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Distribution – Thank You

The good news is that, with two new volunteers, and three others agreeing to do extra rounds, we now have the parish fully covered again.

Derek Thorogood

Summer holiday - Rest for the soul?

I don't know about you but the lead up to taking a holiday can be rather stressful. So much to do and so little time! It seems that we need to rush around extra fast in anticipation of a having a well-earned rest. Joking aside, we all need time and space to draw away from the busyness of our regular lives so that we can recharge our batteries and perhaps ponder our lifestyle choices and make some adjustments for the future.

It may just be a play on words but when we do something that's relaxing or leisurely we call it, recreation. But is it more accurate to have a desire to be re-created? Is this what David is getting at when he wrote Psalm 23.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ **he restores my soul.**

We can see the drawing away and the godly impetus to lie down somewhere quiet, but what about God restoring our souls? A reasonably accurate definition of your soul is: 'your mind, your will and your emotions' - this is your unique personality. When we are feeling frazzled and stressed it begins in our heads; then we start to feel it physically.

As we probably all appreciate, working too hard for too long can have a detrimental effect on the mind as well as the body. Constant demands on our time and energy have to be kept in check if we are not to suffer breakdown and burnout.

A few questions you may like to consider this summer?

1. Do I need to work so hard; what could I remove from my do-list?
2. When asked to do something do I always say Yes when I could have said No?
3. Do I try to do everything myself or could I ask for some help to share the load?
4. What about asking God to help?

Questions 1-3 only you can answer, but what about 4?

Fundamentally I don't believe we were created to live such driven lives. Life is to be appreciated and enjoyed in relationship with our Creator. If you read the remainder of Psalm 23 you would be left in no doubt that David lived his life within a close and blessed relationship with God i.e.

**He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.**

⁴ **Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ **You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

One of the amazing aspects of God's nature is that He is a true gentleman in the way He conducts himself. He never barges in, He isn't loud or brash, He gently invites. Consider Jesus' words of invitation:

²⁸ **Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**
²⁹ **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**
(Matthew 11:28-30).

Sounds like a good deal to me - If you need some help in how to say Yes give me a call/e.mail.

Wishing everyone in the parish a restful summer - *Rev Chris Lawrence*

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Heathfield & District Horticultural Society

**MONDAY 16th September 2013
Commencing at 7.30pm
at St Richard's Church Hall,
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'A Garden for all Reasons'**

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A Floral Demonstration - 'The Best of British'
by Mrs Mary Hope
On Thursday evening 12th September 2013
Commences at 7.30pm
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Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield
refreshments - raffle - sales table
Optional Competition 'Echoes'
Visitors welcome £5
Ring: 01435 864633 for enquiries
ALL WELCOME!!**

We're nearly there!
Framfield & Blackboys
Horticultural Society Summer Show
Saturday 10th August 2013
12 o'clock midday
(new start time)

Bring family and friends along for a fantastic afternoon out! More than ever to see this year with Fun Dog Show, birds of prey, vintage cars, dog agility and dancing displays and loads of stalls, sideshows and children's entertainment. Delicious food on offer including BBQ, bhajis, slap-up teas, ice-cream and fresh doughnuts. Pimm's, Harveys and soft drinks too.

We'd love YOUR help!

Baking for the tea tent or helping out on a stall?
Setting up on Friday (10am) or clearing away after the Show?
Please lend a hand if you can - bring a friend and make it fun!
Please call Caroline on 01825 890868 if you can help in any way.

Enter the Show too - classes for everyone from novice to expert are only 20p to enter and all children's classes are free.
For a schedule please call Terry on 01825 891392

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Theme - "TV HATS"

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Two classes: under-5s and 6-12 years old

See you on the 10th August!

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Diary of Church Services

AUGUST 2013

- 04 Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing
(Please note this will be the only service today)
- 11 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
11.00 am **Breakfast (from 10.30am) & Family Service on the Recreation Ground with Guest Speaker: John Goodway**
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 18 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
4.00 pm **'Messy Church' social event for all the family - games & competitions followed by afternoon tea in the Vicarage Paddock - All Welcome**
- 25 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

SEPTEMBER 2013 (Due to renovation works in the church, services between September and November will be held in the Church Hall)

- 01 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 08 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing
- 15 Sixteenth 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

- 18 11.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22 **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 29 **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 10.00 am Café Service (BCP)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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After the excitement of sports day and leaver's show, there's still plenty happening at Pre-School between now and the end of the year.

At our allotment, the potatoes we planted have been turned into potato salad! We're also hoping for a good crop of tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes and strawberries. Our three hens are continuing to lay and the tadpoles in our pond have turned into froglets. There is even a blackbird nesting in the shed.

See us at the Framfield & Blackboys Summer Show on Saturday 10th August from 12pm. We'll be doing facepainting at the show. Pop over and say hello.

We do regular clothes 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 12 September from 9.15am – 11.30am. A representative from Jamie at Home will be showing off its beautiful range of cooking, baking and food serving products. Come along for a slice of homemade cake and a coffee. All welcome to this free event.

You can keep tabs on our activities by checking out our Facebook page, or checking our website for updates on events. 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 8.45 am to 3.30 pm 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 Uckfield Committee has had a couple of extremely busy months, mainly serving tea and cakes at the Open Gardens, a Concert and Flower Festival at St Margaret's Church in Buxted Park and also at East Hoathly Dog Show. Altogether we have raised about £3000. Included in this is £720 from the Green Tokens donated in Waitrose. Please note our Christmas Bazaar will be in Buxted Park Pavillion on 27th November.

At the beginning of June many of our committee attended an Annual Volunteers' Rally at Barnsgate Manor. We learnt the startling information that it is more likely that 1 in 2 people will have some form of cancer, because we are all living longer. Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever have to face. The feelings of isolation and loneliness that so many people experience make it even harder. The team's main message was that **NO-ONE SHOULD FACE CANCER ALONE**.

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



Christian Aid Week

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Derek Thorogood



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Nothing is ever lost to us as long as we remember it

her first teaching post at Newick Primary School. We wish her all the best of luck.

As usual, the hard work of the teachers is always matched by the effort children and parents put in to all areas of school life, which results in a very successful year's end. We are very pleased with the achievement of all our children throughout the school, but perhaps even more important than this is the enthusiasm and thirst for learning our pupils have consistently shown over the year.

Graham Sullivan (Head of School)

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My Cousins are staying with us at this time - Fred and Marion Smith they go to this Place of Worship, and are at present, collecting for a New Citadel to be Built, so we thought we could use our Garden for Afternoon Tea etc., to help with this cause. **ALL WELCOME.**

Sandy and Keith - 01825 840648.

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE HALL MARKET



NO MARKET IN AUGUST

Saturday SEPTEMBER 28TH 10.00 am – Noon

ALL WELCOME

We do apologise for NOT any stalls in JUNE, this was out of our control, all were booked to come. BUT, if by our December Market, no one

has come forward to run it in further years, then, we are sorry to say due to family commitments the Market may close.

We JUST reached our £10,017.97 goal in June. **WELL DONE -**
For further Information - Sandy & Keith (Rogers) 01825 840648

Eagles class have been learning about life in Victorian times and took part in costume in a "Situations Vacant" morning at Preston Manor, followed by a visit to the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery; this, with the Stoolball project where the children took part in games in the grounds of the Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton, has given them a rich and exciting end to the year! We plan to display our work including a banner in the Memorial Hall.

Sports Day was a wonderful - the weather kept fine and everyone enjoyed themselves: a strong competitive element shone through alongside team spirit as children battled it out to gain points for their team! All teams did really well, but in the end, it was the Beech House team who triumphed!

Our year six children will shortly be leaving us; it is a big step to move to secondary school, but they have worked really hard and achieved very well. We all wish them every success at UCTC.

Jacqueline Davies (Head of School)

Blackboys Church of England Primary School.

Blackboys School has enjoyed a busy end to our academic year but enthusiasm is high for our school production of *Wind in the Willows*. This musical has been a real challenge, but I'm sure parents and friends of the school will enjoy the result and I hope the village will reverberate with the singing of songs such as "King of the Road" and "We're Stoats"!

Last week saw a busy time on the sporting front, with both the school swimming gala and sports day being a great success. Our eventual swimming champions were Green House, St George, the proud House Captains receiving the Ruthven Swimming Trophy on behalf of their team. The weather was perfect for Sports Day the following day and the end result all came down to the year group relays, with Yellow House, St Thomas, taking a narrow victory. The competitive spirit was mingled with excellent sportsmanship and fair play in both events.

At this time of the school year, we say a fond farewell to our year 6s, moving on from primary school to secondary school. We are sad to see them go and offer them our warmest wishes in their new schools.

We also say farewell to Miss Strachan who has been with us in class 4 this year, training to become a teacher; her training is now complete and she will take up

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Nature Notes

Flaming June has arrived at last. Yesterday (19th June) the temperature rose to 27°C. in the afternoon. The hottest day of the year so far. However today there are thunder storms forecast. At least the old adage that an English summer is "...2 hot days and a thunderstorm." Seems to still hold true despite the other inconsistencies of our disrupted climate.

The Wrens nesting in our porch fledged today. I think there were about 5 babies. The Latin name for Wren is *Troglodytes troglodytes* meaning cave dweller. Wrens are insectivorous and love to go inside caves, buildings and other cavities. They are Britain's commonest bird, which is surprising as many people rarely see them. The reasons they are rarely seen are that they are very small, they hide in undergrowth and apart from when they have freshly fledged babies, and they are rarely seen in groups. However, if a winter is particularly cold, they do sometimes roost in a group inside a cavity to keep warm. This could be a nest-box, hole in a tree or building. There are many ways in which Wrens are unique in Britain, for a start, they are apparently the only species of British bird whose ancestors evolved in the New World. There are many species of Wren in the Americas, but only one in the Old World.

However, all other species of British birds apparently had ancestors that evolved in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia. Basically everywhere else apart from the Americas. Wrens are also unusual in as much as it is the male that usually builds the main nest, but the female can sometimes line the inside. The reason that Wrens are our commonest bird is that they can occupy almost every type of habitat, e.g. coast, hills, forest, garden wetland, and they distribute themselves throughout the land, and the male defends a territory of which there are estimated to be around 7.1 million in Britain. So the actual population is about double that. You may not see a Wren very often because of its shy skulking disposition, but you will certainly hear it, it has one of the loudest songs of all British birds, and will also make a very loud tick – tick call that can sometimes be very fast and long such that it sounds a bit like a chain being pulled through a pulley. Probably the main predator of the Wren is the domestic cat, but maybe the main cause of death is probably cold in the winter.

Martyn Stenning

The FAB Partnership (Framfield and Blackboys Partnership Schools)

I really cannot believe that we have completed our first year of partnership already! The time has simply flown.

Representatives of the Governing Bodies of both schools have met regularly over the year to assess and evaluate the impact and success of this partnership and we are very happy to say that feedback from pupils and parents has been very positive.

The two schools have a great deal in common but there are, of course, differences and those differences have been celebrated and maintained - indeed both schools have learnt a great deal from working together which, of course, has been an important reason for establishing the partnership in the first place. I feel very privileged to be able to lead the two schools and work with such hard-working and enthusiastic staff, pupils and parents. Many thanks to both communities for your support in these early months - it really is much appreciated.

We all hope that everyone has a wonderful Summer holiday and look forward to seeing some of you at the Horticultural Show where work from both schools will be on display.

Both schools are going from strength to strength and we know that this will continue next year and in the years to come.

Jonquil King (Executive Headteacher)

Framfield Church of England Primary School.

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of the school year. The children have already had time in their new classes as we welcome Miss Ellen Pemberton to working in Kingfisher class and Ms Gill Emerson will be working with Mrs Davies in Eagles class. We were all delighted to hear news of Mrs Clarke's baby, Evie Alice, and we are looking forward to welcoming them in to school soon.

There have been many exciting learning opportunities in school recently, both Peacocks and Kingfisher classes had a wonderful day together in Brighton visiting the Sea Life Centre. The year 4 children enjoyed a poetry day with Brian Moses at Michelham Priory and later presenting their work to parents in an Assembly. These poems will be available to all to see at the Horticultural Show.

UCKFIELD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Uckfield Decorative & Fine Arts Society is a branch of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts. The aim of this organisation is to promote the appreciation and study of decorative & fine arts and the preservation of our national artistic heritage.

Uckfield DFAS recently sponsored a 2 day artist-in-residence at Blackboys Primary School where each class was given various materials to draw, paint and appreciate the different ways of looking at objects. It was a great success and the children had great fun. We hope this experience fostered an interest in painting.

Uckfield DFAS meets at Uckfield Civic Centre at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (apart from July & August) for a talk by excellent lecturers on the arts.

Below are the first 3 lectures for the new season:

September 11th - The Arts of Bloomsbury & Omega. by Eveline Eaton

October 9th - Meet Me at the Waldorf: the story of two iconic hotels. by Mary Alexander.

November 13th - The Hermitage: The Collections of Catherine the Great. by Edward Saunders.

Uckfield DFAS also organises visits to places of interest. Our Heritage Volunteers work on local conservation projects and our Church Recorders work in local churches.

Uckfield DFAS warmly welcomes new members.

For further details please contact the Membership Secretary –
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"One of the main issues for Community learning is that it all takes place in towns which makes it very difficult for those in rural communities to access it, particularly with public transport being as patchy as it is. Because we focus on rural communities we are always on the lookout for organisations that may wish to work with us to improve services in their locality. If a community has a venue and a group of people wishing to learn something together, we can supply the adult learning to that community. Venues like yours are ideal as they are appealing to the community, accessible and provide a good supply of tea and cakes! Partnership working like this enables those in rural areas to gain some of the many benefits that those in towns take for granted."

We at The Grove are very excited about this possibility and would love to hear from you! There are a whole range of courses that could be held at The Grove, from cushion making to Spanish conversation and needle felting to bicycle maintenance. What would you be interested in learning about? Would you prefer a morning or afternoon course? Which day of the week would you prefer? Please get in touch ASAP if you are interested, we look forward to hearing from you!

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Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group.

We had an interesting and informative talk by Peter Berry in June. He took us around the Churchyard and into the Church whilst he told us about his family history and that of the Church. We really felt for his grandmother who lost her knickers on the way into church!

Now that the summer seems to have arrived we are hoping that it will continue for our barbeque in July and that this year we will be able to go in the garden.

We do not meet in August so our next meeting will be a book evening in September. Please remember to save your jumble for our sale on 12th October.

Val Peaty, Secretary

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

NO Monday Club in August

2nd September - Birthday Lunch - Buxted Pavilion – 1.00 pm

16th September - Learn about computers - What's an iPad?
with some of the Rogers family
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If you are interested in joining the Framfield and Blackboys Community speed watch and can spare a couple or more hours a week working in a small team of volunteers to raise awareness and visibility of anti-social driving & speeding through the villages please leave your details for Keith on 01825 890721 or email k.brandon@virginmedia.com

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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

The road improvements in Blackboys are now underway – hopefully they will educate drivers to slow down whilst driving through the village. Incidentally any anti-social driving can be reported to Operation Crackdown which has a website and a telephone number (01243) 642222). If a car is reported, their registration number is retained and I believe a letter sent – I gather if it is reported again a visit is made to the driver by the Police which then seems to deter them for driving in this fashion in the future!

Whilst on roads Sandy Lane is to be closed from 15 July to 8 August to allow South East Water to carry out works to install a new drinking water system. I do endeavour to put news such as this on the website for those that have access to the internet.

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.

Wealden District Council is intending to implement a Dog Fouling Order whereby it will become an offence to let your dog foul almost any public place in the District. There will be provision for the Police to issue Fixed Penalty Notices on the spot of £75.00. Let's hope this deters the offenders who still seem to be prolific at the moment.

The replacement of the village signs is underway. The Horticultural Society have also kindly offered to do some bulb planting in various locations in the Parish, one of which might be around the village signs which is good news.

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/July 2013

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BLACKBOYS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

Planning Committee meetings will usually be held prior to each monthly Parish Council meeting, but if you are interested in a specific application, please contact the Clerk, so that she can advise you exactly when that item will go to Committee.

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2013 has been a very enjoyable, interesting and successful year for the society so far. Numbers of members and guests have increased at the meetings and several new members have joined us. Our Quiz Evening proved very popular and we have enjoyed a variety of talks about such diverse subjects as the Archaeology of the South Downs, Lewes in Photographic History, The History of Stonebridge, and Sussex and The Spanish Civil War. We just managed to miss the rain for our BBQ in July this year as we timed it right for the beginning of the lovely summer weather.

We do not have a meeting in August and at our meeting in September Antony Poulton Smith will be talking about Sussex Place Names. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday October 1st and the date of our November meeting has been changed from November 5th to Friday 15th November. This will be a special meeting with a "presentation" about The Titanic which includes a talk and film which takes one down to the wreck by mini submarine. The speaker is Robert Goldsmith who won a competition to visit the wrecksite. Please put the date in your diaries now, this should be an event in Blackboys Village Hall not to be missed!

The date of our December meeting has also been changed to Tuesday 10th and our guest speaker will be local folk musician Will Duke who will be talking about Scan Tester who lived at Horsted Keynes. Will is well known in local folk circles and will be playing concertinas owned by Scan and rumour has it that we may be treated to a "demonstration" by a "step dancer". Another first for the society. More details of the November and December meetings will be available in the October issue of the Parish Newsletter.

Our meetings are held in Blackboys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm 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
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Our summer term has been busy as always, the children enjoyed their day at Blackstock Farm.

The children have enjoyed helping Mr James with the garden and tasting the vegetables, we would all like to thank him very much for all his hard work.

Our stall at the School fair was very successful, we hope you will come and see us at the Horticultural show on Saturday 10th August. We are sad to say goodbye to our school leavers, we hope you all have a lovely summer and enjoy going to your new schools in September.

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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To **book your place** for the taster evening please contact

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A wonderful weekend of beautiful weather was enjoyed by all those who spent 5 – 7 July at Farm Camp 2013 at Brownings Farm, Blackboys. Over 80 adults and children criss-crossed the fields and woodlands to enjoy all the activities – swimming being particularly popular!

The large marquee hosted our Saturday night Talent Show before everyone joined in with some silly games before settling round the campfire for hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows ...

Our family celebration on Sunday morning was a chance to thank God for the creation we had all enjoyed as Guy Partridge, pastor of New Life Church, prayed a blessing on Blackboys and all those who live in the area. Our final picnic lunch on the grass was followed by getting very wet in the obligatory huge water fight! Our Farm Camp Reunion, with slideshow from camp, picnic and swim will be held on Sunday 25 August 10.30am at Blackboys Village Hall.

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The sound of music greeted everyone arriving at the TN22 Club on Wednesday 3 July as our TN22 Community Choir met for the first time at Hadlow Down Village Hall. Over 30 people enjoyed our second Choir session held on Tuesday evening 9 July at St Mark's C of E Primary School, Hadlow Down. If you missed out on signing up for the Choir – do join us – we are a friendly and informal group who are already feeling the benefits of singing for fun!

This month we spent a delightful afternoon in the beautiful gardens at Rose Cottage, enjoying tea on the lawn and reminiscing about the coronation celebrations. We are off to the seaside at Eastbourne next week for fish and chips at Harry Ramsden's and a stroll along the promenade. We are looking forward to introducing craft sessions and film afternoons from the end of July. We are still welcoming new members, who are always delighted by the amazing lunches provided by our wonderful cooks!

We have a fantastic group of volunteers who drive, cook, play games, chat, make coffee ... but we really need some more to join our team! If you think you could spare a few hours once a fortnight we would love to hear from you.

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

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MARIGOLDS AND GOSLINGS

In May we went for a holiday on our boat on the Norfolk Broads. On one of the rare sunny days we moored up to the bank for lunch. We were entertained by a goose family, Mum, Dad and their very young fluffy offspring. They were all on the water then the parents decided to bring them up onto the bank. With much fluttering of immature wings and scrabbling feet the babies managed it. Geese are incredible parents, always keeping the goslings safely between them. These tiny creatures immediately started eating the short grass while the adults kept guard. Some more Greylag geese arrived but were quickly chased off by the parents, necks stretched out threateningly, forcing the newcomers to retreat. We were amused to see that all the goslings were eating at the same time and later preening together. After all this activity it was time for them to rest, all together. A chilly wind sprang up and blew along the bank, so mum gathered her brood, spreading her wings, while the young family huddled warmly beneath her. Dad stood on guard, head up constantly looking around for danger. Our lunch break was over. The geese also thought it was time to return to the water. With a flap of wings Dad was afloat. The babies walked to the edge of the bank and looked over. One by one these fluffy balls spread their miniature wings and flopped into the water. Mum had stayed on the bank to supervise their departure. We noticed one smaller gosling was left and would not take the plunge. Would they abandon this weaker one? No Mum decided to find an easier way down to the water further along the bank and carefully led it there. A moment later all the family were united back on the river and off they went. One adult at the front, one bringing up the rear with the well-disciplined children safely between them.

Ducks are terrible parents and neglect their offspring terribly. They have large broods but I don't think many survive. They are usually brought up by single mothers. However the females are very clever, like us female humans and know how to get what they want! They have different tactics for getting food. When moored up you often hear the pitter patter of webbed feet as they walk round the side decks. They always know where the galley is and peer pathetically through the window as you prepare a meal, begging for a scrap. Another method is to land on the cabin roof as you cruise along; reaching the front edge they put their heads down peering in at the driver. The following incident we have seen many times. A duck, always female of course, flies on to a boat going up river. It then uses its cunning tactics until its demands are met. It then flies to a boat going down river and repeats the performance.

These piratical creatures target unsuspecting sailors, boarding boats as they travel up and down the river.

Swans have a more polite way of asking for food. These visitors swim up and tap on the side of the boat. They know the occupants will look out, wondering what the noise is. Seeing a beautiful swan, holiday makers can't resist feeding them some bread. I am sure all these birds must think, "oh no not bread again".

Lots of birds were nesting while we were there. The swan's nests are huge and are built high up on the banks so they are not likely to be flooded. While the female sits regally on the nest the male patrols up and down the river or edge of broad fiercely guarding his territory from any intruders. It is wise to keep well away. On the other hand grebe build their nests practically in the water so are extremely vulnerable when unthinking boaters make a lot of wash flooding the nests. Coots were still busy building nests, while others had young ones that the parents were busy feeding. We always see gloomy looking herons, usually standing at the waters edge, hoping to catch a fish. I watched one for twenty minutes and was rewarded by seeing one eventually make a catch.

I was very excited when I spotted an unusual bird, thinking it must be very rare I grabbed the bird book which said "The lapwing is a very common bird" what a disappointment! However I was thrilled to see an otter. We were moored quietly up to the bank when to my surprise an otter came out of the river, crossed the path just in front of the boat and vanished into a reeded area on the far side. That was the highlight of my holiday.

What about the marigolds you are probably thinking? I was wondering what I would write as I stood on the deck, coiling up the ropes and glanced down at my hands, clad as usual in bright yellow gloves. I wear them practically all the time for boat washing duties, handling ropes when mooring and of course all the washing up.

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Framfield & Blackboys WI

At our meetings we have a guest speaker followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. We often have a raffle and a quiz or competition. We have a garden party in August and end the year with a wonderful Christmas party. In January we go out for a New Year dinner.

Speakers for the remainder of this year:

September 10th at Blackboys Hall – 'Bob Newhart Rides Again'

Speaker Mr Joe Mendell

October 8th at Framfield Memorial Hall – 'The Gunpowder Plot'

Speaker Mr Peter Pyemont

November 12th at Framfield Memorial Hall - A.G.M and supper

December 12th 'at Framfield Memorial Hall - Christmas Party'

Outings

This year we have already been on outings to Bath and also to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. A further tour of Kingstanding on Ashdown Forest is taking place in July as well as our summer outing, which this year is to Hatfield House. In August a visit has been arranged to an organic dairy farm on Pevensy Levels and a trip to Oxford is planned for October. Our Race Night was so popular last year that another has been organised for Saturday 16th November.

Framfield & Blackboys WI is part of the East Sussex Federation of WIs. Many courses and trips are run through the Leisure and Learning Committee and we have been on tours to Buckingham Palace, Legal London, Barrow Boys to Bankers, Dickensian Christmas and many more. Also organised this summer are Lawn Bowls and Croquet taster days, which are great fun.

We welcome visitors to our meetings so ladies please come along and find out all about us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month Meetings start at 7.30pm. You can come along as a visitor for 3 months at £1 a meeting before deciding to join. We would love to see you. Give me a ring if you would like to find out more.

Corinne Urben (01825 890422)

