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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012

Your Bucket List - Will the real me please stand up.



'The essence of any good bucket list consists of overcoming fears, achieving goals, realizing dreams and even simple pleasures. Whether it's an exotic adventure half-way around the world or something simpler, like spending more time with your family or friends, what matters is that you experience all the good and phenomenal things Earth offers.'

I can't speak for you, but as I get older life seems to take on a new urgency and having a Bucket List is not a bad idea. What is even better than a list, is to actually start doing some of the things on your list! When I worked as a Civil Servant I was alarmed to read the statistic that approximately 70% of Civil Servants die eighteen months to two years after retirement. Thankfully God had other plans so the future is now a lot more certain! We can all have big ideas and dreams of what we may like to do in the future but the smaller goals may have greater significance. The opening sentence to the paragraph outlining a Bucket List mentions 'overcoming fears'.

In my experience fear is often the number one inhibitor in trying anything new or unfamiliar. Even meeting people for the first time can be stressful and it is often our own insecurities that inhibit us from really getting to know the people we live closest to.

One of the greatest freedoms I have come to experience as a Christian is I can be myself without any fear of judgement.

If you are reading this as an unbeliever you should be able to walk into any church and be accepted just as you are by the people there because that is the way that God accepts you- unconditionally. Knowing that we are loved unconditionally is the basis of a healthy relationship with God and the springboard for a healthy relationship with yourself and each other.

Starting on the 7th September Framfield Church is starting a new coffee morning called 'Drop in - Coffee and Chat'. It will be run each Friday morning from 9.15-11.30am and will provide an opportunity just to hang out with each other and have a chat about anything or maybe just a listening ear in a relaxed environment. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome -why not give it a try?

Rev Chris Lawrence

Something new in Framfield

Drop in - Coffee and Chat

Starting on Friday 7th September 9.15-11.30am.

Framfield Church Hall

*An opportunity to get to know your neighbours
and make some new friends.*

Everyone Welcome

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

Discipleship Explored is a new course designed to help people think about what it means to live a Christian life. The course is divided into eight weekly sessions beginning on Tuesday 11th September - Day time course 10am at Framfield Vicarage or Evening in the Church Hall/Gage Chapel at 7.30pm.

Cost £10 Inc course materials and refreshments. Further info on the church web site - www.framfieldchurch.org.uk. or to book a place please call the church office 01825 891090 or e.mail rev.chris@btinternet.com

Diary of Church Services

AUGUST 2012

05 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(Please note this will be the only service today)

12 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am **Breakfast & Family Service on the Recreation
Ground with Guest Speaker, David Payne**

6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion with Prayer
for Healing (CW)

15 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

19 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
(Please note this will be the only service today)

26 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER 2012

02 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
with Prayer for Healing

09 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

- 16 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 19** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 23 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 30 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Café Service (Framfield Memorial Hall)
With guests Bernie and Jean French
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship 2001

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**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
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Mrs Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine). Email: framfield.pc@virgin.net. Messages will be picked up during office hours. All communications for Parish Council matters should be directed to Ann.

Summer (?) Term news from Framfield C E School

We have had a very busy term full of exciting events and learning opportunities for all the children. Special thanks goes to our PTFA and a brilliant team of volunteers who with the amazing Pete the Pond have dug out and made a wonderful wildlife pond area for all of us to use. We were delighted to officially open our Jubilee Pond at our summer fayre. Thank you if you came along and supported us at this major fundraising event.

In school we have celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee with our own Queen and Prince Philip at a lovely tea party. We had a great day dressed in the style of any year of the Queen's 60 years reign. There were punks, Spice girls, hippies, Michael Jackson, Johnny Rotten as well as many patriotic children covered in red, white and blue. Thanks again to everyone who provided the refreshments.

We have been learning about the Ancient Greeks as a background to finding out about the original Olympics. Many of the children enjoyed a range of Ancient Greek Olympic sports including racing with "armour "and chariot races. This took place during National Sports Week when we also had our traditional circuit and track events sports afternoon up on the recreation ground. Kingfisher class enjoyed the Top Play afternoon and Eagles class participated in Top Sport games at UCTC.

There have been several very successful visits including Blackberry Farm, Herstmonceux Science Centre, Safety in Action and an outdoor pursuits day. Year 6 have enjoyed doing a dramatic Bible reading at Worth Abbey and are now preparing for the Big Day Out and the kit car races in the Uckfield Festival.

We wish all our leavers well at their new schools and also to Miss Sanders as she is going travelling. We say good bye also to Mrs Philips our inclusion

manager and good luck to Miss Gaylor who is getting married at Framfield church on Saturday 11th August at 12.30.

Thank you to everyone for all your support in this period of transition and we look forward to sharing news of joint events as we go in to partnership with Blackboys School in September.

Jacqueline Davies - Acting Headteacher

**WE ARE
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The dinner held at the Buxted Inn was very successful and raised £916. All those who attended enjoyed the lovely meal and had a wonderful evening. The Rotary Jubilee Ball was also a fantastic evening and raised a further £2000 for Macmillan, so a big thank you to all those who contributed to these events. We still have several open gardens in July, where we shall be providing our tea and homemade cakes! The collections in Heathfield and at Tesco's Uckfield promise to have been successful. A couple of dates for the diary –

Fashion Show 12th September at Uckfield Civic Centre 7.30 pm, tickets £15
National Coffee Morning 28th September.

In 2011, the centenary year, the Macmillan team reached 1.7 million people living with cancer and 2.6 million affected by cancer in some way. A new, purpose built centre opened to the public in April and is the first of its kind in the NHS. The centre combines Macmillan expertise with that of University College London Hospital.

If you or anyone you know has worries about cancer, if they've just been diagnosed or even if their treatment has ended, the Cancerline, Benefits Helpline, Cancer information Nurse Helpline and Youthline have all been brought together under one phone number: 0808 808 0000 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

Ann Press, Local Chairman 01825 890400

UCKFIELD HOUSEBOUND CLUB

My name is Rose Willcox and I am the organiser of the Uckfield Housebound Club.

The Club has been running for 49 years and I have been organiser for the last 15, but on Wednesday, 12 December 2012 I am retiring and I hope that someone who is reading this would like to take it over because it would be very sad if it had to close.

We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of each month but not in August, at the Luxford Centre, Uckfield, between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm.

With the members being picked up by either the Lions' minibus or cars, then we enjoy a two-course meal, followed by entertainment.

The members have different disabilities and the aim of the Club is to give them friendship with each other.

If you would like to know more please ring me on (01825) 890786.

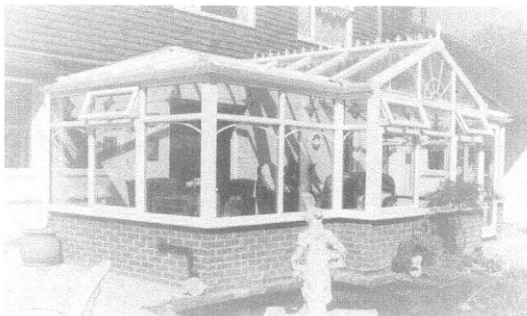
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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

By our Roving Reporter – Eve

The Church Hall is finished and looks really very nice. Light, bright and very welcoming. We owe our grateful thanks for all those involved, be it by donation or practical help.

The Jubilee was wonderful wasn't it? - a truly magnificent celebration. Everything went off without a hitch – which is what we have come to expect, just a pity about the weather. A morale booster for us all, bringing people together united by pride for the Royal Family and the pageantry, showing the rest of the world what we can achieve.

Why do the weather forecasters mention a drought? As soon as the 'D' word is bandied about it never stops raining. The lawn becomes a mud bath and the poor flowers and vegetables are all but drowned. Luckily they pop up again when the sun does eventually put in an appearance. You can't help but feel so sorry for all those who have had to cope with flooded homes. What a massive clean-up job that must be. One wonders if we shall have any summer at all. Perhaps the Autumn will surprise us – We live in hope!

Just enjoy every day as it comes – wet or dry – and try to count our blessings. God Bless.

EVE
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A very big thank you to the 20+ people who turned up which resulted in 14 black sacks being taken to the dump! It was gratifying to see NO RUBBISH for a little while as I drove round collecting bags.

Thank you again to everyone who helped on the day and to those who do it on a regular basis as they walk round

RON – May 2012

Looking for a local venue?

Looking for a local venue? Then look no further.

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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

NO MONDAY CLUB IN AUGUST

3rd September - 51st BIRTHDAY LUNCH at Buxted Pavillion - 1pm - £3

17th September - Afternoon Tea at EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL GOLF CLUB AT - 2.30pm.

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

At the AGM in May Maria Naylor was re-elected as Chairman with Rob Newton as Vice-Chairman. Jeff Goggin has taken over as Chairman of the Planning Committee with Peter Friend as his Deputy Chairman. Felicity Groves continues as the Emergency Planning Co-ordinator and Selina Allen as School Governor Representative for Framfield School and Ann Newton in the same position at Blackboys. Ian Paisley remains the Tree Warden.

The consultation has now been completed for the revised proposals for Blackboys High Street. We will await the outcome and then implementation of the works.

A review of the guidepost situation is underway with ESCC. The PC could not entertain formally adopting them unless they were brought up to a satisfactory specification.

ESCC are also conducting a survey of the grit bins in the Parish to endeavour to make sure that they are all in situ and full by the winter.

If anyone spots any problems with the highways/pavements please contact ESCC Highways direct on 0345 6080193 or via their email address highways@eastsussex.gov.uk

If anyone is experiencing problems with street-lighting I should be contacted in the first instance.

If anyone requires a full hard copy of the minutes for any of the Council meetings please let me know. All our meeting details are available on our website – www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

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Maria Naylor– Chairman (890946)); Selina Allen (891110); Richard Brocklebank (0788 9336446); Myran Eade (890507); Peter Friend (01435 867126); Felicity Groves (840341); John Mordaunt (890443); Rob Newton – Vice Chairman (890103); Ian Paisley (890904);.

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LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

CAT AND DOG RELATIONSHIPS.

How true is the expression fighting like cat and dog? There are many different relationships between canines and felines. If cats and dogs are brought up together they are usually good friends. Some time ago I went to visit a family to give advice on training their puppy. They also had a kitten the same age. Watching these two play together was lovely. The kitten was a chunky British Blue, an ideal companion for the small puppy. I was entertained by a lively display of mock battles, wrestling, pouncing and chasing between these two well matched opponents.

My mother had a male Labrador called Noel who decided to adopt the family kitten. He would gently carry it about just like a mother cat would, and kept it washed and clean. He continued to do this even when the kitten grew up. Noel always looked after his companion. They would sit together by the fire thoroughly washing each others faces and were always the best of friends. Another example of a cat and dog friendship was rather unusual. Looking out of the kitchen window one day we saw a small white Terrier and a black cat. Rather surprised I went out to investigate. The cat immediately disappeared through the bushes, but the little friendly dog just stood there waiting. There was an address on his collar so we picked him up, popped him in the car and took him home. We explained that he had arrived with a cat but it had run off. The owner did not look at all surprised. Apparently the cat was always taking the dog off for a walk and would leave him with a neighbour to take home, while he went off to enjoy his feline pursuits before making his own way back.

Before I had Newfoundlands we had two Golden Retrievers. On one local walk there lived a very frail old cat that would come out of her cottage and walk stiffly and slowly into the middle of the narrow lane to enjoy a patch of sun that warmed her ancient bones and thread bare coat. The dogs were terrified of her and did not want to pass this frightening animal. All the old cat did was to stay still and glare at the dogs. Just that was enough to confirm her superior position. The two fit young dogs would reluctantly sidle past close to the hedge, looking extremely embarrassed, until they were clear and could enjoy their walk again.

On a visit to see an adolescent Collie cross that was very lively I was fascinated by the relationship between the dog and cat. The mature cat was quite tolerant and would let the young dog play with him. However after a while the youngster would get over excited and rough with the cat. I was a bit worried when I saw this. The owner

reassured me that the cat could handle the situation and said I must watch how the cat did it. In the corner of the room was a crate that the Collie slept in. The cat advanced towards its opponent. The dog backed away. The cat continued to manoeuvre the dog across the room all round the furniture until he was in front of the open door of the crate. One quick lunge at the dog's face made him back straight in. This clever cat had craftily captured his tiresome playmate. I thought the dog might try and come out, but the cat lay down blocking the entrance so the subdued Collie had to stay in there. The rest of my visit was very peaceful!

On another consultation I was visiting two feisty terriers who were great hunters. I always ask lots of questions about life style, routine, family members and other pets and if there are any other problems. I was told there was a problem between the two cats and these tough working terriers. I nodded my head wisely, knowing as I thought, the answer, that the poor cats were being terrorised by the dogs. How wrong I was. I was amazed to hear that it was the other way round. Both cats would attack the dogs, leaping on to their backs, digging their claws in and biting them! Luckily the two dogs had learnt to keep well away from these two fierce animals.

These examples show some of the many variations in cat/dog relationships.

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What an action packed term it has been! We had fabulous weather for our sports day in June, where the children and grown-ups all had a great time taking part in races. Our allotment goes from strength to strength - if any friends in the community can donate wood, chicken wire and garden slabs for our allotment project, please pop in and say hello or ring Pre-School manager Jenny on the number above.

This term we've been studying Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev; the children have been acting out the story and have been trying their hands at playing the violin, flute, horn, drum and clarinet! In September, the fun will continue with lots more cooking, a focus on the beautiful Carnival of the Animals music by Saint-Saëns, lots of forest school activities and a large art project. Keep tabs on all of our activities by checking out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool.

We're really excited about taking part in this year's Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show on Saturday 11 August. Come and say hello to the Blackboys Pre-School Little Red Tractor (a working Massey Ferguson 135 for all you tractor aficionados) and play our fun cow milking game.

Our next coffee morning and Open Day will be on Thursday 13 September from 9.30am to 11.30am. It's open to everyone and staff, parents and committee members will be on hand to show you round and answer any questions. But more than anything, it's an excuse to get together -- so don't be shy, all welcome!

A little bit about us

Established almost 30 years ago, Blackboys Pre School is open Monday to Friday during school term times from 8.45am to 3.30pm and provides a wonderful, nurturing environment for children aged between 2 and 5 in a fabulous rural setting. The Pre-School applies Montessori principles and practice to some of its activities as well as offering Forest School activities. To book your child in for a no-obligation free trial or to arrange a visit, call Jenny on 01825 891113 or email enquiries@blackboyspreschool.org.uk.

The Blackboys Pre-School team

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the past 15 years that the Society has been in existence there have been some momentous and extraordinary events that will forever stay in my memory. One such occasion was the recent ceremony at Blackboys Youth Hostel to unveil a commemorative plaque. I am sure that most readers of the Parish Magazine will know that the YHA building was originally built as a refuge for children fleeing from the Spanish Civil War in 1937. The day was special not only because it was held in a lovely location on a rare lovely sunny day this summer, but because of the stories of some very special people. The plaque was unveiled by Moises and Miren Alonso who are both 85 years old and returned to Blackboys for the first time since arriving here in 1937 from Spain. This time, they brought members of their family with them. Miren said that when she arrived the first time she thought that she “was in Paradise”. They both went to live in America and met again and fell in love several years later after writing to each other while Moises was fighting in the Korean War and they never forget their happy times as children in Blackboys. They were very grateful to the local people who helped and looked after them and the event was a reunion with people who they remembered as local children, as well as a family celebration. One of the original ideas behind setting up a history group in the Parish was to make sure that our local history was not forgotten, and also to show that although we are a small village in Sussex, we are affected by events that have happened all over the world.

There will not be a normal meeting in August but we will be having a Summer BBQ, weather permitting. On September 4th our speaker will be Peter Hill, his subject; Pills, Potions, and Patience.

Our meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm start, unless otherwise stated. Visitors and prospective new members of all ages are always welcome. There is a charge of £3 for visitors and £1 for members. If you would like to know more about the above, or the society’s activities in general, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email baturner.18maple@btinternet.com.

Press Release

4 July 2012

Crimestoppers urges the public to “nail” metal thieves



Sussex Crimestoppers are joining forces with colleagues in Thames Valley, Kent, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and Surrey to tackle metal theft crime head on in the South East.

Theft of metal is now one of the fastest rising crimes, with costs to the UK economy estimated at £770m each year. Heavily influenced by commodity prices and the growing economies of both developing and developed countries, it affects communities, industry and commerce and poses a real and significant threat to public safety and critical national infrastructure. It is an international problem and whilst metal prices remain high and global demand continues to rise, this crime is big business and an issue that will not disappear on its own.

“The summer holiday season will see many buildings, particularly schools and offices, left vulnerable to both the organized and opportunistic thief. Thieves are not invisible unless we choose to ignore them,” commented Kathy Burke, volunteer chair of Sussex Crimestoppers.

“Metal theft is the hot topic today,” she continued. “We read about incidents in the papers and many of us may well have felt the impact of metal theft on our day to day lives: train cancellations from cable and track theft, loss of phone and internet connection, school closures. However, awareness of metal theft is only part of the battle. In order to stop

criminals continuing to disrupt our lives we all need to be proactive, vigilant and to report our suspicions quickly. To this end Crimestoppers offers the public a safe and anonymous way to stop the thieves by contacting us on 0800 555 111 or using our secure, online form direct from a mobile phone at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. But we can only be effective if you make that call.”

Last week Police Forces in the South East introduced a new scheme named Operation Tornado. This will make it easier to trace any person who sells metal to Scrap Metal Merchants and will help to remove and prosecute dealers of stolen metal. Crimestoppers will be working throughout the year to further enhance and support this initiative.

Inspector Martin Pattenden, the Sussex Police lead for Operation Tornado remarked: “As a Force we are committed to reducing metal theft in Sussex. Operation Tornado aims to target unscrupulous dealers rather than inhibit legitimate businesses. However we still need intelligence from the public to tackle this crime from all angles and the Crimestoppers anonymous service provides a valuable tool to enable communities to provide information safely and free from fear.”

To pass on information about metal theft or any crime anonymously, Crimestoppers can be contacted online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org through the new mobile site or computer, or by calling the 24/7 anonymous 0800 555 111 number. Whichever form of communication chosen, anonymity is guaranteed.

For more information please contact:

Carolyn Randall, Area Manager, Sussex Crimestoppers on 01435 865822

For more information about Operation Tornado, please contact Sussex Police Media Relations Office on 01273 404173



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Thank you to everyone who donated their Sainsbury & Tesco vouchers to us, we are all looking forward to getting our new equipment for the children to use in September.

Are there any budding knitters out there who would be able to knit us any toys for our story sacks? I.e. Goldilocks & the three bears, The three little pigs, Three Billy goats gruff, The gingerbread man, we would be very grateful.

Don't forget to come and see us at the Summer show on Saturday 11th August, we would love to see you.

We would like to welcome our new children and their families this term, Ryley, Torin, & Imogen we hope you enjoy your time at Framfield Pre-School.

We are open 7.45 - 6pm daily, including a breakfast club 7.45-8.45 and after school club 3-6pm for 2-11yrs.

We still have some availability for morning and afternoon sessions, if you would like to arrange a visit or for more information please telephone Sarah Ridley on 01825 890943.

Thank you - *Teresa Howell - Pre-School Manager*

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Blackboys Church of England Primary School

I can't believe how quickly this last term – indeed this whole year - has gone, and I know I always seem to be saying it, but we have just been so busy! What with class trips locally and further afield, the lead up to our performance and our open evening, the time has just flown by. The sporting calendar has also been full with athletics and stoolball tournaments as well our swimming gala. There have just been so many highlights this term.

Sports Day was a wonderful event and we managed to cope with the variety of weather that an English summer brings, and were very lucky to choose one of the few days when the heavens did not open! The children had a fantastic time, as did the parents and teachers. The festive atmosphere was carried on by year 6 after school with the running of their stalls to raise money for their chosen charities.

This term always sees the annual Leavers Service at Crowborough; this year our year 6 pupils performed a dramatic reading based on the Battle of Jericho which went down very well and we were very proud of them! This is always an important event in the lives of our pupils and we are very grateful to be able to share the occasion with many other local Church Schools.

Class 4 attended a Safety in Action event this term: this is a short course where pupils are taught some basic life-saving activities and is always popular. The children enjoyed it greatly and know what they should do in an emergency situation to both support themselves and others. The year 6 children have also been attending a cycling proficiency course in school and we are pleased to say that they have all passed with flying colours—well-done to everyone. They really have grown up and I know that all the experiences they have had at our school will stand them in excellent stead as they move on to secondary school.

Our end of year performance has been yet another one to remember: a musical based called Olivia and based – very loosely! – on Oliver, with many twists to the plot. The children excelled themselves and performed the demanding roles really well. Our youngest children took part as orphans and made a great impression. Many thanks must go to all staff – especially our music staff – for all the effort and hard work they have put into the production which was, as usual, of a very high standard. .

Thanks so much to all the members of our community who have supported us throughout the year and we look forward to working with you all in an equally exciting year in September when our partnership work with Framfield School starts. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to take on the headship of these two very individual schools. The future looks very exciting for us all!

J K King - Headteacher



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To book your place for the taster evening please contact Andrew Wright
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Welcome Baptist Church Blackboys
(New Life Church Blackboys from November)

July 6 – 8 was this year's weekend Farm Camp run by the church – with 17 families from the village enjoying nostalgic fun on the farm with dipping, cricket, pony riding, swimming, torch-lit woodland walks, clay shooting and hunting for treasure!

The rain didn't dampen the spirits with fabulous fry-ups for breakfast and fish and chips around the huge campfire. Hot chocolate and a Talent Show in the

big marquee preceded the downpour Saturday night! The weekend was wrapped up with a family service on the Sunday morning – celebrating creation which was led by the pastor Guy Partridge and the Crusader team, before the final lunch and the excitement of packing away all the tents until next year.

All welcome to join us for services on Sundays at 4.30pm, except 4th Sunday when we meet for Family Service at 10.30am.

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All Go for the Summer Show

Summer Show Date: 11th August 2012 – Field Opens at 1pm - £1 Entry (20p for Children)

As the date moves ever closer plans are coming together to make it a step up from the success of last year. Of course all the things expected at the show will be there but we hope you will enjoy the new attractions, events and stalls.

It is **OUR** show so come along and support it. In fact, you should consider entering a few things. It gives your visit that extra edge! Who knows, you might even win something!

It appears that some of the Schedule of Entries have a blank central page covering Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6. If this is the case then please contact Terry Everitt on 01825-891392 for a replacement. You can also download your own at **www.fabhortsoc.org.uk** .

A reminder: Show Entry Forms are to be at Hazel Glen, Blackboys Rd by Wed 8th August. The Late Entries need to be completed at the marquee by 9.30am on the day of the show.

See you on the 11th. The Show Committee.

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Framfield & Blackboys WI

On Wednesday 30th May six intrepid ladies ventured out to Hailsham for some Ten - pin bowling. We had two lanes side by side so were able to keep an eye on the successes of our opposite numbers. There was no one else there for the majority of the morning so it was very relaxed and they brought us coffee half way through which went down well after all our exertions. I was completely average at this sport not helped by the fact I had a senior moment and forgot which fingers went in which holes on the bowling ball. It was suggested by my fellow bowlers that if I didn't sort myself out I would be seen travelling at speed along the lane attached to the ball like a Tom and Jerry cartoon! After the bowling some of us stayed on for lunch.

If you feel fed up or just a bit creaky, why not give ten-pin bowling with the WI a whirl. It was great fun with great company and I would thoroughly recommend it.

By Barbara Trickey

In June, several of us enjoyed a group visit to Wakehurst place organised by the WI Leisure & Learning Committee. The weather was very kind with only a few sharp showers in between the sunshine. Following coffee we met our guide John and spent more than 2 fascinating hours being shown plants, shrubs and trees I had only ever seen in books. He was a walking encyclopaedia and charming with it. After lunch the more intrepid of us tackled the Loder Valley Nature Reserve. It was steep, muddy, slippery but wonderful. We stopped at several viewing hides along the way and even saw kingfishers popping in and out of the riverbank feeding their young: A highlight for everyone. We spent a wonderful half an hour in the Millennium Seed Bank where we could see the laboratory technicians at work. A brilliant day out.

By Delia Gillies

We are having a garden tea party in the afternoon on Tuesday 14th August; if you would like to join us for tea or for our next meeting, please give me a ring. Our September meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 11th September at Blackboys Village Hall. Our speaker will be Mr Ian Everest giving a talk and cine film on 'A Sussex Farm in the 1950's'.

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