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all.
- **Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society.** Eryl Thomas commented that a £50.00 donation is usually made to the Society but due to the review of hire rates at the Memorial Hall this would double their usual hire fee so a figure of £70.00 would cover their extra expenses towards the Hall hire fees. This was proposed for agreement by Rob Newton, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by the PC. Prior to issuing of the cheque Eryl stated that he would look further into the matter.

Committees (minutes of Committee meetings are recorded individually as and when they occur).

Planning: nothing to report.

Recreation Grounds: (Parish Councillors as Trustees): Myran Eade reported on the following highlights of the last meeting:

- There had been several allotment tenants from Blackboys allotments voicing their concerns over the suggestion from some keep bees. A letter has been sent to all confirming that the two applicants would have to produce a plan of what they intend to do and what training and experience they have had.
- The ROSPA report has arrived. Myran and Mark Moore have a copy and they will see what can be done in-house. Mark agreed to look at the swings on Framfield recreation ground.
- It has been reported that a tree at the rear of Framfield recreation ground looks diseased. Ian Paisley offered to go and look at it. Myran stated that he would obtain quotes if any work was required.
- Fred Thurston reported that he had developed a possible plan in order to make some progress with work on Framfield Allotments. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining a large scale map of the site.

At one point you have to pass over high mountains, more water and a desert that never seems to end, forests full of other animals that see you as a potential meal but also gives you a seemingly endless supply of insects. Eight weeks since starting out you arrive at the bottom of Africa, the end of a 6000 mile journey overcoming all sorts of hazards and you know this is where you are meant to be for the next three months. You are joined by millions of other swallows from all over Europe and also there are hundreds of smiling human beings welcoming you back, all having spent the last two years fighting, and winning, to have your winter home saved from the development and expansion of an airport.

You will enjoy the plentiful food and warm weather but come February that same inexplicable urge will drive you north again back to where you were born, this time to raise your own family and will bring smiles to the faces of another set of human beings, so pleased to see your return and the herald of another summer.

Mike Russell
Sussex Wildlife Trust

September 2009
www.sussexwt.org.uk

FROM SIMON FRENCH
Police Community Support Officer

Last week we had 3 males cold calling on residents in the Blackboys area offering to lay tarmac driveways. We received 2 phone calls from residents in Blackboys complaining about a company named MD ROADS. One resident had work undertaken by this firm and had real problems after the agreed verbal price was changed and moved up. Sussex police and Trading Standards ask that if you do have any work of this nature done, always ask for and receive a written quote and if you feel unsure about cold callers or traders offering work contact 0845 60 70 999.

Sussex Police
Wealden District
New Town Uckfield East Sussex TN22 5DL
Telephone 0845 60 70 999 Ext. 27400
www.sussex.police.uk

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Our Walk on the Forest in August went well, with adults, children and dogs all appearing to enjoy themselves. The weather was good for walking, and the only damp part of the day came when we were enjoying our ploughman's and wine outside at lunchtime (not good for the wine!) However, we made in excess of £250 - thank you to all those who supported us.

Our next fund raiser is a **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at BUXTED CRICKET PAVILION on WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER from 11.00am**. Stalls will include homemade produce, bags, scarves, cards, jewellery, Christmas gifts, mince pies etc. Lunch will also be available for those of you with a little extra time to spare. Do come along and see if you can start your Christmas present shopping with us.

Thinking of Christmas - **CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES at the Uckfield Volunteer & Information Centre** will have hundreds of Christmas cards for sale from numerous charities. The shop will be open from mid-October - this is the best place to buy your charity cards as the project is run by volunteers and the majority of your money will go to your chosen charity, unlike the packets bought in general card shops.

For help or advice on matters relating to cancer please ring the **Freephone Macmillan Cancerline on 0808 808 2020** or visit: www.macmillan.org.uk.

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

Tallest Sunflower	The Day Family
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture (Vegetables)	Terry Everitt
Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture (Flowers)	Jenny Bacon
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art – Best Exhibit – Class 79 (Novice)	Penny Malloy
Certificate of Merit for Floral Art – runner up to best in show	Ann Press
Junior Competitor's Award of Merit for horticultural endeavour	Jack Moore/Nina Moore
The National Vegetable Society – Silver Medal & Diploma	Terry Everitt
Bronze Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society	Terry Everitt
Best in Dog Show – Pedigree	Becky Waite with "Bertie"
Best in Dog Show – Novelty	Marion Keeton with "Cody"

Framfield and Blackboys WI

Bee Keeping was the subject of Mrs Maggie Pratt's talk at our September meeting. Although the subject seemed well covered by our AGM Resolution, passed at the Albert Hall Meeting in June, the background to bee keeping was explained clearly and enthusiastically, illustrated by her excellent slides. Maggie is a Member of the Sussex Beekeepers Association and we really enjoyed her evening with us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 13th at 7.30pm in Blackboys Village Hall. Members will tell us about their wartime experiences. With such an age span it should be very interesting. Do come and join us.

Margaret Bennett 01825 890416

BUXTED PARK BRIDGE CLUB

We are a friendly duplicate bridge club playing at Buxted Park Sports Pavilion every Tuesday from 1.45 pm.

If you play rubber bridge at home and would like to join us, we would be very pleased to introduce you to duplicate in a sociable atmosphere.

Please call Joan Harding on 01825 733179

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show Results



FRAMFIELD PLAYGROUP
The Memorial Hall, The Street,
Framfield, TN22 5NR



OFSTED Registration No: 511222

Charity Commission No: 1040794

PLA Member No: 29899

Trophy/Section/Award	Winner
The Hobbs Barton Cup – best exhibit in show	Jenny Pratt
The John Dann Cup – “From My Garden” exhibit	The Bacon Family
The New Whyly Perpetual Challenge Cup – most points in vegetable classes (section 1)	Jeremy Bacon
The Trevor Horscroft Cup – best carrots	Terry Everitt
The Cyril Jeffery Memorial Plate – best runner beans	Jeremy Bacon
The David Hazelden Plate – best tomatoes	Terry Everitt
The Peter Butler Plate – best dish of fruit	Val Peaty
The Dennis White Memorial Cup – most points flower classes	Jenny Bacon
The Elsie Jeffery Jug – best dahlia	Neville Pratt
The Geddes Rose Bowl – most points for roses	Jenny Pratt
The Williams Cup – best novice roses	Penny Malloy
The Frank Leeves Perpetual Challenge Cup – best sweet peas	Jenny Pratt
The Gordon-Wilson Cup – best hydrangeas	Val Peaty
The Askew Perpetual Challenge Bowl – best novice exhibit	Steven Rabson Stark
The Whitewood Perpetual Challenge Cup – most points (novice classes)	Steven Rabson Stark
The Henry Cup – most points for floral arrangement	Rose Wilcox
The Don & Wilma Diplock Memorial Cup – best floral arrangement	Rose Wilcox
The New Place Perpetual Challenge Cup – most points in cookery section	Jenny Bacon
The Barbara Briault Cup – best exhibit in children’s section	William Bacon
The Moore Miniature Challenge Cups for most points in children’s section	Age 4 Yrs And Under – Lucy Hodge
	5 To 7 Years – Tallis Groves
	8 To 11 Years – Kitty Smith
	12 To 16 Years – George Bacon/Polly Smith
The Sampson Bowl for best handicraft exhibit	Julia Johnson
The Barbara & Horace Moore Cup - most points in photography	John Penny/Polly Smith
The Jeffery Victor Ludorum Trophy - most successful family	The Bacon Family

The playgroup had a great year ending with a fun filled trip to Treasure Island in Eastbourne, the sun came out for us and we all had fun splashing in the paddling pool, building sand castles. This was one of the many outings last year. We took the local bus into Uckfield on a few occasions to visit Victoria Park and the library. All the children were very excited about catching and riding on the bus. We are very lucky to be in the heart of the village within walking distance to the bus stop.

We would like to say “thank you” to everyone who came to visit our stall at the summer show. We all had fun with maggot races, face painting, and guess the number of sweets and a balloon race which we are still waiting to see if anyone returns the details of the farthest balloon.

For those who were at the summer show you would have seen the plans for the new Pre-school. At the moment we are still awaiting all the go ahead but everyone who is involved is very excited about the pre-school future. If any one would like any information about the new pre-school please ask the staff or Janet Wilde at the school.

A big “thank you” to PCSO Simon French who presented the staff a cheque for £400 from Sussex Police Property Funds. The money will be put to good use.

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 2009. So why not come and try us?

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.

For more information or a copy of our prospectus, please contact:
 Jo Rayner (Supervisor) on 07975 567766
 Selina Allen (Committee Secretary) on 01825 891110

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

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I have recently received an enquiry from some former evacuees who are trying to locate the house, (probably at Blackboys end of the parish), where they were billeted for a while from September 1939. The house was owned (or possibly rented) by an American family with two older children and was "a working farm". The family surname was possibly Davis or Davies, and they returned to America as they felt England was no longer a safe place to live. They owned a Bentley and they purchased another car for the evacuees to travel around in. The name of the chauffeur was Charles, and they had a maid called Gladys. The ladies have "driven around Blackboys" several times trying to find the house, but to no avail. I hope that this information may jog someone's memory, if you can help I would be pleased to hear from you.

Our AGM and seasonal supper will take place on Tuesday 6th October and at our meeting on 3rd November, Mr Clarke will be talking about "The Battle of Trafalgar".

Our meetings take place in Blackboys Village Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm start, (unless stated otherwise). Visitors are welcome, entrance costs £2, and includes tea or coffee and biscuit. If you would like more details about the above or would like to know more about the society or have information that you think we might be interested in, or if you think we may be able to help you, please contact me on 01825 890359 or email: bturner.18maple@btinternet.com.

Ann Turner, Secretary

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped out at this year's summer show it would not be possible without your support. Well over 1000 visitors enjoyed the range of activities and exhibits on offer at the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show on Saturday 8th August on a perfect English summer's day. Activities at the recreation ground and village hall in Framfield ranged from the ever-popular wheelbarrow races, the new and frenetic terrier races to the more sedate drinking of Pimm's provided by Euro Plants of Framfield.

Compered by the dual voices of Chris Simmonds and Drummond Abrams who provided information, encouragement and commentary along with the tones of the Warbleton Brass Band providing a traditional backdrop of sound, the show was undoubtedly one of the most successful in recent years. "There was so much more to do than before" was often heard from satisfied visitors. Other activities including welly throwing (with the winner's boot lodging in the hedge), plate smashing, pottery, bowling for a leg of lamb along (donated by TW Hopkins of Blackboys) with more traditional stalls such as tombola, a coconut shy and hoopla. Mrs Backtofront provided participation shows for the younger children. A wide range of goods were on sale from charities and other stalls to ensure all tastes were catered for including stunning pieces from the Bentley Woodcarvers, a range of refreshments, barbeque

The show was sponsored by the NFU Mutual and supported by many local community based organisations including the Framfield Cricket Club, Framfield CE Primary School and Thomas à Becket Church. The time-honoured focus of the event played its role in the marquee with the exhibits of vegetables, plants, flowers and floral arrangements and in the village hall with handicrafts, cookery and photography sections. Jenny Bacon, Chair of the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society said, "It was lovely to see so many people had taken the time and made the effort to support the Summer Show by enter items either they had grown or made". "The show attracted a total of 490 entries in a difficult growing year and the range and quality of exhibits was as impressive as ever with the innovation of the floral arrangements being inspirational" said society committee member Terry Everitt. The photography section attracted an almost overflowing entry and was a delight of colour and composition while in the inaugural tallest sunflower competition, the winner reached 2.89m. There were displays by both Blackboys and Framfield schools of both school work and produce from their gardens. The now established Fun Dog Show attracted its usual range of excited participants.

The total amount raised on the day is yet to be announced and a more detailed set of results will be made available on the society's website (www.fabhortsoc.org.uk) in due course.



Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2009 - 7.30pm
Blackboys Village Hall.

Everyone welcome - members and non members
Refreshments and a talk on Autumn Colour by Pure Plants

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Dear Boys und Girls,

This is amazing! First my old friend Poppy is writing a letter in the magazine und then Phydeaux replies. Do you know Boys und Girls I have not seen either of them for such a long time, and now there they are.

I think Poppy is very patient with George. He was always a maker of trouble. I don't suppose Boys und Girls you make trouble for your Mutter und Vater do you?

Now then, what about Phydeaux? He was very kind to me when I came to this country a long time ago, und we have been friends ever since. It is good to have friends. Have you got friends Boys und Girls? If so, das ist gut. You cannot have too many friends, or so my master says - he is very happy with all the friends he has, und do you know Boys und Girls; the best friend you can have is Jesus. He has helped my master so many, many times, it is so - wunderbar!

Well; I must go now to catch the post otherwise Poppy, George und Phydeaux will think I have forgotten them.

*Auf Wiedersehen,
Hunde Kuchen*

P.S. I am on my holidays at the moment, but someone sent me the magazine und I thought I would write before I came home.

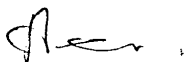
INTERNATIONAL MAIL SORT EAST SUSSEX AREA.

Dear Mrs. Whitehead,

The attached letter arrived in our office recently, addressed only 'East Hoathly, East Sussex'. With some difficulty we have been able to trace you as the recipient. We apologise for any inconvenience that has been caused by the delay in forwarding this communication.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director



BLACKBOYS C of E SCHOOL

The new school year has had a wonderful start at Blackboys Church of England School: our new Reception children have come in brimming with confidence; they had spent a number of mornings with us back in the summer term and with the help of their buddies soon learnt the ropes!

Not only do we have our new Reception children, but we have a substantial number of children in other years new to the school. They have all settled in very well and are fast becoming valuable members of the school community.

We have welcomed several new members of staff to the school: Miss Colette Walsh has taken over Class One – reception and year 1 children. She has had a busy first few weeks, but is doing sterling work. Ms Natalie Harsey has joined us as an Individual Needs Assistant and Mrs Elizabeth Ferenc joined us last term as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Lawrence – teacher in class 3 – has been seconded to another local school and we have Ms Sinead Kennedy teaching that class for the next term. All new members of staff have settled in really well and have already become indispensable.

Our topic for our first few weeks has had a green “sustainability” focus to it. We have appointed two children from each class who are responsible for recycling in the classroom and ensuring that lights and computers are switched off. We hope in the near future to start collecting material for our garden compost bins too.

During the summer holidays we heard that Blackboys School has been awarded the Foundation Level of the International Schools Award: this is a recognition of the work we have completed with a global theme helping our children to develop an awareness of the communities that make up the UK and the world. We hope to gain the intermediate award within the year and look forward to linking up with schools abroad in the near future. Our first activity for this will be our European Languages Day in September when each class is taking a particular language and country for the day and looking especially at the food of that culture.

These first terms of the school year are always rather long, but we have some wonderful activities planned and I am sure the time will fly past. We have Harvest Festival to look forward to shortly – 8th October - please join us in Framfield Church if you can; our theme is “Give Poverty the Boot” – a project working with Farmafrica. Our Christmas Nativity will take place in church on 10th December and we look forward to seeing everyone there. There are sporting activities organized, concerts to attend, as well as visitors coming to school. All is all, the next few weeks look to be very busy and very exciting.

J K King, Headteacher

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Oh! This is so exciting! First Phydeaux is re-united with Hunde Kuchen, then my beloved Ben finds a new home and writes to say he's settled down well and is missing me but NOT George and now we are inundated with stories from your pets on how they spent their holidays.

George and I have lots of holiday snaps taken by the young master. He is very sympathetic to my wanting only to show "my good side". (Not the bit that looks like a hearth rug but the bit I've managed to brush!)

I like to alternate sides, so painful when de-knotting. Mistress has bought George a new bath. He calls his smelliness "masculine odour" but we need a peg on our noses. If we don't write at Christmas you'll know we have drowned in the attempt to sweeten him up. Me struggling to hold him down and Mistress trying to soap with Johnsons Baby Shampoo (he has a very delicate skin according to the vet-but a hide like a rhinoceros and the muscles of an ox according to us!)

Don't you think the GPO were clever to find us from Dleifku?

Sunday Club @ Framfield Church

We meet in the Church Hall on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. (During term-time.)

We start at 10am and have lots of activities, (stories, songs, games, art and crafts etc.). We learn about how faith is important in our lives and how messages from the Bible apply to us everyday.

We will be glad to see you if you are 4 to 11. We also have a corner in the Church with toys and crayons for younger ones.

1st Sunday of the month is the Family Service in Church, ALL are welcome.

Sunday Club Dates for the Autumn Term 2009

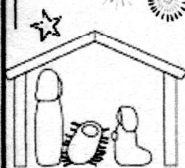


13th September
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27th September

11th October
18th October

8th November
15th November
22nd November

13th December
20th December



Jesus said, Let the little children come to me

(Matthew 19:14 / Mark 10:14 / Luke 18:16)

Come, my children, listen to me

(Psalm 34:11)

Children are always welcome in our Church

If you would like to know more please contact the Church Office 01825 891090



BLACKBOYS PRE-SCHOOL
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This term at Blackboys Pre-school we welcome five new children to our setting. We are looking at "All About Us" and our local community. The children are all busy making self portraits out of a variety of resources.

We are offering a new service to reception class children who are only attending half days. We hold afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the pre-school, with a staff member picking up your child from his/her school. We already have some children from Blackboys School taking advantage of this service and enjoying themselves. Please telephone (01825) 891113 for further information.

We are holding a Quiz Night in November; if you are interested in entering a team please phone (01825) 891113 for more details.

All children from the age of 2 to 5 are welcome (they don't have to be potty trained), so why not come along to take a look at what Blackboys Pre-School has to offer. If you would like to book a visit, please give Jenny a call on (01825) 891113. We are open 5 days a week, with afternoon sessions on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.



St Thomas à Becket Church, Framfield Friends' Association

By way of introduction, my name is Peter Berry. Currently I am Chairman of the Friends of St Thomas à Becket, our parish Church. The Friends were formed just over ten years ago by the then Vicar, Canon Geoffrey Daintree, the late Tony Carter, and several like-minded people. They clearly saw the pivotal place this lovely church and churchyard has had, and continues to have, in the life and heritage of our parish. This has been so for countless generations over hundreds of years. Equally they understood the need to move the burden of upkeep and maintenance from sitting on the shoulders of the congregation alone.

So the Friends were formed with this specific task in mind. Any funds we raise go only to this purpose. So membership of the Friends is open to absolutely anyone; all that is required is an appreciation of the beautiful and historic church we have in our parish.

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.

New members are always welcome and events offer the opportunity for meeting people throughout the parish church goers and non churchgoers alike. Forms are available in the church and from the church office.

If anyone has ideas for social events or fundraising activities the committee would be more than glad to hear them. In addition the committee would like one or two more people to join them; ensuring the maintenance of the church is an interesting project. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested.

There are various ways in which you might care to consider supporting the Friends - an annual subscription, a donation, helping to organize or even hosting an event etc. If so, please either:

- Telephone me, Peter Berry, on 01825 890339.
- Email by using the Church website:
<http://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk/friends.html>

- Write to The Friends Association, Church Office, Vicarage Barn, Framfield, East Sussex, TN22 5NH enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to receive further details.
- Or fill in and send the form below :

I am interested in finding out more about the Friends Association

Name:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Activities in 2009:

Ashdown Singers Concert - A net profit of £242.24 was raised for church funds. A big thank you to all who came and supported the event, and to Delia and Frances and the team for the excellent catering, and to Richard and Sarah for looking after the drinks.

Open Garden: A picnic and entertainment evening by kind permission of Dr & Mrs M Gurney. In spite of being driven by the weather to the Memorial Hall this was a great success and we much enjoyed raising £1194.

Dates for your diary: Nov 5th – Bonfire Party at the Vicarage – details to follow.
Early December – Evening meal and speaker – details to follow.

Friends of St Thomas à Becket Church, Framfield

November 5th - 6.00 pm - Come along to the Vicarage Paddock for an evening of fun on bonfire night – FREE ADMISSION:

- Bonfire
 - BBQ
 - Face Painting
 - Apple Bobbing
 - Sparklers for the Children
 - “Guy Competition” – A prize for the best Guy – Judging at 7.30
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