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Swotting for your finals.

I don't wish to complain but so far this year's summer has been rather disappointing. I must admit that summer is my preferred season. Perhaps it is the ease of being able to wear shorts and a T-shirt rather than dressing up for the cold and wet weather. Long summer evenings are a delight and the peaceful views across the countryside as the sun is setting are magical. There's a feel-good factor about summer that brings people out and puts a smile on their faces. The colours associated with summer are also intoxicating; personally, I can stare for ages at the contrast of the blue sky with a few white clouds and the rich green of the grass and trees. Have you noticed that the various shades of green found in the countryside bring a profound sense of peace to the soul?

Seascapes are also places of rest and revitalisation. There is something profound about the simplicity of sitting on a beach, watching and listening to the ebb and flow of the sea against the backdrop of a blue skyline. The words from Psalm 23 come to mind:

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ **he restores my soul.**

The countryside and the seas are two places where 'less is more'. As we gaze out the vista engages with us; but do we perceive what's being communicated? King David understood how our surroundings are communicating with us but at a much deeper level. He writes in Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² **Day after day they pour forth speech;**

night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ **They have no speech, they use no words;**

no sound is heard from them.

⁴ **Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,**

their words to the ends of the world.

Many people fully appreciate the beauty of creation but fail to see the Creator who brought creation into existence. God can easily be dismissed if the majesty of God is swallowed up by the use of erroneous terms such as 'Mother Nature'.

The created order has many roles but the main one is to point us to God. Reflect for a moment on St Paul's words found in Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

In a nutshell, can anyone totally dismiss the existence of God if they can perceive the beauty and majesty of the created order? The answer has to be an emphatic 'no' but spiritual forces are at play to keep us mortals in ignorance. Paul, writing this time in 2 Corinthians 4:4 says:

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

If we are blind to the author of creation, then we are blind to Christ and if we are blind to Christ we are blind to the eternal life that He offers to us through the Gospel; the Good News of salvation. Yet having said that, the reaching out or the longing for eternity is present within every human being. Solomon writing in Ecclesiastes 3:11 says this about God and our relationship with Him:

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil – this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure for ever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will reverence him.

As we advance in age our own mortality comes more to the fore. If you go to more wakes than parties then time may be short! Our perception of time can be fickle and as Solomon reminds us; **There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die (Ecc 3:1).**

Something I've wanted to do for a while now is to connect with those who are in the retirement phase of their lives. Perhaps those who have never engaged with the church or perhaps those who might consider reengaging? It is never a waste of time to find out more about God and the salvation he offers through Christ. At the very least you can make an informed decision, but pleading ignorance after death frankly won't cut it with God, we have to make our choice while we still have breath.

I'll close with a few words from the American artist, LaCrae - **'If I'm wrong about God then I wasted my life. If you're wrong about God then you wasted your eternity'**.

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



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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKING NOW

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The after-school club for children aged up to 11 offers a range of fun activities and we offer pickups from primary schools in the area. Give us a call or pop in to find out more.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

The Preschool Sports Day on 22nd June was a great event, children running races and the parents as competitive as ever in their own race!! Well done to all the children who took part in running, egg 'n' spoon, bean bag and bucket races. Our Leavers Show was emotional as ever, the children performing "The Princess and The Pea" like professionals to family and friends. We wish all our leavers Good Luck at their new Primary Schools in September! The children have been enjoying the allotment and garden this term, with new chickens and a new playhouse. Find us at the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Show on Saturday 13th August.

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Diary of Church Services

AUGUST 2016

07 Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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

14 Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

11.00 am (Breakfast from 10.30 am)
**Family Service at the Framfield Recreation Ground
(in the marquee) with Guest Speaker Bernie French**
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

21 Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
No 'Messy Church' this month

28 Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

SEPTEMBER 2016

04 Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

11 Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW) with
Prayer for Healing

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- 18 Seventeenth 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
- 25 Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**
 10.00 am Morning Praise
 6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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From your Wealden MP Nus Ghani

The last couple of months has certainly been a hectic time in Westminster! However, the task of standing up for local issues always continues. I have received numerous postcards regarding funding for community pharmacies, as well as a petition containing several hundred local signatures. As a result of this, I personally met with the Minister for Social Care, Alistair Burt, to hand this petition to him, and as the Government continues to consult on this very important issue, I will continue to follow it closely and ensure that the concerns of local people are clearly heard.

I have a lot of good news to report this month! I was delighted to join students from Beacon Academy in Crowborough as they were awarded a Speaker's School Council Award by the Speaker of the House of Commons. It is one of only four schools across the country to win the award. The awards honour the most innovative and exciting projects submitted by school councils to this unique national competition. Beacon Academy were awarded the prize in the age 17-19 category for their project "LGBTQ Anti-Bullying Initiative".

The work that Beacon, and in particular their School Council, has done to promote LGBTQ+ welfare and to campaign against homophobic bullying is worthy of any award, and shows an awareness for the safety and welfare of others that all of us should take as a brilliant example. It is fitting that this award should go to a school with such dedicated teachers which serves its community so effectively, and particularly so in the year it celebrates its 60th birthday. I am a proud MP, and delighted to be a part of the Beacon community.

I am also proud of Sussex Vineyards, one of our wonderful local wine producers. Their Mayfield Essence Brut 2011 wine, made from grapes grown right here in Wealden, was tasted by the Decanter, the most prestigious wine magazine in the world, along with 91 other English sparkling wines. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Decanter rated the Mayfield Essence as outstanding, with an average score of 96/100. This was the highest score given to any wine, and given that I already knew how great Sussex Vineyards are, I'm so pleased to see them get the recognition that they deserve. They are part of a fantastic wine industry here in Britain, and part of a fantastic local area! I'm so pleased to be able to acknowledge the success of Beacon and Sussex Vineyards, but I know that there will be lots more to come from the incredible people of Wealden!

As always, you can contact me by emailing nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk and I will be delighted to hear from you. **Yours, Nus**

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MEET UP IN THE CHURCH AT 4PM

Appeal for Funds - Church Hall

A recent sustained and heavy rainfall has created serious damage to our Church Hall roof and ceiling.

Contractors advise us that we need to replace the roof materials and waterway ducting. We also need to improve the waterway systems.

As a consequence of the very high rainfall water has found its way through to the ceiling and damaged the integrity of the ceiling panels and insulation above it.

Our rental income from the hall users plays an important contribution to the Churches finances. Our hall is used extensively by a number of groups for Art; Dancing; Singing and Bridge - All ages.

We are appealing for funds to carry out remedial works which are estimated at £10,000.00 and ask if you will be prepared to support us in our time of need. Donations (where possible gift aided) should be sent to Chris Lawrence our Vicar marked Church Hall Appeal.

Many thanks
John Mordaunt
(Fabric Committee Chairman)
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St Thomas a Becket - Welcome for families - Faith for all ages

Young children can find church services a struggle, and understandably this may discourage families from coming. In view of this, we are making changes to the 10 o'clock format starting after the schools summer break. The new pattern will begin with a short time with all the family together, after which children may go to the Gage Chapel area in the church where they can enjoy their own supervised activities. On the second Sunday of the month we have a Family Service which is designed to suit all ages. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details or the church website.

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

This is our 55th Anniversary Year

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

5th September Chair-based Activities with Louise Knight,
Also Cutting of our Anniversary Cake,
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19th September OUR 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
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Prices

Prices:	
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Affiliated club runner:	£23
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Your Support

As a charity, not part of the NHS, it costs over £7 million to run Hospice in the Weald every year so your involvement in our 10K run will play a big part in making a difference to the lives of our patients, their families and carers. Every donation we receive, no matter the size, makes a difference.

How to sign up

To sign up for the 10K Road Race please go onto our website at www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact Duncan Philip - Fundraising Events Coordinator, on 01892 820527 or duncan.philip@hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Our committee members have been very busy for the last couple of months making and selling tea and cakes at open garden venues. So far we have raised a marvellous total of £4037. Our Golf Day was a great success, the golfers enjoyed their games and the weather was kind! An auction was held after dinner in the evening and the whole event raised about £8000. Last Sunday afternoon a concert was held at St Margaret's Church, Buxted, for soprano, flute and piano. Our team provided tea and cake afterwards to an audience that far exceeded expectations, and donations to Macmillan Cancer Support amounted to £565. Our next event is a walk across Ashdown Forest followed by lunch in August, when we hope the weather will not be as wet as last year!

MCS help people diagnosed with cancer and their families to cope with emotional issues, how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, to deal with side effects and to recognise symptoms. The team are always there to talk and advise on their free phone line or through nurses, information services and local support groups.

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

Nature Notes

One would **not** have thought that feeding birds would be controversial. Some kind generous people do it to help the birds and bring them into their gardens and this gives the householder pleasure. However, it has become controversial because it sometimes has unexpected consequences. Herring Gulls are a declining species and have protection. People have been sharing their fish and chips and sandwiches with them for years. However, many Gulls now believe they have a right to the food of Humans, and have developed the skills to steal food from people who do not wish to share it. Therefore they have now become unpopular and there have been calls to control them.

Other people feed the feral pigeons that are the descendants of Rock Doves once caught from the rocky cliffs in wild places and taken into captivity for racing and carrying messages. Many subsequently become feral and then breed on buildings in towns and cities and scrounge food from wherever they can, but the more they are fed, the more they breed and eventually become a problem. Calls to control them also arise. I have also heard of folk feeding ducks, which waddle across a busy road from their pond to the garden to get the food putting their lives at risk.

I feed birds in my garden on a bird table because we have neighbours cats visiting frequently which hunt birds. No I am not feeding the cats by doing this because it has been discovered that gardens where birds are regularly fed lose fewer birds to cats than gardens that do not provide food. This may sound paradoxical, but the reason is simple. Each bird has two eyes, so provision of food results in both a) birds not having to search for scarce food, and b) many more pairs of vigilant avian eyes in the garden. The result is that it only takes one bird to spot the cat, it will then alarm and all the others will recognise that call and know the cat is there and will avoid getting caught.

Another issue is the type of food. I believe peanuts are a bad idea for two reasons; one because peanuts are an alien food from South America and our birds may like them but if they try to feed the nuts to their nestlings, the young birds sometimes choke on them and die. Also, I have heard recently that peanuts attract badgers to gardens that at first seems like a nice idea, until they start digging for worms in the lawn and burrowing under fences and creating smelly latrines everywhere.

Martyn Stenning

NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Wealden's Summer Activity Days aim to promote activity among children, and will involve a wide range of sports and activities, which includes arts and crafts, cookery and much more!

They are from 10am – 2pm on:

3rd August – Crowborough

5th August – Polegate

10th August – Heathfield

12th August – Hailsham

17th August - Uckfield

If you or anyone within your club is interested in running a taster session or a stand on any of these days, or would like more information, please get in touch with Kat Jenner, email katherine.jenner@wealden.gov.uk or Tel: 01892 602757

Missed bins – there still seems to be on-going problems with missed bins. If anyone does have a missed bin should contact Wealden in the first instance by telephone (01892 653311) or email and also let me know.

Lastly, if anyone wishes to know what planning applications are currently live, they are all listed on a weekly basis on the Wealden website. If you follow this link - - http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Leaflets_And_Publications/Weekly_List_of_Planning_Applications/Planning_Weekly_List.aspx - you will find the current and previous lists.

If anyone wants to contact me about District-related matters, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My details are below.

For anything ESCC-related, please contact Councillor Chris Dowling on cllr.chris.dowling@eastsussex.gov.uk.

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Message from Ann Newton Southern Water Drainage Charge

A resident recently flagged up to me a very interesting debate he has been having with Southern Water that might be of interest to others who are on mains drainage.

This applies to you if you take your water in from South East Water via a metered supply and your drainage is taken out by Southern Water.

If you have recently had a huge increase in your drainage charge by Southern Water you will also have noticed that their charge is based on 92.5% of the incoming metered supply. If you use a lot more water during the summer for garden watering you can contact Southern Water to ask them to take this into account. They will reach agreement on this if you fit a small meter to your garden tap and let them have a meter reading from both meters, then they will deduct the water used for garden watering from the drainage charge.

It could give you a good reduction in the monthly direct debit for this year. The gentlemen who informed me about this would be happy to pass onto other residents details of how to fit this small meter etc and I can pass his details on if you contact me in the first instance preferably by email – framfieldpc@gmail.com or telephone 01825 890182. ANN

The Final Curtain

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

For many years now, you have generously allowed me to grace the pages of your publication with my thoughts on our wonderful Sussex wildlife and countryside and general ramblings about what has been happening to it. Sadly, this will be my final article as old Father Time has caught up with me, and after 31 years with the Sussex Wildlife Trust, retirement now beckons. Over the years as I've been out and about across the county I have met a number of people who have come up to me and said how much they have enjoyed reading the articles which has been very gratifying, it is always nice to know that it is actually being read!

Having worked in conservation in Sussex for over three decades inevitably much has changed. Many species have declined some to critical levels. Being based at our headquarters at Woods Mill in Henfield, we have managed the reserve for the benefit of wildlife but still some species have disappeared. In 1985, there was a thriving population of tree sparrows, lesser spotted woodpeckers were regular breeders and water voles were occasionally seen, but not anymore. Turtle doves are just about hanging on but with a national decline of over 90% in just the last twenty-five years or so they are on the verge of disappearing.

But it hasn't been all bad news; buzzards and red kites grace the skies above our heads, little egrets have jumped the channel and are now a common site on our coast and wetlands. Due to management of reserves, silver spotted skippers and Adonis blue butterflies flutter over appropriate downland habitats. Bitterns now boom over Rye Harbour. There are also some wonderful large landscape projects taking place, paramount amongst them is the re-wilding Knepp Castle estate south of Horsham and other forward thinking private landowners are making a great difference. However, it has to be admitted, that overall, there is less wildlife than there was in 1985.

What lies ahead for wildlife over the next few years has just been blown into total confusion by the recent EU Referendum result. There is no doubt that current EU legislation gave species and habitats greater protection and brought in vital funding for conservation projects. It is up to everyone concerned for our wildlife to try and ensure that future UK governments provide at least equal protection and funding; I wish everyone luck with that!

Although I am retiring I will still be involved in conservation mainly through continuing to run and lead courses for the Trust, plus a few other opportunities that seem to be coming my way, but sadly continuing to write regular articles is one of the things that is going to slip away. But this column won't as my friend and colleague Michael Blencowe is going to continue writing for you on behalf of the Trust.

I have really enjoyed submitting these articles, hopefully for your pleasure over these many years, and thank you for taking the time to read them.

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- Want to have a stall at the show? (Call Frances on 01825 891238)
- General enquiries and show entries: Terry Everitt: 01825 891392 - terry.everitt@outlook.com

Whilst we cannot promise anything in terms of the weather, we do guarantee there will be something for everyone. The arena next to the marquee will have a sequence of attractions all through the afternoon but don't forget to wander off and explore the stalls! There is food available as well as liquid refreshments so no need to go home! If you stay to the end we auction off much of the exhibited material for bargain prices!

In the evening we have our Live at the Marquee event featuring The Violet Jive and Guests. Tickets are £5 for adults with children free. It promises to be a fun way to end the biggest day in the villages. Not seen enough of the field? There is the traditional St Thomas à Becket Church Service in the marquee on Sunday morning.

You can download Entry Forms, Schedules of Entry & more at:
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The Framfield & Blackboys Summer Show

The day of our Summer Show, Saturday 13th of August is very close now. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun packed afternoon. Gates are open from 12.30pm.

The show has certainly gone from strength to strength in recent years. Three small villages put on one **LARGE** event! There will be the usual stalls and a wide range of additional ones selling a huge range of goods or just giving you entertainment. With thanks to our new show sponsors, Burden Bros, we are sure the event will be every bit as good as last year but with some exciting differences!

Dancing, music, races & The Red Barrows

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Cakes, tea, beer & Pimms

Vegetables, flowers, handicrafts & cooking

Why not enter something in the show? It may look daunting, but we are only a village show! Anyone of any age can enter any non-age restricted class (it's only 20p each!) but the Novice categories are specifically for those new to this kind of exhibiting. Children's sections are available for those under 16 (but they can also compete against the adults and all their entries are free). Download the schedule for details of the 124 classes available and how to enter. Go on, make the afternoon have that frisson of excitement with a potential cash prize or even a trophy!

Entry deadline: Midnight, Wednesday 10th August delivered to Hazel Glen, Blackboys Rd – next to PJJ.

- Come along for sure, **BUT** why not help out for an hour or so (Call Caroline on 01825 890868).
- Bake a cake for the Refreshment Stall. Just drop it off at the stall!



The society is a friendly group bringing together people united by their interest in a wide range of garden activities. An in-depth knowledge of horticulture is by no means a prerequisite to joining! For many members, it's as much about the talks, garden visits and social aspects of the society. Take a look at our list of events in the calendar over the coming months – full details are on our website at www.fabhortsoc.org.uk. If you see something that takes your fancy, feel free to simply turn up.

[Calendar of events, August/September 2016](#)

Saturday 13 August, 12.30pm - FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS SUMMER SHOW

This year's show takes place on Saturday 13 August at Framfield village hall and recreation ground. It's a great day for all the family featuring an array of events and stalls, refreshments and music. There's still time to enter a class or two and there's something for everyone – from fruit, veg and flowers to cookery, handicrafts and photography including classes for children. Details of all the show classes together with entry forms are available to download from our website at www.fabhortsoc.org.uk or contact Fiona Fidler, contact details below. Now all we need is a sunny afternoon!

Saturday 10th September, 9am - WISLEY FLOWER SHOW VISIT

A reminder of our coach trip to RHS Wisley on Saturday 10th September to enjoy the gardens, talks, specialist nurseries and more. Places are limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. There will be coach pick-ups from both Blackboys and Framfield – the cost of the trip to members is £10 and £15 for non-members. Please contact Fiona Fidler for more information, details below.

Sunday 25th September, 1.30pm-5.30pm SEED COLLECTION WORKSHOP

Vanessa Sutcliffe is offering a hands-on workshop in a member's garden to include with tea and cake. Places are limited and must be booked and paid for in advance - £10. Contact Fiona Fidler for more information, details below.

About Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society

The Society's main aim is to promote horticulture and to try and encourage and support as many people as possible to grow their own flowers, fruit and vegetables. Find out more at www.fabhortsoc.org.uk/ where you can download a membership form. For any enquiries, please feel free to email our vice chairman Fiona Fidler at fhbsmail@gmail.com or on 01825 890719



Framfield & Blackboys WI

A right Royal day out was enjoyed at Highgrove in early June, visiting HRH the Prince of Wales's residence near Tetbury for a guided tour of its stunning and original gardens.

We are attending this year's **Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society Summer Show** as usual on **August 13th** with a fun stall with a wine bottle game and face painting



August 9th marks our annual **Tea in the Garden** courtesy of our President which will feature a speaker, Hospice Community Fundraiser Julie Brett, from Demelza House Hospice talking about their work for life-limited children.

This year being our **90th Anniversary**, members will be toasting the date at a celebratory tea in East Dean in

Alfriston, reflecting on times gone by and the decades of activity and achievement by members in our region.

Our **September 13th** meeting at Blackboys Village Hall will include a talk entitled "**Without Reserve**" taking us behind the scenes of the world's oldest fine art auction house by Jane Ramsey.

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Chichester is the venue for our next coach trip and a day trip on **Wednesday September 7th** and will include the chance to visit its Cathedral and shops for a day's excursion at £18 per head. Several pick up locations will be available; as usual contact Gill for details and to make an early booking on **01825 890459**.

We welcome visitors to our meetings so ladies please come along. 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. Do call to find out more. We welcome visitors to meetings so ladies please come along. We start at 7.30pm. For membership details contact our **President Philomena on Tel: 890216**

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The Parish Council welcomed Noel Mansley from Blackboys to the Parish Council in June. There are still vacancies if anyone is interested in joining up.

The construction of a new sports pavilion to replace the dilapidated cricket pavilion will commence in August/ September on Blackboys Recreation Ground.

The Memorial Hall, Framfield, is soon to be fitted with broadband facilities for anyone hiring the Hall. The Council hopes this will encourage more bookings and assist the School.

Village Market there are now five markets left this year. The market opens from 10 am to 12 noon on the following dates: 30 July, 24 September, 29 October, 26 November and 17 December.

Allotments – there are still a few vacant allotments in Blackboys. A meeting will have been held by the time this report is being read to consider what works could be carried out to improve the facilities at Framfield Allotments.

Meeting dates and agendas are put on the village noticeboards and website. The full minutes of all meetings are also on the website. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS.**

Ann Newton (Parish Clerk): 01825 890182 (fax/answer machine).

Email: framfieldpc@gmail.com.

Postal Address: 'Highlands', Blackboys TN22 5LR. **Website:**
www.framfieldcouncil.org.uk

I really cannot believe that we have completed our first year as a Federation already! The time has simply flown. I know I always seem to be saying it, but we have just been so busy! What with class assemblies and trips locally and further afield, the time has just flown by. The sporting calendar has also been full with a variety of events and tournaments. There have just been so many highlights this term and many of them have involved the two schools working together.

Years 3 and 4 in both schools had a wonderful day out in June at the Road Safety Day organised by Uckfield Town Council. There was a huge amount to see and do and the children really enjoyed themselves while learning the importance of many aspects of road safety. Trips have included visits to Hastings and to Herstmonceux Observatory.

Both sports days had to be postponed due to inclement weather (to put it mildly!), but when the Sports Day at Blackboys finally took place, it was a wonderful event. The children had a fantastic time as did the parents and teachers. The celebratory atmosphere was carried on by year 6 after school with the running of their stalls to raise money for their chosen charities. We hope that the weather next Friday will be kind to us and Framfield's Sports Day will be equally exciting!

Year 6 from both schools went to All Saints Church in Crowborough for their Leavers' Service. The theme was Take it to God in Prayer and all the pupils contributed to a dramatic reading. I have to say that their performance was excellent and their performance was commented upon by the organisers. Our year 6 leavers have also visited Chichester Cathedral, marvelling with awe and wonder at our Diocesan centre.

Both schools are working hard on end of year productions this year with a

Shakespeare theme to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of our most famous playwright. At Framfield we are looking forward to seeing *Shakespeare Rocks* - I wonder how many quotes from the plays we will all spot! While at Blackboys the focus is on a *Midsummer Night's Dream* with a production of *Dream On*.

Both schools also took part in the Uckfield Festival Big Day Out this year and many thanks must go to the Same Sky community arts project for their wonderful input into the art projects that the pupils carried. The pupils learnt some super new skills. As I write, children from both schools are practicing with gusto to take part as a Federation team at the Kit Car race on Sunday - I look forward to hearing all about it next week. Many thanks to our committed staff who support the children at so many local events.

The PTA and the PTFA held wonderful summer fairs that were well attended and added a real buzz to the local community. Lots of staff, pupils and Governors attended both events and so had double the fun! We are waiting to hear how much money was raised. Both organisations work so hard to support the schools and the money raised allows us to provide activities and resources that children would not otherwise experience.

As we come to the end of the school year, we say goodbye to valuable members of our schools' community. As you know, our Governing Body has met regularly over the year to assess and evaluate the impact and success of our Federation and of course to support both schools to develop in so many ways. We are sad to be losing a number of long-standing Governors this year including Mrs Margaret Gurney, Mr Bob Ruthven and Mrs Pat Herbert. They have worked tirelessly with both schools to ensure they have gone from strength to strength and all this on a voluntary basis. I would particularly like to say a big thank you to Mrs Herbert who has been a Governor at Blackboys for over 20 years and has been both a professional and personal support to me in my time as both Headteacher and latterly Executive Head.



Guy Partridge 07702 836057
Building through Blessing in Blackboys and Beyond

New Life Church is looking to host some courses in the autumn aimed to be of interest and benefit to people living locally. We have three courses in mind at the moment (see below) the first two are designed for those of any of no faith and the third for those looking to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

PARENTING- There is a number of options here depending on the ages of the children concerned so we will tailor the course around the needs of those attending.

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ALPHA- Is for anyone who's curious to find out more about the Christian faith. There are ten sessions and each includes food, a talk and a discussion where no question is out of bounds.

If you are interested in the any of the above courses then please do contact me for further details. Or you could visit the Alpha website at alpha.org

guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com or 01825-891133

Revd Guy Partridge
New Life Church Blackboys

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – EXTRA REPORT

The Parish Council has been approached by Shared Access Ltd. Shared Access Ltd are a property company that specialise in developing telecommunications infrastructure. The company operates in the UK and Ireland where they have built, acquired, own and manage approximately 500 sites.

Shared Access Ltd have requested that the Parish Council permit them to install a 15m telecommunications mast with cabinet at the rear of Framfield Recreation ground. This will give much improved reception to mobile users in Framfield and they also offer the Parish Council a one-off capital payment of £30k for a 25 year agreement. These funds would significantly help with the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall.

In order to allow residents a chance to air their views on these proposals, the Parish Council would like to invite you to a meeting on 11 August 2016, at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield. Representatives of Shared Access Ltd will be in attendance to answer your questions. A mail drop will be carried out to all households in Framfield with this information from the Parish Council and also to the more immediate residents, from Shared Access Ltd.

If at all possible, could you please let me know if you will be in attendance, either by email (framfieldpc@gmail.com) or by telephone (01825 890182). **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS.**

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On the staff front, teacher Miss Clare Bodfish from Blackboys School leaves us to take up a post in an International School in Surrey. She has contributed greatly to the success in both schools particularly with her knowledge and expertise in phonics, and we wish her well - she will be greatly missed. Popular teaching assistant, Miss Charlotte Miles, will also be leaving Blackboys as she moves on to university - a great decision and again, we all wish her well.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and that we will see some of you at the Horticultural Show in August where some of the recent Design Technology projects will be on display - new are sure you will all be impressed by their work.

Many thanks to all the staff, children and governors for yet another successful year - we look forward to the next!

Jonquil King
(Executive Headteacher: St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation)

Waldron Country Market at Holy Cross Priory, (Possingworth) (on the B2102 between Cross in Hand and Blackboys, near the Tunbridge Wells turn)

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Thursday 11th August, Thursday 8th September

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CHERRY TREE UPDATE

In April I wrote about the trouble in the cherry tree and the disgruntled Great Tits who were not exactly like the year before, beautifully lined with black Newfoundland dog fur with strands of white hair, from the patch on Chloe's chest, skilfully woven in.

Writing this in June I find it a very stressful time as the birds are very clever at hiding their nests. I was going to cut off some dead looking ivy growing over a garden wall but luckily noticed a small bird flitting back and forth while I was taking a break nearby, so spotted a small nest well hidden in a tangle of ivy growing up the wall. Again this year there was a nest in the old Ferguson tractor tucked away by the fan belt. Luckily I noticed a little bird flying away as I approached. Peeping in I could see a nest full of hungry babies. As the fields were still very wet the grass could not be cut for a while anyway.

The Woodpeckers are frequent visitors who enjoy the nuts and bird bath close by; the favourite place is on the far side of one of the posts holding up the porch. Each one has the same methods, holding on to the post with its right foot and the nut feeder with its left foot, or alternatively, it can swing on the nuts, supported by its tail. Most of the regular feeders who enjoy the nuts will not feed when the Woodpecker is there, not even the Nuthatch who bullies all the other birds. There is one bird that is fearless and will confidently feed at the same time, the tiny Blue Tit! The field mice also enjoy the nuts and frighten off even the Woodpecker. Mother mouse recently brought her babies and we watched their juvenile attempts to reach the nuts. It was a very stressful moment when a baby mouse misjudged it and fell to the ground. Luckily it was all right. There appeared to be two families of Woodpeckers. When one youngster was old enough the parent showed it how to reach the nuts. Later it called encouragement from a nearby tree while the youngster came on its own. Interestingly I noticed that the fearless Blue Tit was very wary of this young Woodpecker. Although I get an excellent view of the nut feeder from the kitchen window I have never actually seen the adult feed its offspring. Recently, as it was a sunny evening, we decided to eat in the dining room which gives a different view of the garden. There was the familiar tap tap on the post where the Woodpecker wedges in the whole nut before eating it. I tried to see out of the window to watch it but the angle was wrong. I then pressed my nose hard on the glass and could just see the far side of the post that is normally out of sight. What a lovely surprise, a

very young baby Woodpecker with its bright red head was clinging to the post while its attentive parent was feeding it. It was so well trained and stayed exactly where it had been told, patiently waiting for the next piece of nut. The adult knew what we can see from the kitchen window and thought this baby was well hidden. It was well worth the rather bent nose I endured while enjoying this unusual sight.

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