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We are still needing volunteers for distributing this Newsletter in the Halland and Harveys Lane areas, And unfortunately Ian Dipple, who has nobly covered a wide area around High Cross, has now had to give up for health reasons. So if you can help, please ring Derek Thorogood on 01825 890487. There are 7 distributions a year, and you can choose whether to do a large or a small area.

This is a piece of service which helps to keep the people of the parish in touch with each other, so if you could lend a hand, please contact Derek.

Stress Free Living?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live without any stress in your life? Life would be a breeze, immunised from the stresses and strains of daily living we could really enjoy ourselves. Unfortunately, as we can all testify life isn't like that.

However, not all stress is bad. We need a reasonable degree of stress to motivate us into action. The accompanying surge of adrenalin enables us to focus and get on with the task in hand. Stress becomes our enemy when we constantly living in a hyped-up state feeling that we are being overwhelmed with the pressures of life. It is in this place where we get short tempered and angry; patience seems to disappear and love flies out the window.

Too much stress also inhibits us from thinking rationally. Problem solving becomes difficult as our mental perception narrows; similar to having tunnel vision. We end up like mice going faster and faster trapped inside a spinning wheel.

It has always been my firm belief that human beings were never designed to live under a high degree of stress for long periods of time. It's not much fun and sooner or later we become ill. So is there a way out when we feel trapped and overwhelmed? I believe there is and the solution lies in the very simple application of some Biblical truths.

Firstly, identify the root of the problem. King David writing in Psalm 43 asks himself the question: **Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God.**

We need to be bluntly honest with ourselves and sometimes others to identify the root cause of our stress.

Once you have identified the problem you are half way to solving it.

Secondly, David tells himself to put his 'hope in God'. Biblical hope is never wishful thinking, it is the earnest expectation that God will come to our aid.

Thirdly - St Peter instructs us to - **Cast all your anxiety on him (Christ) because he cares for you** (1 Peter 5:7). To 'cast' literally means to forcibly throw, but Peter says throw all your stress onto Christ. Sounds a little strange, but God is willing to take the stuff that is crushing us onto himself when we ask Him to do so.

Finally, St Paul provides us with a lasting solution so that we don't get overwhelmed in the future. **Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus** (Philippians 4:6-7).

These are amazing verses, but we are being told that we needn't be anxious or stressed about anything! Quite a claim.

When we invite God into our situation He promises that the peace of God will bypass our stressed-out brains and bring peace to our hearts and minds though Christ Jesus. Incredible but true.

A few years ago I met a group of Christian Bikers - they call the Bible the Manual for Life; amazing yet so practical. So is it time to dust off the family Bible and discover some more incredible insights into our human nature and our Creator who wrote the manual?

Many blessings to everyone in the Parish - *Rev Chris Lawrence*

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For example, making simple bedtime checks by shutting doors and switching off unused electrical items before you go to bed can reduce the risk of a fire developing.

In the Wealden area, these are undertaken by the Wealden Community Safety Advisors (George Stonehouse, Kate Graham and Gaidagh Chapman). They, and the five other teams covering the whole of East Sussex can be contacted on 0800 177 7069 for an appointment.

The Community Safety Team will also organise and attend events on behalf of the Fire Service within your area. Please get in touch if you wish to request our help!

For visits within Wealden District, please phone 01323 462824 or email the team at:

CSA.Team4@esfrs.org

from "people who help us". Class 1 were wowed by the local Fire Brigade from Uckfield. The fire engine was driven into the playground for them all to see, and on the same day Parent-Governor Dr Massey also came to visit them, telling them all about a Doctor's important job.

The whole school are very excited about taking part in 3D workshop days, which will take place at the end of term organised by our Art subject leader, Miss Neill and led by a professional artist.

Further news from Blackboys School can be found on our website www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk or by following @blackboyschool on Twitter.

G Sullivan (Head of School)

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Diary of Church Services

JUNE 2013

- 02 First Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing
- 09 Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 16 Third Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family
- 19** 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 23 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 30 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Messy Church Café Service in Village Hall

JULY 2013

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BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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We all wish Mrs Clarke well as she leaves us on maternity leave and look forward to meeting her new baby in the future. Mrs Tsapparelli will be teaching in Peacocks from half term and has already planned an exciting event to the Sea life centre.

Jacqueline Davies (Head of School)

Blackboys Church of England Primary School

At end of April we said a fond farewell to Mr Page our long standing Caretaker. Mr Page has been an integral, but mostly unseen member of the team, who worked hard and was immensely committed to Blackboys CE School over the years. He will be greatly missed. However things never stand still, and we have welcomed to school our newly appointed Caretaker, Mr Jeff Lyons. He is already well-known as a parent here, and is already fitting in well to our team.

Fundraising has played a big part in our school over the last couple of months. We raised an impressive total of £751.27 for Red Nose Day in March. £610.00 was raised via the Class 3 Mission Everest climb, and the rest via contributions for wearing PJs and our excellent Friday afternoon Café. As well as that, the school also rallied round to collect money for the Demelza Hospices. Children organised their own Bring and Buy sales and charity fun run to provide funds for this important charity. This term our Thursday assembly collections and other fundraising acts will be raising money for the Geoff Thomas Foundation, a charity which works closely with Leukaemia and Lymphoma research.

Some exhilarating school trips have taken place recently. Despite blizzard conditions, Class 3 ventured to Blacklands Farm for rock climbing and abseiling. The bitter winds and snow flurries did not hold Class 3 back from attempting the dizzy heights of the abseiling tower. Class 2 enjoyed a trip to Paradise Park, exploring their topic of Fire and Ice as well as loving the Dinosaur Safari! Not to be out done, Class 1 have had a visit

We continue to have regular joint staff meetings which are proving very useful in taking both schools forward and hope that the children will once again be able to meet up before the end of the academic year.

Please note that both schools will be holding their Summer Fairs on 29th June in their respective schools: everyone is welcome - please attend both if you can - I know I will!

Jonquil King (Executive Headteacher)

Framfield Church of England Primary School

We are having a very busy term with lots of activities going on, both in school and in after school clubs. Several children have attended multi skills club, music making, pond and environmental club. Thanks to Mr Jimmy James support in gardening club there's been lots of weeding and tidying up the flower beds. The children have now started planting a selection of plants including petunias. In class time we have started growing vegetables, hopefully we may be able to enter some produce for the horticultural show in August.

Eagles children are involved in a Victorian themed history project linked to the game of stoolball. As part of the project, led by Anita Broad from Stoolball England we would like to have the opportunity to interview anyone from the parish who has ever played the game. If you would be willing to take part please could you contact the school.

Puffins are being science explorers this term having lots of fun with their experiments and investigations.

Kingfishers are learning about the seaside and have been finding out about bathing machines as well as enjoying making rock pool creatures.

It has been Dinosaur Mayhem in Peacocks class. The children have learnt some very challenging dinosaur names, made a volcano erupt as well as being geologists excavating fossils, well chocolate chip cookies!

**WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT**

Uckfield fund raising committee is starting a busy few months making and selling tea and cakes at various venues. We have many Open Gardens booked for the summer. Bank Holiday Monday at Warren House in Crowborough was a great success and we were able to raise over £400 on a glorious sunny afternoon. We shall also be attending a concert at Buxted Park Church on Sunday 23rd June and a Flower Festival there on the 28th, 29th and 30th June, so please make a note of these dates.

Macmillan Nurses UK helped 600,000 people in 2012. There is a new London Hospital, which has 4 mobile units. The new partnership with Boots is proving to be successful, with some pharmacists being trained to support cancer patients. Macmillan Cancer Support is collaborating with the Marie Curie Organisation in research and training and there are plans to support and keep more patients at home.

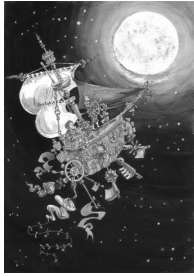
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The FAB Partnership (Framfield and Blackboys Partnership Schools)

We are all very pleased to see the sun at last and with the sun come thoughts of gardening and growth. Both schools have flourishing gardening clubs and it is good to see the children taking such good care over their environment and appreciating the rural and village setting - an important part of the ethos and aims of both schools.

Both schools were able to celebrate Easter in the Church this year, but decided that, in order to make sure we could accommodate our parents, each school would celebrate separately. The services were both thought-provoking and enjoyable and many thanks must go to Rev Chris Lawrence and the team at the Church for allowing us to celebrate this important time of the year in such a wonderful building.

Our Church Aided status is fundamental to both schools and we were very lucky to receive a visit from the Bishop of Chichester, the Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner. Bishop Martin visited both schools and had a short tour round each, answering questions from the children. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the visit and, should you visit the Diocese web-site, you will see some pictures drawn by pupils in our youngest class at Framfield, of the Bishop! We were all encouraged by his positive attitude and his words of reassurance in these days of great change in education.

Our partnership projects continue and last term Puffins from Framfield and Class 3 from Blackboys got together to work on some writing and art; the project culminated in a fantastic Art Gallery Exhibition in Blackboys School Hall which was attended by parents from both schools. Many thanks must go to Miss Neil, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Holbrook, the teachers and of course the fantastic support staff of both classes - Mrs Page, Miss Butler, Mrs West and Miss Jamieson, for organising such a super event.

source) go in cycles, so there may be one or two lean years ahead for the owls.

Many plants are flowering much later due to the cold and wet, and when spring does finally arrive we may experience a real rush of colour across the countryside. A short but spectacular explosion is what plant experts are predicting. Some butterfly species need cold winters to complete their life-cycles. Small tortoiseshells benefitted from the cold winters of 2010 and 2011 because the prolonged low temperatures killed off the parasites that can have a deadly impact on their numbers.

Species have learned to adapt to fluctuations in annual weather cycles and losses in years of famine can be replenished in years of feast. What they can't cope with is the wholesale destruction of their habitat and increasingly the longer term impact of a change of climate which will be potentially threatening too much of our wildlife.

One swallow doesn't make a summer and one cold, wet winter doesn't make a tragedy; lots of cold wet winters or unpredictable weather patterns are a different story.

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More and more complaints are being received about the incidence of dog fouling on the pavements and recreation grounds.

Can everyone please clear up after their dogs – the Council would not wish to impose a dog ban on the recreation grounds just because the minority spoil it for the majority.

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

All events start at 2.30 pm:

3rd June Tea with Sue & Eryl Thomas - Scaines Farm, Blackboys.

17th June Tea with Annabel Marten - Coach House, Framfield.

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15th July Tea with Tanya Edmundson - New Place Farm.

NO MONDAY CLUB IN AUGUST

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NO MARKET IN AUGUST

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Nature Notes

Having experienced a beautifully mild day in February (see March Nature Notes), we have now experienced an Arctic blast in March (11th). The closest I have experienced to the conditions on that day was 2 years ago on the island of Spizbergen in the Arctic. However, it did not last long, and by Wednesday most of the snow had gone. I was however, privileged to see a Barn Owl hunting by day on Wednesday, near to the road on the A26 between Uckfield and Lewes. With the ground frozen by night, there is little chance of catching rodents which forces the owls to take to daytime hunting. This is because the rodents themselves are forced to do the same.

Now in mid-March, we should be seeing the first butterflies and migrant birds; however, the best we have seen is snowdrops, crocuses and a few Daffodils. Celandines are trying to appear, but progress is slow. At least the days are getting longer, nothing can stop that. On 21st March (the equinox) day will equal night over the whole planet. After that, days will be longer than night in the northern hemisphere until September 21st (and converse in the southern hemisphere).

I am anticipating a warmer, dryer summer this year than last year; well it could not be much wetter. An indication of how poor it was for nature is that honey bees made very little honey last year. The insects had a very hard time, and consequently the insectivorous birds such as the migrants that visit Britain for our short term seasonal abundance of insects. These include Blackcap, Whitethroat, Chiffchaff, Swallow, and Swift. These will soon be arriving in Sussex to brighten our lives.

My pond is full of Frog spawn. More than I have seen for many years. There is more in West Park Nature Reserve, and I suspect many readers will have found more. Toads too have been migrating back to their breeding ponds such as the one on Harland's Farm.

Farmers (and others) are advised to do their winter hedge cutting by 6th March in order to avoid disturbing nesting birds. Blackbirds are among the most vulnerable. I was delighted to find a female Blackbird building her nest among the Ivy right next to our kitchen window. She started on March 14th, which only goes to show how essential such guide-lines are.

Martyn Stenning

Short Term Blip or Long Term Tragedy

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Late April and not a single bluebell at Woods Mill; the blackthorn blossom is just starting to emerge about four weeks later than usual. The frogs in my garden were at least a month late in spawning and in the last few of days I've found a couple of dead, emaciated adults. No cuckoo has serenaded my ears, while just the odd pioneering swallow has hurried over my head on its journey north. Some nightingales have arrived but they are expending more energy trying to find the depleted food supplies rather than engage in their glorious singing competitions. Oh yes, I've still to see an orange-tip butterfly this year.

Where is spring? It's pretty grim for us Homo sapiens having such a long, grey, cold winter to endure but at least we can go home and put the heating on or get some provisions from the supermarket, but for much of our wildlife it is literally life or death. Much has been made in the media over the last couple of weeks of the impact of the winter on our wildlife and sorry tales of underweight birds being found dead. Sussex Wildlife Trust's WildCall Officer, Jess Price, has received distressed calls from people who have found dead frogs and frozen spawn in their gardens. So, summing it all up 2013 has all been doom and gloom for our wildlife.

Or is it really that bad? Of course the answer is not that straightforward. Yes some wildlife has really struggled and there have been many casualties from starvation. Finding a dead barn owl is a depressing experience and many have been found across the UK this year. There has been a shortage of their basic food supply - voles and mice - and snow and flooding has made them even harder to find. But barn owls have had a few very good years and after decades of decline their population has increased, partly because there has been an abundance of voles and mice for them to eat. At Woods Mill over the last three years, one pair has raised four chicks each year which is a very good success rate. However, small mammal populations (their main food

absolutely brilliant. What impressed me most was the wonderful friendly atmosphere which made us all feel so welcome. Even had I gone on my own I would have felt included and the food was delicious.' The afternoon was rounded off with a group of children from St Marks School, Hadlow Down performing songs with a guitar and skiffle band.

From the 21 who attended the first club day on 13 February, the numbers have grown to 30 members planning to attend on Wednesday 13 March. The Club is now opening its doors at the earlier time of 11.30am, giving members the chance to catch up over coffee before lunch. Further plans are in place for additional activities later in the year and the first club outing will be taking place in May.

Members are being drawn not only from Hadlow Down itself, but from Blackboys, Framfield, High Hurstwood, Fairwarp, Heathfield, Five Ashes and Uckfield.

The Club's success is also due to the goodwill of a fantastic group of local volunteers all with a desire to support older people in their community. If you are interested in joining the team – there are still opportunities to get involved in many aspects - including driving, cooking and socialising.

If you would like to join the TN22 Club or know of someone who could benefit from coming along – please call Suzanne Hammond on 01435 661054 for a chat. Each session costs £4.50 and transport can be arranged for a small fee.

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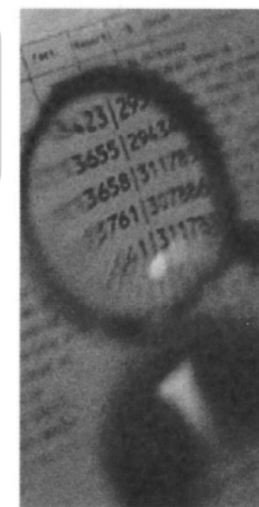
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LOTTERY FUNDED

TN22 CLUB ... a great place to spend the day!

With an emphasis on fun and friendship ... the TN22 Club has grown into a vibrant meeting place for the over 60s, with a chance to enjoy games and activities in the mornings before sitting down together to enjoy the delicious lunches. We are now welcoming up to 40 members from Heathfield, Blackboys, Uckfield, Buxted, Five Ashes and Hadlow Down. The Club relies on a fantastic team of over 20 local volunteers who make it all happen!

With the arrival of Spring and the promise of better weather, the Club are also venturing out and about to enjoy local places of interest together. May saw our first trip to the Bluebell Railway with other outings planned through to September - including a fish and chip lunch by the sea, exploring glorious local gardens, cream teas, historic places of interest and more!

We are also launching the TN22 Club Community Choir in June - so if you are over 50 and enjoy singing just for the fun of it - come and join us!

For more information about joining the Club/Choir **call Suzanne on 01435 661054**. Lunch costs £4.50 and transport can also be arranged on request for a small fee.

Members attending the first session of the new TN22 Club held at the Hadlow Down Village Hall described it as a 'breath of fresh air.' Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent lunch cooked by a team of dedicated local volunteers and said they would 'definitely be back!' One member said 'the day was

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Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group.

The group got off to a good start to the New Year when in February we were able to give the Air Ambulance a cheque for £300. Thank you to all who supported our Jumble sale.

The next Jumble Sale will be in October and we are collecting this year for our local Uckfield Hospital.

Three of our members went for tea with the PHAB Club one Saturday in April. They, with other local organisations, saw what they had spent their donations on. It was musical instruments. The youngsters had a great time entertaining their visitors and it was good to see where our money went.

We had an enjoyable meal at Barnsgate Manor in April to which we allowed partners to come. Next week we will be going for a 3 1/2 mile walk around East Chiltonington finishing at The Jolly Sportsman. Our meeting in June will be a talk by Peter Berry on his family's connection with the Church and the local area this will be followed by our annual barbeque in July. If anyone would like to join us give me a ring on 890677.

Val Peaty, Secretary

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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

By the time this article is read, I hope that the proposed works to endeavour to keep drivers to the speed limit in Blackboys will have in the very least commenced. This has been a long time in coming and something the Council has worked with Councillor Chris Dowling on for a very long time. In the meanwhile I gather Framfield Road at the Blackboys end is to be resurfaced – I think the potholes now outnumber the unscathed bits of tarmac!

I am still liaising with ESCC over the maintenance of the guideposts and although we have a few generous benefactors in the Parish who are willing to sponsor some of the signs, as it stands at the moment we cannot insure them. Until ESCC rectify this situation, I'm afraid the posts will continue to look very sad.

On a more optimistic note - the Parish Council have just agreed to replace the three village signs which are in need of some TLC. However because of the nature of the original manufacture, repairing is not an option and new wrought iron signs have been designed to include much of the original illustration. These will have a much longer life and will only need a rub down and a re-paint when necessary.

We have a new grounds maintenance contractor – however as always, please contact me in the first instance if you have any concerns over anything on any of the three recreation grounds.

On that note, I put an idea to the Council last week about the possibility of having a loan to refurbish/replace the equipment on the three play areas. They have agreed in principle to take this forward. Any loan that a parish council obtains has to have approval from the DCLG and the funding itself come from an approved source. This is the only way I see to the Council being able to provide the equipment residents require. However, in order to be able to secure funding, the Council will be required to hold a public referendum. I am still in the very early stages of investigating the proper processes to take this forward, but all I can say at the moment is 'watch this space'.

The remaining streetlights have been switched over to part night timers. Any problems with streetlights – please let me know.

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.

Jeff Goggin has been elected as Chairman of the Council with Maria Naylor moving into the Vice-Chairman's role. The Council thanks Maria for all her efforts as Chairman over the last couple of years.

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

ANN NEWTON/May 2013

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Meeting Dates for 2013 (main PC meeting commences at 7.30 pm)

Tuesday, 25 June (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 23 July (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
August	No meeting
Tuesday, 24 September (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 29 October (BB Trust)	Blackboys Village Hall
Tuesday, 26 November (FF Trust)	Framfield Memorial Hall
December	No meeting

For dates of Planning Committee meetings please contact the Clerk.

Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show

10th August 2013 12 o'clock midday

Following on from the great success of the Show in 2012 please come and join us again this year on Saturday 10th August. There will be masses to see and do, including many horticultural and numerous other classes, children's rides, Mrs Back to Front, a dog agility display, Zumba, Deb's Dancers and the Fun Dog Show along with many other exciting stalls and sideshows. Delicious food will be available and the Pimms/ beer and Tea tents will offer liquid refreshment.

Please note the **new entry time** of 12 o'clock!

We need YOU!

Could you bake for the tea tent?



Could you help out on a stall?



Would you help us set up on Friday morning?

Could you help to clear away after the Show?

We'd be really grateful for any help you can give - many hands really do make light work. Please call Caroline on 01825 890868 if you can assist in any way. Bring a friend!

Thank you to the lovely people who volunteered after the last call in the April/May Parish magazine!

Don't forget to enter the Show too - there are lots of classes for everyone. See you on the 10th August!

www.fabhortsoc.org.uk

BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In May Tom Reeves showed us photographs of Lewes in the past, from the Edward Reeves Archive Collection. It was an interesting and entertaining evening, with scenes from the middle of the 19th century up to the present day.

Meetings for the next few months are as follows; on June 4th Noel Mansley will be talking about "Stonebridge" and we will be having a barbecue on Tuesday 2nd July.

Our meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8.00 pm start, unless otherwise stated. There is a charge of £3 for visitors and £1 for members. If you would like to know more about the above, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email baturner.18maple@btinternet.com

Ann Turner, Secretary

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New Life Church Blackboys

Family Summer Farm Camp

There will be another chance to rekindle childhood memories of carefree camping days in the countryside this year at the third Family Summer Farm Camp at Brownings Farm, Blackboys this July. The families that come with their children from the Crusader Club at Blackboys School and from the village can look forward to more singing round the campfire, fishing in the lakes, wide games, pony rides, pond dipping, swimming and playing cricket in the rain! We all enjoyed the food and late night hot chocolates last year.....so a welcome Barbecue and fish n chips around the campfire are being repeated again this year, whilst the smell of cooking bacon helps entice everyone out of their tents in the morning!

The camp will run from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 July and there is always lots of fun on the Saturday evening at the impromptu "Talent Show" in the big marquee. Sunday morning is our Family Celebration at 10.30am before the sad task of packing up and trying to match up all the leftover odd socks and coloured plastic plates hiding under tents – in readiness for next year! "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" John 10 v 10

Other news

We are so grateful to Jenny Batty for the generous long term loan of a piano. We are already enjoying the use of it, when Sarah Wright leads the worship at our services.

The young people are making a banner for the church. All will be revealed at one of our Family services – a soon as it is ready.

As usual we meet every Sunday morning at 10.30 am. Second Sunday communion, last Sunday All Age Service followed by lunch together. All welcome.

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After the excitement of our Gruffalo sponsored walk and family fun day, there's lots happening between now and the end of the school year.

What's happening this term?

The children love being outside at this time of year and our fabulous outside area really comes into its own when the sun is shining. On our allotment, our three hens are continuing to lay, potatoes have been planted alongside some beautiful fruit trees and we now have a small pond complete with tadpoles. Forest School activities continue apace; there's lots of sawing and drilling going on as we make discs into necklaces.

Inside, we're trying our hands at making pizza, while activities include t-shirt printing and making mobiles. We will also be making our own instruments and trying to play them! See the events page on the website for details of forthcoming events.

Want to get involved?

We do regular recycling collections to raise money for our activities. You can drop any donations off to us during school hours at the village hall in Blackboys. Or drop us a line if you'd like us to pick up from you.

Our next coffee morning and open day is on Thursday 13 June from 9.15am – 11.30am. A representative from Usborne Books will be selling titles for children. Come along for a slice of homemade cake and a coffee. It's a community event -- all are welcome -- and it's all free. Please come along and say hello.

You can keep tabs on our activities by checking out our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/blackboyspreschool. Our website www.blackboyspreschool.org.uk includes updates on events, and bags of information about us. Go on, check it out.

A little bit about us

Established almost 30 years ago, Blackboys Pre School is open Monday to Friday during school term time 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 activities as well as employing a Forest School coordinator. 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.



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The children have been enjoying the garden now we have at last had some drier days; they have been busy planting tyres with pansies. Mr James has been planting vegetables with the children and we look forward to cooking and eating them later on in the term.

We are holding an open morning on Wednesday 26th June from 9.30 - 11.00 am, please feel free to come and look round our lovely setting. We do still have some spaces available for September with limited availability for 2yr olds.

We hope to see you at the Horticultural show on August 10th, we will be running a stall there so please come and see us.

We would like to welcome our new children and their families this term, Miller & Ella 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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Since I last wrote, we have been entertained by two most interesting speakers.

The first one, David King (aka The Weather Man), predicts purely from nature, plants, birds, animals, tides etc – absolutely fascinating. He held his audience spell-bound! He apparently, predicted the weather correctly for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, similarly for the Olympics. For the 10th August this year he says the weather will be changeable – be prepared!!

(Whilst writing, I was listening to a concert on Radio 3. During the interval, who should be interviewed BUT David King! What a coincidence).

The second speaker was Georgia Miles, who introduced us to her Cutting Garden, where she grows a varied selection of flowers, together with some greenery, from March to November. She then proceeded to show us how to use them (chatting merrily at the same time). All the arrangements were lovely, however the hand-tied bunch took top prize! Such artistry. A fun and most informative evening.

Both these talks were well attended. However, we would welcome more members (and guests). Do try and come to one, or more, of the remaining talks on offer - roses, two gardens visits in Framfield (one of which will have taken place when you read this) and Sissinghurst. Please check your membership cards or website for dates and venues, or for non-members who may be interested please telephone me on 01825 890580.

Happy gardening.

ALAYNE JENKINS
Chairman

LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

DOES SIZE MATTER?

I have often seen advertisements stating, “Must have large garden” when a new home is wanted for a dog. Why? What dogs do want is a place to sit in the sun, or shade and a suitable toilet area. A small piece of ground where they can bury a bone or hide a toy is a bonus. Before I was married, my Golden Retriever Crispin was surrounded by fields where I lived and worked. He never went off to explore on his own, but would patiently wait for me to take him for a proper walk. After I got married we lived in a first floor maisonette. There was only a postage stamp sized garden. I had to take Crispin down the stairs and along a neighbour’s garden path to reach it. One advantage was there was no work to do in the garden so there was time for lots of new and interesting walks so he was quite happy with this new arrangement

Since living near Blackboys with four acres, our dogs, over the years, have hardly ever taken advantage of all the space. They have always preferred being indoors with the family, or occasionally would like to sit just outside the door where they could keep an eye on everything, but were still close to us. A dog rarely plays on its own in the garden. It quickly becomes bored and destructive if left unsupervised for long. They need human company, interaction, stimulation and interesting walks.

I comment I often hear is, “you must have a big house for that huge dog” as they look at Chloe, my eleven stone Newfoundland, I reply that we haven’t. It is just a small cottage. Large dogs are not usually as active as little dogs who want to rush around being busy and get under your feet. They are content to just lie down quietly. Chloe is beside me as I write, her head tucked under the office chair while she sleeps.

Does size matter when you are choosing a breed? Small dogs have many advantages. Theoretically their pocket size makes them easier to handle. It should be easy to pick one up, pop into the car, on to a grooming table, or give it a bath. They are usually active and alert so make good guard dogs with their sharp hearing. Big dogs also have many advantages. Their impressive size

deters unwanted callers, even though they are sweet tempered. I have found my Newfoundland dogs very useful over the years. One Newfoundland helped me when my hips deteriorated. She positioned herself in front of my chair so I could hang on to her and pull myself up. I could then lean on her as I limped along. She would walk very slowly then stop by the step leading to the kitchen while I negotiated this obstacle. All my dogs have helped me up steep banks and acted as a steady support when coming down. They are usually very tolerant with young children, and are happy to have toddlers clamber all over them.

Dominance has nothing to do with the size of dog. My golden Retriever was terrified of a local Jack Russell. For many years I had a miniature Dachshund and a Newfoundland. The Dachshund was definitely the boss. She would position herself in a doorway and stop the Newfoundland coming through. If her big companion was eating a bone she would inch forward and steal it, then adding insult to injury, she would push the bone against the Newfoundland's nose to hold it still while she chewed it! Strangely little dogs have great presence and seem convinced that they are big, so will happily challenge much larger dogs. Recently Chloe was terrified on a walk when a tiny toy breed barked and growled at her.

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Dog fouling in the church yard.

The church yard has traditionally been a place where the adjoining fields are accessed by dog walkers. However, I have received a complaint that there is a considerable amount of dog excreta around the gravestones. May I politely point out that this should not be the case, the graveyard is a consecrated public place and not a dogs toilet and it is distressing for persons visiting graves of loved ones or when conducting a burial service.

All dogs must be on a lead in the church yard and if your dog has an 'accident' please come prepared with a plastic bag to pick it up.

Thank you - Rev Chris Lawrence



Framfield & Blackboys WI

Bluebell Walk at Higher Cross in Palehouse Common

Wonderful sunny weather accompanied over fifty WI members as they ambled through six acres of Corinne Urben's home. The bluebell wood basked in dappled sunshine as we all worked up an appetite for afternoon High Tea.

The sounds of pigs grunting, ducks quacking and lambs bleating were put in the shade with the cacophony of female voices as we all gathered in the marquee for a sumptuous selection of homemade scones, jam and copious teapots full to bursting with hot tea.

One of the visitors exploring the beautiful bluebell wood was our very own Pat Treen member of the Board of Trustees and WI News Editor, who paid us a very welcome visit.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity to mix with, and enjoy, the company of a wide cross section of WI members and a very big thank you for all who contributed towards the visit.

Joan Burne

Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Tuesday 11th June at Blackboys Village Hall: 'Fred Stone, the Missing Part' *Speaker Mr Stuart Woodbridge*

We extend an open invitation to ladies in and around the village to come along and join us at any of our meetings.

Corinne Urben (01825 890422)