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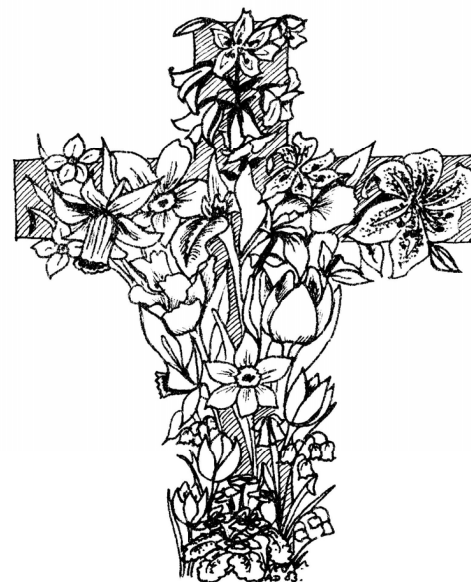
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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

APRIL/MAY 2010

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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:
6th March 2010: Peter Tipping and Sarah Hunter

At Rest –
26th January 2010: Lady Elizabeth Joan Baxendale
4th February 2010: June Rosemary Jeffery
8th February 2010: Ronald (Polly) Alvar Parrett
15th March 2010: Edith Barnes

**WHO'S WHO AT THE
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BLACKBOYS CRICKET CLUB

East Sussex Cricket League - Division 12 - Fixtures

08-May Blackboys 2nd XI v Seaford 4th XI
15-May Sidley 3rd XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
22-May Blackboys 2nd XI v Hellingly 4th XI
29-May No League Fixture
05-Jun Blackboys 2nd XI v Bells Yew Green 4th XI
12-Jun Tunbridge Wells Borderers 3rd XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
19-Jun Blackboys 2nd XI v Little Common Ramblers 3rd XI
26-Jun Rye 3rd XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
03-Jul Blackboys 2nd XI v Willingdon 3rd XI
10-Jul Blackboys 2nd XI v Sidley 3rd XI
17-Jul Seaford 4th XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
24-Jul Hellingly 4th XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
31-Jul No League Fixture
07-Aug Bells Yew Green 4th XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
14-Aug Blackboys 2nd XI v Tunbridge Wells Borderers 3rd XI
21-Aug Little Common Ramblers 3rd XI v Blackboys 2nd XI
28-Aug Blackboys 2nd XI v Rye 3rd XI
04-Sep Willingdon 3rd XI v Blackboys 2nd XI

Other Fixtures

19-May Blackboys v Hellingly – Oakshott Cup 1st Round
04-July Blackboys v President's XI - Friendly
15-Aug Blackboys v The Invalids - Friendly

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.

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

Easter - Sadness turns to Joy.

Easter rapidly approaches and from a Christian perspective the most important time of the year. Personally I find Easter a time of challenge; a profound mixture of sadness and joy.

Sad from the perspective that Jesus suffered so badly and then died in agony so that sinful humanity could be brought back into relationship with God; but joyful in the knowledge and experience that a new quality of life stretching all the way into eternity was now available to everyone.

Easter is also a symbolic time of year. Spring is almost upon us, the drabness of winter now passed and the countryside coming back to life with bright colourful flowers. Easter eggs are in the shops; symbolic of new life and in the church the focus on the Cross of Christ.

Symbols are important as they convey a whole host of messages to us and the Cross of Christ is no different. To some Jesus dying on the cross is pointless. To others it is merely a fashion accessory and to others a reminder that Jesus personally died for them.

However, we weren't meant to live in the shadow of the cross but in the light of the resurrection. As Bishop Wallace has often said - 'We don't worship a dead hero, we worship the living Lord'.

So often Christianity is viewed as outdated, irrelevant or something to reach out for when life is tough. Truth is, we all go through tough times but religions based on a dead spiritual teacher or moral role models are of no use whatsoever.

Understanding that out of Christ's death new life would come seems paradoxical but then God does work in mysterious ways. How did Christ view his pending death? The writer of the letter to the Hebrews records this: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross.**

Jesus was looking past the cross to a place of joy and he offers this same joy to each one of us as we believe in him. As he told the disciples; **Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.**

Have a happy joyful Easter – Chris Lawrence.

APRIL 2010

- 01 Maundy Thursday**
8.00 pm Holy Communion
- 02 Good Friday**
10.00 am Service of the Word
- 04 Easter Day**
10.00 am Family Festival Communion (CW)
- 11 Second Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 18 Third Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service with prayer for healing
- 21 Wednesday**
11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

MAY 2010

- 02 Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing
7.30 pm Evening Celebration - Eastbourne Congress Theatre

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. The second team played in division 12 and will be looking to improve on last year's results.

The first team visit Bells Yew Green for their opening match and the second play host to Seaford.

We have moved away from friendly cricket and we now concentrate on running two teams that play in the East Sussex Cricket league. Hopefully both teams will have enjoyable and successful campaigns.

East Sussex Cricket League - Division 3 - Fixtures

08-May Bells Yew Green 1st XI v Blackboys 1st X
15-May Blackboys 1st XI v Laughton 1st XI
22-May Polegate & Stone Cross 1st XI v Blackboys 1st XI
29-May Blackboys 1st XI v Rotherfield 1st XI
05-Jun Wadhurst 1st XI v Blackboys 1st XI
12-Jun Blackboys 1st XI v Herstmonceux 1st XI
19-Jun Pett 1st XI v Blackboys 1st XI
26-Jun Blackboys 1st XI v Robertsbridge 1st XI
03-Jul Tunbridge Wells Borderers 1st XI v Blackboys 1st XI
10-Jul Laughton 1st XI v Blackboys 1st XI
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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Several years ago East Sussex County Council conducted a rural road speed limit review on all the county's roads as a result of a directive from central government. The results of which meant that the B2102, Blackboys High Street, was to have a lower speed limit of 30-mph.

East Sussex County Council have been working with the Parish Council for some months putting together proposals for traffic-calming measures along the B2102 in Blackboys as they believe the revised limit will not succeed unless such measures are in place.

These proposals are to be presented to the public at a meeting on Tuesday, 20 April 2010, at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Blackboys. Officers of ESCC will be on hand to answer questions and residents will be invited to make formal comments during the consultation period. The Parish Council would like to urge Blackboys residents in particular to visit the presentation in order to ensure the County Council can see the level of support for this urgently needed speed reduction.

Also please be assured that the Parish Council is still keeping the pressure up to convince ESCC and the Police that something needs doing on the B2192 to reduce the speed of traffic.

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- 09 Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Family Rogation Sunday
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
6.30 pm Evening Praise
- 19** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 23 Pentecost**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)
- 30 Trinity Sunday**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
No Evening Service

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

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BY 10th MAY 2010
TO
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ANN NEWTON – 01825 890182**

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OPERATION GODSEND

It is with regret that, due to lack of demand, it has been decided to discontinue the service of Operation Godsend after Easter – at the end of April 2010.

It has been running for over ten years, and during that time has helped many people, but it seems to have run its course.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated in the scheme over the years, very warmly for their help in many ways – driving, answering the phone, being on call for assistance etc. Operation Godsend would not have existed without you.

For the few who *have* used the scheme recently, arrangements will be made on a personal basis.

Marian Filtness

The last eighteen months have seen an environment of recession-based tight budgetary constraint twinned with the escalation of both energy supply and associated equipment maintenance prices. This coupled with the ongoing drive to reduce carbon emissions prompted the Parish Council to review its commitment to street lighting in the Parish by authorising a small project team to investigate all aspects of the issue. After a lengthy review at which several options were debated and put before the Council, the decision was taken to propose to the residents of the Parish a plan that would see the existing population of 76 street lights reduced to approximately 10 over a period of 5 years.

It is intended to explain the background to the proposal in more detail and to seek approval for its implementation at the Annual Parish Assembly, scheduled for Tuesday, 25 May 2010, at 8 pm, in the Village Hall, Blackboys.

The Council urges all residents to attend this event. Those residents who are unable to attend are encouraged to write to the Parish Clerk to express their views on the matter.

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Jumble Sale. With that and the money from our monthly raffle we have been able to give £200 to St Peters & St James Hospice, £150 to the Haiti appeal and £50 to the Monday Club.

We are a group of ladies who meet every third Wednesday each month. You do not have to be a wife to join us. Meetings this coming year include a meal out, a walk and talks on Environmental Health, The History of Lewes Bonfire and hands on Resuscitation.

If you would like more information about us or would like to join us. Contact either Jenny Pratt on 890526 or Val Peaty on 890677.

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BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I have recently received an email from a Jack Patten of Vancouver Island, Canada. He is trying to trace the whereabouts of his niece Jane, whom he and his wife last met fifty years ago when Jane was a child. She was then living at Uptons Mill, Framfield and her name could now be Jane AUCU (nee Carr). Mr Patten is a retired member of a Canadian Regiment that was billeted in Sussex for a few years before D-Day. He writes as follows; "I would love to just say hello to her and give her some photos of her when she was a child which she might appreciate. My younger Brother, her Father, died several years ago and they did not keep in touch. Jane has a large family here on Vancouver Island, cousins and Uncles that she has no knowledge of." Mr Patten will be visiting the UK, including Sussex, with his older brother and his two sons (Jane's cousins), in May, and thinks that this will be his last visit.

Our meetings take place in Blackboys Village Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm start, (unless stated otherwise). Visitors, and prospective new members are always welcome, entrance costs £3. (£1 for members) and includes tea or coffee and biscuit. On 6th April our talk will be about Tunbridge Wells with Dr Ian Beavis, and on 4th May Pauline McKildowie will be talking about Heathfield & Cade Street. On Thursday June 10th we will be having a society group visit to Saddlescombe Farm, near Brighton, and we may have some spare places if you would like to take this rare opportunity to visit "the farm that time forgot".

Ann Turner, Secretary

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

From PCSO Simon French

I hope that most of you have seen me out and about by now, if not I have some good news to report, Revd Lawrence has let me use the Church hall as a base point for me when I am in the area on my patrols. It will mean I can spend more time patrolling, talking to people and hopefully solving any issues.

At the start of March, you may have seen traffic officers in the Framfield area, taking part in speed enforcement checks, this was part of the actions Sussex Police are undertaking against speeders, mobile phone users at the wheel, people not wearing seat belts and general anti social driving, over 70 were booked for offences in the Wealden area during the operation, if you would like to find out more about you can get involved visit www.operationcrackdown.org

Something that ties in with driving is the large number of complaints I have received from residents unhappy about vehicles been parked halfway onto pavements, please show considerations for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs, keep your cars on the road!!

It's coming round to that time of year again, when I like to remind residents to be extra vigilant in protecting their outbuildings from thefts, outbuildings and sheds can become an easy target for burglars if correct security measures are not taken, if you would like to talk to me about any security measures that can be taken please call me to arrange a meeting.

Hope to see you around soon. PCSO Simon French, Uckfield Police Station,
0845 60 70 999 EXT 27400

Framfield & Blackboys WI

At our February meeting we were delighted to welcome four new members. We are sure they will enjoy this year's programme.

Our speaker was Mrs Stella Mitchell of Chiddingly WI who spoke enthusiastically about 'Minarets to Mission Bells' Her slides showed interesting views from Istanbul, Vienna, Santa Barbara (USA), finally finishing at Omaan in Jordan.

In March Mrs Annabel Marten will be conducting a 'Flower Workshop' enabling us to make a low tapestry design.

On April 13th Mr Harris will talk about 'A Year with Nature at a Sussex Reservoir'.

Our May 11th meeting will be a Ploughman's Supper. It is also the meeting when we discuss the resolutions selected by members from those put forward nationwide. Always an interesting, and sometimes challenging meeting.

The WI movement operates locally in our villages, county and nationwide. We are a respected force behind important changes to modern life. Many of these are proposed in our annual resolutions, which when passed at our Annual General Meeting become mandates for us all to support.

All our meetings take place in Blackboys Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Please contact me or Frances Brinkhurst our President, (tel. 01825 890759), if you would like more details of our meetings or what being a WI member involves. We always welcome visitors.

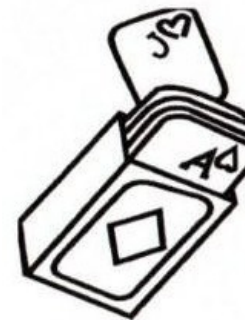
Margaret J. Bennett (Tel. 01825 890416)

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01825 840411

we have had some fine weather and are looking forward to having more sports outside and beginning to get the garden set up again, with the help of Jimmy James - it's always good to plant seeds and watch how they grow. These are good thoughts as we also begin to prepare for our Easter service at the end of term.

Janet Wilde - Headteacher

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FRAMFIELD & BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

**12th April 2010 – Bring & Buy
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**26th April 2010 – Slide Show
2.30 pm, Framfield Memorial Hall.**

**10th May 2010 – Chair-based Activities
By Louise Knight
2.30 pm, BUXTED PAVILION**

**24th May 2010 – Outing – Seaford
1.30 pm (approx) Coach & Tea
at St Lukes Church with Rev Chris Doherty
New members welcome; transport available. For more
information, call Sandy on 01825 840648.**

Mrs Anne Stanley (1924 – 2010)

Some of you may remember Anne who passed away recently in the Wirral in Cheshire. She lived in our parish for many years and was a very active member of the local community as well as our Parish church. Amongst her many activities, she was clerk to the Parish Council and Church Warden at St. Thomas À Becket. She was treasurer of the local branch of the Women's Institute. She was a very gifted lady using her needlework skills to great effect.

She has requested that her ashes be interred in the churchyard of our Parish Church and that any donations in her memory be given to the Church. Cheques should be made payable to Framfield Parish Church Re; Anne Stanley.

On Saturday 15 May 2010 at 3 pm there will be a celebration of Anne's life in the church followed by the interment of her ashes in the churchyard. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Local Heroes

May I please bring to your attention two local heroes who have stood out head and shoulders above many during the recent very bad weather. We have seen Post deliveries cancelled, - we have seen refuse collections cancelled but the Milkman *Reg. Bassett* and *Freddy* the mobile greengrocer have got through every time.

These two gentlemen should have their name up in lights for their tenacity and loyalty to their customers.

Our road, like many others was almost impassable and most of us stayed inside and couldn't get to the shops. No worries when you have stars such as these two gents, always ready to give of their best.

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



OFSTED Registration No: 511222
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Wow its spring at last, the playgroup are getting ready with lots of planting, growing and observing all the new life spring brings, hopefully watching as our new building starts to develop, nothing has started yet, but i am told building should begin very soon, so keep an eye out for it.

We have been organising a lot of fundraising for the new playgroup building raising £54.90 at the January market with our chocolate tombola, thanks to some kind help from parents and will be doing another one with an Easter theme at the March market, we will be holding another fun quiz night in April, always a bit of a giggle.

At last we managed to have our long overdue Christmas party cancelled due to the weather, yes the snow! as we held it in Feb we decided to tie it in with the Chinese New year, having Chinese themed activities all week, making lanterns, tiger masks as it is the year of the tiger, even making some stir fried noodles for our lunch one day, ending with a lively party which the children all enjoyed.

Thanks to an ICT grant we received, we have been able to purchase a lot of new equipment, the children have especially enjoyed the two childrens' digital cameras, taking lots of photographs of each other during the morning, then being able to show their new photographic skills to the parents at the end of the morning on our new digital photo frame.

I would like to say a warm welcome to our new children this term, Mikala, Flo and Stanley I hope you all really enjoy your time with us.

We still have a few spaces left, so if you wish to visit us and see what we do, feel free to give Jo Rayner (supervisor) a call on 07975 567766 or 07960 13198 (playgroup hours only) to arrange a visit. Or just pop in any morning Mon, Tues, Weds at the Memorial Hall we are open 9 am -12.45 pm and Fridays at the Church Hall - we would love to see you.

Framfield CE Primary School

After a very unusual start to this term following the snow in January we finally settled down to our school topic on Artists and Musicians. We have looked at the work of L.S. Lowry, Picasso and the Surrealists. This has given the children the opportunity to find out about the artists as well as study their art and have a go at copying their style. We have also listened to music from different periods including classical, baroque, the fifties and the sixties. We have been working for the last year on achieving a SING UP! Award and are about to submit our application. It has been great fun and we have sung and learned many songs.

The final part of our topic will be a Music Concert at which the children and some of our parents will be performing. This will definitely be a great occasion and we are looking forward very much to enjoying all the talent we have in the school.

The snowy weather meant that we were not able to hold our Christmas party, so we decided to have an End of Term party before the half term break. This turned out to be even more interesting as we celebrated Chinese New Year. The children spent the morning finding out about some of the events normally held, and the meaning of Red Letters for example. This is the year of the Tiger and we heard a delightful story of how the years were names - the animals raced each other across a river and the years were named in that order, with the wily Rat coming in first. The children also decorated paper lanterns and these now adorn the school entrance. It was a truly lovely day with wonderful party food provided by our parents and an assembly to close the celebrations.

The older children in the school have been reading a number of books as part of a reading challenge arranged by the Library Service. They are visiting two schools to hear from two different authors about their writing. Finally they will vote for their favourite book. We hope that this will be the first of several reading projects which we want to run through the school.

Our sporting activities have continued despite poor weather conditions, and we have benefited from using the facilities at Freedom Leisure and UCTC to take part in Tag Rugby and netball events. Each week children are enjoying football skills sessions with a student from UCTC. We are very delighted that

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Anyone who feels able to contribute their time and expertise to this endeavour should contact Ann Newton the Parish Clerk on 01825 890182 or Councillor Fred Thurston on 01825 890071.



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Website: www.blackboyspreschool.co.uk

This spring at Blackboys Pre-school we are looking at Easter, Vehicles and the children are making Mother's Day cards. The children are also learning about landmarks and how these can lead them from one place to another around the village.

We are hosting a Racing Night on 23rd April at Blackboys Village Hall, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. This was a great success last year! There is a licensed bar and the ticket price will include a Fish & Chip Supper. Look out for the posters in the village and surrounding areas, or telephone the pre-school for further details and to book a table. We are fundraising for new toys and equipment for the children's outside play area.

We still have a few spaces available in the morning and afternoon sessions. Please telephone (01825) 891113 for further information on these – Monday to Friday mornings and lunch clubs, plus Monday to Thursday afternoon sessions.

Sad Farewell from Poppy & George!

I'm afraid that Poppy had an accident in the snow and can no longer use the computer and George has just fallen off the lap-top, which he views with contempt because he cannot wear his Editor shades or sit in the swivel chair so..... It's farewell from them for a little while.

They would both like to thank Tim Couzens of the Holistic Vet centre in East Hoathly for looking after them.

Tim can be e-mailed on admin@hvmc.info or 01825 840966.

Thank you Tim from Poppy George and Sue !

GATE HOUSE, FRAMFIELD

The Gate House Project is connected to a registered charity, the Rural Housing Trust, and provides five self-contained accommodation units unfurnished at a low rental for young married couples/families for a limited period of several years.

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 is included in the 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 is now available and anyone who is now interested should, in the first instance, contact Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Drew for further details.

Gate House, Cottages, Framfield. 01825 890208

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET



24th April 2010

10-12 noon.

22nd May 2010

10-12 noon.

ALL WELCOME

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Sandy – 840648

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

As I write this the snow has gone and the sun is shining even though it is still fairly cold, so is Spring on its way?

As a Committee we are looking ahead to the Open Gardens Scheme again in the forthcoming months, when we will be serving homemade cakes and tea in a number of beautiful gardens around our area. *The Grange in Framfield* is among the first on the **9th May** when hopefully the daffodils might still be out. We will once again be at *Warren House, Crowborough* on the **9th, 16th and 31st May** and on **5th, 6th and 7th June** at *Hobbs Barton, Framfield*. The gardens will be open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and are all well worth a visit. The money collected at the gate is distributed at the end of the season between approximately 6 charities - among them MCS - but the money our Committee members take on the day comes directly back into our area to help support both the individuals suffering from cancer, and their families.

If you or anyone you know has worries about cancer, if they've just been diagnosed with the illness or even if their treatment has ended, the Cancerline, Benefits Helpline, Cancer Information Nurse Helpline and Youthline have all been brought together under one number: **0808 808 00 00** or the website can always be visited on **www.macmillan.org.uk**. Information can be had over the telephone, or you can request any number of relevant booklets.

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enjoyed our day of dressing up—some of us more than others!! It was wonderful to see the effort some of the children had put in to come as a mythical or legendary character or creature.

The impact on the children was not only obvious from their enjoyment of the workshop and sessions, but is also evident in the work presented. Keep your eyes open for this on display in the weeks to come.

At the end of term 3 we were told that we had been chosen at random to receive an Ofsted Subject Inspection! The inspection was to support a survey of Mathematics throughout the country and our inspection took place on the last day of term. As you can imagine we were rather anxious, but confident that the inspector would enjoy her day with us. The results were very gratifying and maths in the school is considered to be "Outstanding."

We all know how well our children achieve in maths and how good the teaching is, but it is always good to have your own judgements supported by an outside agency—especially when we have a substantial number of new staff in place.

Of particular importance is the quality of teaching which is considered to be innovative and engaging. We have as a school tried to make as many cross-curricular links as possible so that the children are aware of how important maths is in everyday life, and this came over well in our short inspection.

We are still working hard on the car-parking problem and organized a park and stride week to encourage parents to walk their children to school from the Blackboys Inn Car-park. We hope on the back of this to develop a a more organized Park and Stride Walking Bus and encourage less parking along School Lane and the surrounding roads.

J K King - Headteacher

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Following on from the recent spell of snowy weather councillors discussed the issue of lack of gritting of the roads and pavements and provision of grit/salt bins. The PC felt that both of these fell within the remit of East Sussex County Council who were indeed conducting a scrutiny review of their Winter Maintenance Policy. This can be accessed via the ESCC website.

A public meeting has been arranged to present the proposals for traffic calming in Blackboys – 20 April 2010, 7 pm at Blackboys Village Hall – there is a separate item in this newsletter with the details. All residents should come along and put their views across to ESCC.

Our PCSO, Simon French, now has a permanent 'base' in the Parish – the Rev Chris Lawrence has very kindly allowed him to use the Church Hall. Simon is expected to spend 80% of his time in the Parish.

Two new councillors came on board in February – Selina Allen from Framfield and Felicity Groves from Palehouse Common. Rob Newton was elected Chairman, with Maria Naylor as Vice Chairman.

The Precept was set at £43,500 for the year 2010/11. The PC proposes to try and reduce some of the costs for street lighting and will be undertaking a public consultation exercise to see what residents think. This is in line with an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint in line with other authorities. This is also a separate item in the newsletter on street lighting.

A review is underway of the Pavilion Project – more information will be available at the Parish Assembly in May.

In line with other local authorities the PC is drafting an Emergency Plan. This may involve contacting local farmers/doctors etc who may have expertise and could be included as contacts on the Plan.

If anyone requires a full copy of the minutes for any of the Council meetings please let me know.

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Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours.

AEN/16 March 2010

We have had a very exciting last two terms which have included many class visits and assemblies: Mr Sullivan's class visited the Rajdutt Indian Restaurant where they were able to watch a demonstration of curry-making and even had a curry for lunch! Class 3 took a trip to the Roman Villas at Fishbourne as part of their topic study of the Romans. All the classes have been out for walks to make use of our wonderful local area and several visitors have been in to talk about a variety of different subjects. Our UNICEF day of change this year focused on Mozambique and the children learnt what life is like for children in that country at the same time as raising money.

We have also been raising money the National Talking Newspaper which has its headquarters in Heathfield. Three children and I were lucky enough to get the chance have a guided tour of the studios and to try out a recording session when we visited to hand over the cheque.

We were very pleased this to hear again from our new friends in Londinieres in France; you will remember that earlier this year we had a visit from the Headteacher of this school, Monsieur Mercier, and we have been in e-mail contact with the school since; we were delighted to receive some cards and letters from the children this term and will be putting together a culture box to exchange with them later in the year.

We had a wonderful book week recently: Miss Kennedy organized the Big Foot Theatre Company who did a theatre workshop with every class and a story-teller, Mark Bedford, entertained the children with his fantastic story-telling skills and supported the children in developing these skills themselves. We all thoroughly

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society News

It's March and still very cold. I don't suppose I am the only gardener who is putting off venturing outside to start the Spring chores. After all it could be better tomorrow! In the meantime we can browse through those catalogues, that plop through the letter box, inspiring us to great things the minute it warms up and it is possible to get a weed out of the ground with the root still attached! Until then be inspired by the delights that The Framfield and Blackboys Horticulture Society has arranged for us to enjoy over the coming weeks. Make a note in your diary and be sure of a warm welcome at all the events.

Happy gardening!
Jennifer Graham
Chairman

- ❖ 18 March 2010 7.30pm at the Blackboys Village Hall
Talk by Dr. Martin Stenning on Lakewood, Uckfield. This will be followed up by a Trip to visit Lakewood late in the season.
- ❖ 19 May 2010
Garden Forum at The Old House, Waldron. That means coffee at 10.30am and a look at my garden.
- ❖ 2 June 2010
A visit to Stonefield Farm, Streete.
- ❖ 26 June 2010
A visit to Hailsham Grange, Hailsham.
- ❖ 11 July 2010
Garden Forum at Scaines Farm, Blackboys for an evening visit with a glass of wine.

For any more information please contact Jennifer Graham on telephone number: 01435 812711 or Alayne Jenkins on telephone number: 01825 890580.

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Welcome Baptist Blackboys

With great regret, but unavoidably, we had to cancel our afternoon service on Sunday January 10 because of the snow and ice on Gun Road. One of the congregation who had not received the message that there would not be a meeting that day, slid into the hedge and had to be pulled out with the help of Paul Wright and Brendan Hammond!

We are very thrilled that we have two additional leaders for the church in Andrew and Sarah Wright. Andrew of course is from Blackboys. He and his wife have returned to live in the area. They are a great asset to the church and particularly in the area of leading worship and with the young people. Since they joined us they have been blessed with a baby girl – Esther Grace.

On Palm Sunday March 28 at 5pm we will be having an all-age family service. Do join us if you can, for a time of worship and praise with fun activities planned, followed by Hot Cross buns.

April 4 Easter Sunday of course is a very special day in the Christian calendar, when we remember that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today! We will be following the tradition of past years of sharing communion together followed by breakfast at 8.30am. There will not be a 5pm service that day as we will all meet with the congregation at Welcome Baptist Heathfield at 10.30am.

We meet every Sunday at 5pm in the Blackboys Village hall for informal worship, Crusader Club, tea and cakes. Everyone welcome. For further information Tel: Barbara Solly 01825 765178 or look on the website www.welcomechurch.org.uk

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

EASTER KIDS STUFF

EASTER WORD SEARCH

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KING	CRY
JEWS	TOMB
CRUCIFIED	RISEN
CROSS	BODY
CROWN	THREE
THORNS	PILATE
THIEVES	EMPTY
FORGIVE	MARY
DEATH	JESUS

Can you puzzle out which 3 words fit in the gaps ?

Start at the top and work down changing one letter each time to make a new word.

- 1 LENT
- 2 SENT
- 3 SEND
- 4
- 5 HAND
- 6
- 7 HARE
- 8
- 9 SAVE

Spring was a bit late this year because of all the snow. Early flowers like catkins and snowdrops appeared shivering in the cold. As the seasons change, the days will have lighter evenings and lovely bright flowers and shrubs appear. All the birds can be heard singing and thanking God for all He has given us.

Colour the picture

