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Trusting in the promises of God

Over the past few weeks I have either met with or heard about a few individuals who are battling with life threatening cancer. Apart from the physical symptoms the mental stress has been particularly acute.

A doctor's diagnosis of a few months or a couple of years to live at the most is a very difficult thing to take on-board. It also begs the question should we? The spiritually perceptive may see these words as a form of curse. In effect a hopeless prognosis spoken over a person that will ultimately end in their death. So should these words be accepted or can we reject them? Great care needs to be taken at this point because if you accept the words then they may take on a life of their own and become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Proverbs 18:21 informs us that '**Life and death is in the power of the tongue**'.

Personally, I will always reject the negative because I want to hear what God's got to say about a situation before I accept or reject. It may be that someone's life is coming to an end and therefore it would be unloving to give someone a false hope that they will recover. The compassionate way forward is to prepare someone so that when their time on earth is coming to an end there is a natural transition from this world to the next. However, as someone quoted to me a number of years ago 'It's not good to die with your sins unforgiven'.

Nevertheless, with God there is also another side to the coin which needs exploring. Although someone may appear to be terminally ill God may have other ideas. As great as medical science is, it does not have all the answers. This may sound quite bizarre but I get quite excited when someone is about to be written off as a hopeless case. God loves 'hopeless cases' simply because this is exactly where He operates and is glorified; this is the realm of the miraculous, a manifestation of the supernatural power of God where *nothing* is impossible. One of the most touching bible accounts that illustrates this point is in the death and raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

Lazarus is the brother of Mary and Martha, all close friends of Jesus but when Lazarus becomes seriously ill Mary and Martha send word to Jesus;

'Lord, the one you love is ill.' ⁴ **When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.** But he doesn't visit them for four days! By the time he gets there Lazarus is dead and buried. Imagine if you will their disappointment? Separately, both Mary and Martha say to Jesus **'if you had been here, my brother would not have died'**. Humanly speaking it could have appeared that Jesus couldn't be bothered to get there any earlier. Mary and Martha knew Jesus could heal the sick but now it was all over. Despite the sadness and awkwardness of the situation Jesus asks for the stone to be removed from the tomb as he reminds Mary that 'if she would believe she will see the glory of God'. Jesus then issues the loud command: **'Lazarus, come out!'** ⁴⁴ **The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'**

This account is a tough one as it's charged with emotional turmoil. Lazarus's illness, the expectation that Jesus will visit and make him well, Jesus not showing up, hopes dashed, Lazarus dies, sadness and disappointment then absolute amazement as he's brought back to life. Although Mary and Martha may not have heard it, Jesus declared to the messengers as soon as he heard that Lazarus was ill that **'This illness will not end in death'**. This was the point of hope but also the point of promise in a downwardly spiralling situation. St Paul writing to the church in Rome states **'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).**

How important it is that we hear from God, just as Jesus did, as to what God's will is and then accept those words as God's promise to the individual. This is seeing with the eyes of faith so that when we pray we should be expectant that God will fulfil His promise even when there are some glitches along the way. God always knows the end from the beginning and the steps in between, but we should be confident that what he has promised will come to pass or as St Paul reminds us: **For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:20).** Be confident in Christ!

Blessings to one and all in the Parish - Revd Chris Lawrence



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Due to the popularity of the Pre-School, we now only have limited availability on certain days. If you'd like to have a look around, our next coffee morning and open day from 9.15am – 11.30am on 1 May is a great opportunity to have a look around. Or ring us during school hours and we'll arrange a time for you to visit.

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Meetings are usually 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 or are interested in other activities of the society, please contact the secretary on 01825890359 or email bturner.18maple@btinternet.com

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- 01 Seventh Sunday of Easter**
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Prayer for Healing
- 08 Pentecost**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 15 Trinity Sunday and Fathers' Day**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)
4.00 pm 'Messy Church' for all the family
- 22 First Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 29 Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Café Service in Village Hall

JULY 2014

- 06 Third Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 13 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW) with Prayer for Healing

- 20 Fifth 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

- 27 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Evening Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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**Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer
 Show**

Saturday 9th August 2014 at 12.30

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On Sunday 6th July 2014 the Friends will be undertaking a sponsored walk through part of the South Downs Country Park, all monies raised from this walk will be to refurbish the outside space at the Pre School. If you would like to sponsor our team or make a donation either pop into Pre School or look out for our online sponsorship site. Thank you in advance for your support of our Pre School.

FRAMFIELD VILLAGE MARKETS

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19 July

August – no market.

27 September

25 October

22 November

13 December

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The last couple of months have been fairly quiet for our fundraising committee. We were however very pleased to raise just over £450 from a street collection in Uckfield. Our busy time doing teas at various venues is about to begin. Our first date is Maresfield Village Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May followed by an open garden event at Hobbs Barton on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June.

Several of our committee attended the launch of our new Sussex Cancer Macmillan Support Centre in Brighton. This is set to open committee in summer 2015 and is expertly designed with input from people affected by cancer. The Centre will offer all round support from a team of specialists in a calm, friendly and welcoming environment. The evening was a great success with refreshments and interactive stands showcasing some of the fantastic services that will be available at the Centre. The agenda finished with a very moving account of a personal cancer story.

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.

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Hobbs Barton - 2.30pm
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Operation Crackdown is a joint initiative supported by Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP), Sussex Police and all local authorities in the county. It was first launched in 2002 as a way of reporting abandoned vehicles in Sussex, and was expanded in 2007 to cover anti-social driving reports.

The system for reporting anti-social driving has now been made simpler, to encourage members of the public to easily and quickly report this type of incident and users can now keep track of the progress of their case with a specific reference number provided.

Incidents can be reported, either via:

www.operationcrackdown.org, or by calling 01243 64 22 22, for those who don't have access to the internet.

Members of the public who are reporting incidents must remember, where possible, the registration number of the vehicle, the make, model and the colour, so the police can identify the vehicle concerned and make contact with the offender.

Every report received through Operation Crackdown is viewed and a decision is made against set criteria on how best to deal with it. In the majority of cases a letter of advice is sent to the driver or rider, but a report to Operation Crackdown can also lead to arrest and possible conviction, depending on the seriousness of the offence".

Nature Notes

Geological studies and DNA analysis has shown us that the world has gone through many changes over the c. 5 billion years of its existence. One of those changes is the types of plant life that has dominated the surface of the planet. Some of the earliest land plants were the horsetails. These may have dominated the land between about 541 – 252 million years ago (MYA). Remnants of these plants still exist in the genus Equisetacea (horsetails) which were part of a much larger group of fern-like plants (Pteridophytes), most of which have gone extinct. These plants do not flower, but reproduce by producing tiny spores. Horsetails are then often regarded as living fossils because most of their relatives only exist as fossils. Modern horsetails form colonies in suitable areas and often dominate, but they are generally infrequent and so are considered to be a bit special, although they are often not popular with gardeners. They are often misnamed as marestails which they superficially resemble, but are not at all related to horsetails. Marestails are flowering plants (Angiosperms) which live in shallow water and reproduce using tiny wind-pollinated flowers.

The ferns dominated plant life until about 200 MYA when the flowering plants appeared. The horsetail like plants gave way to the modern ferns and also the angiosperms. These all now compete with each other for space, and then diversify until we see the range of plant communities that exist today.

May and June are the months when gardening activity begins to be intense, and we all delight in the flowers and newly green trees. Keeping the weeds under control can be quite a challenge, but weeds are only plants that we consider to be in the wrong place. Many gardeners are now looking to grow native species rather than imported ones because they are usually better for the insects that rely on them, and are less likely to be invasive and more likely to survive. Wildlife gardens can result in a greater diversity of birds also and other animals such as frogs and slow worms. I have had many enquiries recently about how to garden to care for wildlife, this is an encouraging trend. We can all have our own little nature reserve which should result in reversing the recently published trend showing declines in about 60% of Britain's native species.

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On **Friday, 4 July 2014** David will be giving a presentation in Framfield Church about the making of these extraordinary films. The films, for which David used unedited Bible text as his script, were made in Morocco and feature a full cast, hundreds of extras and sets constructed to look like first-century Palestine.

Do join The Friends of Framfield Church to hear about the challenges involved in undertaking this unique project and watch some clips from one of the films.

The event begins **7.15pm for 7.30 pm**. Tickets cost **£7.50** ('Friends' members **£6.50**), available from Peter Berry on **01825 890339** or Dixon Press on **01825 890400**. Ticket price includes glass of wine and 'nibbles'.

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Any Room Left for Wildlife?

By Mike Russell, Senior Wildlife Advisor at the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Earlier this year, BBC Radio 4 ran a series called 'Shared Planet' of which I have become a great devotee. Presented by Monty Don, the programmes look at different aspects of how wildlife can co-exist with an ever-expanding, all-consuming human population.

One edition particularly caught my attention; it was on wildlife conflict and the consequences of what happens when humans and wildlife come up against each other competing for the same space. It was interesting that one contributor made the point that wildlife doesn't have a conflict with humans; it is purely a one-sided issue. Animals don't think about it; what they are interested in is finding enough food, finding a safe and viable habitat in which to live and to mate and successfully breed to pass their genes to the next generation.

An example was given that highlights the problem that occurs throughout the world but particularly in communities in the expanding populations in Asia and Africa. One of the most iconic and threatened species in the world is the snow leopard, a species that so many people would absolutely love to see but its scarcity and the fact that it lives in remote and inaccessible environments means that few people get the opportunity to see them.

Some researchers into snow leopards were called to a village in the Himalayas and were shown a video of one of these majestic animals being savagely beaten to death by the villagers. Uncomfortable viewing to say the least and an absolutely travesty to kill such an animal this way. It turned out that this particular animal had just slaughtered 28 of a local herdsman's animals, all of his livestock in fact and he was left with absolutely nothing. There was no social security net to support him and his family; he would have to rely on the kindness of his very poor neighbours to survive. Ironically, the snow leopard is revered by the peoples of this mountainous area, but this animal had now got a taste for livestock and how easy they were to capture, so the villagers had to do something about it before all their animals were lost. This scenario is increasingly more common across the globe.

I asked Jess Price, who runs WildCall, the Sussex Wildlife Trust Information Service, what were the most common enquiries regarding conflict between

NEWS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS.

News from your Wealden District Councillor

Further to my note last month with regard to the 'Community Dividend' fund which WDC have negotiated as a compensatory package after the debacle with the bins, I am thinking about installing a defibrillator in both halls if the fund will stretch that far. If anyone has any other ideas or knows of any Parish organisations which could do with some financial help please let me know. The money has to be allocated by the end of December 2014.

I am also currently working on the Delivery and Site Allocations Local Plan which will involve a review of the Conservation Area in Framfield along with development management policies which will have implications for decision-making on planning applications.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on anything which you think I could help – and if I can't, I generally know someone who can!

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News from your East Sussex County Councillor.

I am the County Councillor for Framfield, Blackboys and Palehouse Common. I have represented the local community on East Sussex County Council since 2001.

I am always pleased to hear from local residents on any County Council matters. I have dealt with many local matters over the years, including school bus services and road safety and traffic matters. I work closely with the Parish Council and regularly attends their meetings.

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Are you curious about your collectables? £\$€



If so, visit our stand at the Summer Show on Framfield Recreation Ground on Saturday August 9th from 2.00 -3.30pm when the founder of the antiques and collectables website www.thecuriosofcaptainleader.com and exhibitor at the *Eastbourne Antiques Centre*, will try to help you find out more about your treasures and their value. Hand-held items only – no furniture please!

- Only £1.00 per item donation to the *Women's Institute*, in support of the charity's annual community activities during 2014.
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people and our local wildlife and complaints about foxes won hands down; in particular, regarding those coming into our towns, digging up gardens, creating a mess, frightening the dog, cat or young children. Badgers, gulls, pigeons and snakes all featured in the complaints - people found them annoying or basically didn't want them around.

Our perception of conflict here in Sussex is very different to the Himalayas and elsewhere, our livelihood and very existence is not threatened by the wildlife; we just view it as a nuisance and we rather it wasn't there. We also have a very ambivalent attitude as well; we like to encourage hedgehogs but not foxes, put out food for blue tits and great tits but don't like it when sparrow-hawks occasionally come in and pick one off. We make a conflict out of the situation whether there is one there or not.

Difficult interactions between wildlife and people are here to stay. There are examples around the world where some of these areas of conflict have been overcome, where a balance between wildlife and people has been reached. The programme also concluded that wildlife conservation is in fact a people problem. As stated originally, wildlife conflict doesn't exist as far as the wildlife is concerned; it is only when people come into the frame that it then becomes an issue.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Framfield Church - Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance in Framfield Churchyard is now in need of urgent restoration. A number of years ago work on improving the look of the Garden was undertaken. However in the intervening years the weather and the establishment of an invasive weed known as Mares-tail has made maintenance of the area difficult. The only effective solution to the problem is to completely remove the existing gravel covering, install a membrane to inhibit weed growth along with concrete edging sections and to provide a new stone finish to the area.

The PCC has obtained an estimate of £1600 for this work and would be grateful for any financial contributions towards the cost. Donations can be sent to Framfield Church PCC at the Church Office, Framfield TN22 5NH

Rev. Chris Lawrence - Vicar

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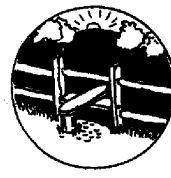
HEAVY HORSE SHOW.

We had our first holiday this year at the end of March. This was a special event organised by the Caravan Club to visit the National Shire horse show in Lincolnshire. Not knowing what to expect, as we were staying on the showground, we decided Chloe could stay in kennels. It was a wise decision as over a hundred caravans were packed in like sardines for this popular weekend event. There was hardly room to swing a cat, let alone a large Newfoundland. Being so early in the year it was bitterly cold with icy wind, hail and rain with temperatures below freezing at night. A week or so earlier, we had been basking in unusually warm weather at home!

There were loads of stalls both in and outside which had everything possible for heavy horse and enthusiasts. The equipment for the horses was impressive and huge for these enormous animals. Then there were books, I could have spent all weekend looking at those, plus all the other goodies on display.

The horses were stabled quite near the collecting ring and spectators were allowed to visit them and also admire the beautiful vehicles as they were being given a final polish before entering their classes. All the horse events took place in an indoor arena. It might have been indoors but from the freezing temperature in there it certainly didn't feel like it! What I had not realised was how very popular this Shire horse show would be. It was packed with spectators which made it virtually impossible to get anywhere near the ringside. The only way to get a good view was to get in very early in the morning and not move. It was like some endurance test as legs and feet turned into blocks of ice, teeth chattered and hands lost all feeling. If you moved away from your vantage place it was immediately taken by other delighted bystanders. Thank goodness we had the caravan close by where we could warm up with the heater and hot soup.

There were so many different classes over the two days; skittish yearlings still with their fluffy coats, beautiful mares and gleaming stallions. It was an awe inspiring sight watching these magnificent powerful animals showing off their different paces as they went round the ring. I was very impressed with the skill of the handlers who managed to control these surprisingly lively horses. As well as the in-hand classes there were ridden classes with many competitors. Surprisingly they even had dressage classes which really showed the versatility of these heavy horses.



Framfield & Blackboys WI

A successful visit to Highclere in Newbury provided members with a fascinating insight into the collections and history of the 8th Earl and Countess of Carnarvon. Used by BBC TV for filming *Downton Abbey*, the Castle also houses an extraordinary exhibition of the treasures of Tutankhamen discovered by the 5th Earl in 1922.



April's WI meeting featured a talk on the National Garden Scheme presented by County Organiser Irene Eltringham-Willson. She has kindly invited us to an afternoon tour and cream tea on **July 2nd** at her beautiful garden in Butlers Farmhouse, Herstmonceux with views of the Sussex Downs. Our June 10th meeting features a talk "**About Time**" by Shirley Jaffe.

Travelling west this **July 9th** our next coach trip takes us back to Tudor times at the stunning Elizabethan Manor House "**Chavenage**" set in Cotswolds countryside nr. Tetbury, used for filming **Larkrise to Candleford** and recently a **Poldark** remake. Places are still available. (By the way it boasts its very own 17th century ghost!)

July 16th is the date for the annual joint WI Summer Outing at **Heaven's Farm** which features an interesting agricultural heritage museum.

And don't miss our WI stand at the **August 9th Framfield Summer Show**. You can bring along your antiques and heirlooms for appraisals and selling options with the kind help of a specialist historian, collector and exhibitor at Eastbourne's Antiques Centre. Only £1 donation per item valued to the Women's Institute charity (Small items only please!). **Plus an educational display of objets d'art and Fun Prize Quiz.**

How to get tickets: We welcome visitors to meetings on the second Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm – you can be a visitor for 3 months at £1 a meeting – call our President **Delia for details Tel; 01825 830319**

- *Cathy McDermott*

which will take place on Saturday 28th June from 2-4pm. It would be wonderful to see many of you there.

Graham Sullivan (Head of School)

Framfield CEP School

A couple of highlights over the past months include a very successful Road Safety week in February; thanks to great community involvement and support from parents and governors we eagerly look forward to final decisions being made of installation of additional road signs and school warning lights in the village. Book week was also very successful as, thanks to a sponsored read led by Usborne books, we were able to purchase many new books for the classes and the library.

Our pupils are as busy as ever and we have had numerous PE and games opportunities including netball at East Hoathly and football at Withyham along with a multi skills after school club for KS1 children and a before school sports club. On the more academic side, this term our youngest pupils will be learning about how things grow including plants and animals, while Kingfishers are exploring a space theme. Puffins have a focus on keeping healthy and our oldest pupils will be learning about life a 100 years ago was when the WW1 began. If you have any stories of your families' role in The Great War and would be willing to share them with the children, please do let us know. We are starting our topic by finding out about the names on the Memorial Hall - get in contact if you can help us!

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for this term and hope we see many of you at some of our events including the Summer Fayre on Saturday 28th June from 11- 2 pm.

Jacqueline Davies (Head of School)

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I loved watching the carts and trade vehicles. These were stunning, pulled by one, or up to three or four horses. These turnouts were so impressive with the jingle and gleam of harness on beautifully schooled Shires. My favourite one was the Co-Op Funeral Care Shire horse team, which in fact won the top prize. I think I'll book it!! Another class I particularly liked was the harness class decorated with traditional brass which looked fantastic. There was an excellent commentary on the harness and the brasses which made it very interesting.

I really enjoyed talking to other spectators who owned and worked their own heavy horses, many my vintage! They were most helpful explaining what was happening in the ring. The dress code for exhibitors was very strict. The rules for the preparation of the Shire horse were quite incredible and in great detail. This started the day before with washing and grooming. This was repeated, starting at five am on the show day. It then stipulated exactly how every inch of the horse must be prepared including the decorations. I have shown dogs and poultry over the years but have never known anything like this before, very interesting.

I had no idea that this show would be so popular with exhibitors from abroad. They came with their teams of horses in the most luxurious horse boxes from Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and Germany. They each had many supporters who were delighted when they did well.

The last event of this memorable weekend was the Grand Parade when, with great organisation, every exhibit was in the arena, a wonderful sight. There was just one thing that spoilt it and saddened me and that was the sight of the tails on so many of the horses. In 1949 a law was passed to ban the docking of all horses tails; but they are being cut very short, some with just a virtually shaved stump. The show rules stipulated the dock must be covered in hair, but it did not look like it. This practise is horrible as the horses cannot swish off the flies. Thankfully I did see a few with their long tails beautifully braided

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Festival Weekend

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Plants for Sale



The climate is challenging within education - as indeed it is in many areas of our lives - but having a hard-working and committed team in both schools means that we are always going forward positively. A big thank you to all parents, staff and members of the community who continue to be so supportive in so many ways over the year. We look forward to seeing many of you at our various PTA and PTFA events as well as events at both schools.

J K King (Executive Headteacher)

Blackboys CEP School

As the summer term stretches before us, classes are building up to yet another exciting and challenging few months. Class 1, our youngest pupils, are learning about water and the sea, with a planned visit to Hastings and the Blue Reef Aquarium. The Final Frontier is of interest to class 2 as they study Space while class 3 are having a sinking feeling in their topic: The Titanic with a visit to Chatham Historical Dockyard. Finally, our oldest pupils will focus on The Victorians, a topic that will culminate in the end of year performance of Alice in Wonderland. Lots of fun, but lots of opportunities for excellent learning too!

As I write our year 5 and 6 pupils are getting ready for their forthcoming trip to Boulogne Sur Mer, to impress the locals with the quality of their French. We are delighted to be joined by the year 6 pupils from Framfield School this year.

Our PTA have been working very hard on our behalf. The school library has been transformed into a Learning Resource Centre, bringing it up to date and is now at the cutting edge of research and learning. The PTA are currently arranging the Summer Fair,

The FAB Partnership! (Framfield and Blackboys Partnership Schools)

We have had a very busy couple of months in both schools with many, visits, competitions, sports events and of course lots of hard work!

At the end of term just before our break, we held our Easter Services for both schools; these were different in focus, but equally thought-provoking. Many thanks to all our teachers for the super singing and music, and thanks too to the team and the Church for allowing us to attend - the service really adds to our focus at this important time of the year.

We have had opportunities to bring our pupils together on several occasions in the past few weeks: these include joint master-classes at Ringmer Community College in ICT, while sporting opportunities have included hockey at Uckfield Community and Technology College and tennis sessions with our colleagues in the Village Schools Alliance. A Framfield and Blackboys partnership football team recently came third in a local football tournament, following England's lead by losing on penalties in the semi-final! The team played with real spirit and represented our Partnership in an exemplary fashion. Thanks to staff for the hard work put in to support these events and to those parents for organising transport etc. - we could not do it without them and are lucky to have these wonderful opportunities to enrich our the pupils' experience in both schools.

Staff have met up for both INSET and staff meeting where further joint projects have been discussed and good practice shared across both schools.



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”

These wonderful words recorded in chapter 11 of Matthew’s gospel were uttered from the lips of Jesus Christ. Through them he invites us all to enter his rest, an offer which seems increasingly appealing amidst our hectic busy lives. One way of entering and encountering this rest is through the ancient practice of contemplation or silent prayer. A group meets in Blackboys to do just this every week day morning using a method called Centering Prayer. The meetings are led by Guy Partridge the Minister of New Life Church in Blackboys and take place from 9:15-10:15 am, on Brownings Farm near the Grove Cafe. If you would like more details or would like to join in why not contact him? All are welcome. Tel: 07702-836057 or Email: guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com

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PLAY AREAS

Play Areas - it is with great delight that I can advise everyone who hasn't heard already that the works to the three play areas will start and hopefully be completed by the end of July. This is fabulous news – they will be up and running for the school summer holidays. If I could just ask everyone to be patient because during the weeks when the works are being carried out the play areas will be closed. There are copies of the designs on our website and both schools have had visits to show them what will be happening.

In April Keith Brandon, resident of Framfield, was co-opted onto the Council. I think his interest started when he became part of the group to fundraise for the refurbishment of Framfield play area. Incidentally those funds that were raised by the Group will be put towards extra seating.

Following on from Road Safety Week at Framfield School, the Fire Service have issued a report on their findings concerning the traffic/parking problems and we are now waiting for a report to come from ESCC with their recommendations after they received a petition from the School. We hope to have some more news within a month or so.

Guideposts – four posts have been earmarked for replacement – I am currently liaising with ESCC to discuss insurance arrangements.

Lastly, the Parish Council would like to publicly thank Derek Thorogood for his many years of service in organising the distributors of the Parish Magazine. Barbara Trickey has very kindly agreed to take on the role.

Framfield Memorial Hall Car Park - the Council has received many complaints about non-users of the Hall parking their cars in the car park. This is not a public car park and only for those using the Hall. Please don't put people off using the Hall because of lack of parking space.

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