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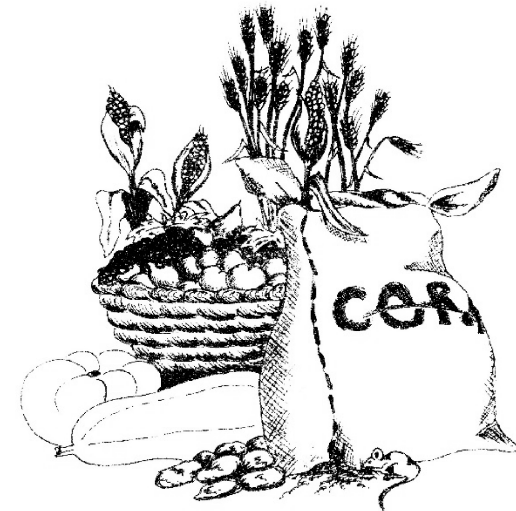
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Treasurer : **Vacant**

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21st July

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Holly Neville
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Donna
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Cottingham

28th July

Gaynor Robson
Charlotte Robson
Autumn Wright

11th August

Margaret
Boorman

8th September

Poppy Carter

Weddings:

26th July

6th Sept

Joe Funnell
Luke Blaney

Francesca Wade
Dannielle Harmer-
Strange

14th Sept

Tomas Rutherford

Deborah Shute

At rest:

11th September

Charles Harris

The Freedom of Self - forgetfulness.

Over the holiday period I read a very short book by Timothy Keller called 'The freedom of self-forgetfulness'. It speaks of the Church in Corinth and the divisions it was experiencing due to members of the congregation aligning themselves with particular leaders and teachers; in this case Paul, Peter and Apollos. To restore harmony and peace Paul urges them not to boast or take pride in one man over another.

In essence he was speaking about the problem of self-esteem. Up until the 20th Century traditional cultures always believed that too high a view of yourself was the root cause of all the evil in the world. But in our modern western culture our belief is that people misbehave for lack of self-esteem because they have too low a view of themselves.

Paul is trying to teach the church about pride and the human ego. He uses the Greek word *physioo* for pride which literally means 'overinflated, swollen and ready to burst' and this he says is the condition of the human ego.

In his book 'Sickness unto Death', Soren Kierkegaard says 'it is the normal state of the human heart to try and build its identity around something besides God. Spiritual pride is the illusion that we are competent to run our own lives, achieve our own sense of self-worth and find a purpose big enough to give us meaning to life without God'.

The problem is, only God can fill the vastness of the human heart, everything else we try to pour in, whether it be achievement, looks, power or money - all these things only rattle around - the insatiable ego is never satisfied.

It is like being in a court room - everyday our identities are on trial and everything we do is providing evidence for the prosecution or evidence for the defence. Some days we feel that we are winning the trial and other days we feel that we are losing it. It is a sorry state of affairs and a no-win situation which steals much of our joy. The atheist might say that they get their self-image from being a good person. They are a good person and they hope eventually they will get a verdict that confirms that they are a good person. Performance leads to verdict. For the Buddhist too, performance leads to verdict. If you are a Muslim, performance leads to verdict. But who wants to live in a state of continual anxiety that you may never measure up, no matter what you do?

However, Paul says that he has found the secret. The trial is over for him, he is out of the courtroom. How could this be?

If you look at the life of St Paul you would quickly realise that before his conversion on the road to Damascus that he was a mess, an angry man who thought that it was right and part of his religious duty to persecute believers in Christ even to death.

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New Committee starts at Blackboys Preschool

A new committee is in place at Blackboys Preschool and we would like to thank members of the community for coming forward to support us.

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The end of summer is nigh and on Saturday the 5th of October between 10 and 12 we would be grateful for any help you can give to put our allotment and outside area to bed for the winter. Please just come along on the day and muck in for whatever time you are able to spare.

Children's Pumpkin Carving Competition

To raise much needed funds for the Preschool we are holding a Halloween pumpkin carving competition. Entries are being accepted between Monday 21st October until 10 o'clock on Thursday the 24th October. Only £2 per entry with the winner being awarded a certificate and treats to share with their friends.

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Paul actually describes himself as the 'chief of sinners' and he knows that he cannot possibly justify himself. In looking to the Cross of Christ and identifying with Jesus as the sin bearer, not just for himself, but all of us, he walks away a free man; forgiven and the burden of guilt washed away.

He says that it is God who judges him and it is only His opinion that *ultimately* counts. The final verdict rests with God and God says that he's OK and the void in Paul's heart, once virtually empty, is now totally filled with the love of God.

After his conversion Paul never had a problem with his ego. In fact he says he doesn't much care what people think about him or even what he thinks about himself; how liberating is that? That's why the Gospel, the Good News of Christ is so countercultural in that you get the positive verdict before the performance.

In all other areas of life, job or religion you have to perform and keep on performing to get the verdict. All this means is that every day you are back in the courtroom trying to measure up to your own or other people's standards. In Christianity the situation is reversed and the verdict leads to performance.

If you get the revelation of what God was doing through Christ you can actually lighten-up on yourself and start to live a life of freedom and less stress because life is not all about you! With this in mind you can actually do things for the simple joy of doing them.

Timothy Keller writes 'I can start to enjoy things that are not about me, my work is not about me, my romance is not about me, my dating is not about me. This is Gospel humility, blessed self-forgetfulness. Not thinking more of myself as in modern cultures, or less of myself as in traditional cultures. Simply thinking of myself, less.

May God's blessing be upon everyone in the Parish.

– Revd Chris Lawrence

*P.S. The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness by Timothy Keller can be purchased through
www.10ofthose.com or Amazon.*

Diary of Church Services

OCTOBER 2019

06 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
PLEASE NOTE REVISED SERVICE TIMES TODAY
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am Harvest Festival Family Praise Service
(Followed by Harvest Lunch; sign-up sheet in Church)

13 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW) with
Prayer for Healing

20 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

27 Last Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER 2019

03 Fourth Sunday before Advent
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

10 Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)
10.00 am Service of Remembrance
6.30 pm Evening Service

17 Second Sunday before Advent
8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

we should all like to thank the many villagers who braved the awful weather to come to the show; your support was magnificent and your generosity and enthusiasm made the show a success!



The Society's next meeting is on Tuesday 17th September (Blackboys Village Hall) when Martin Duncan, the Head Gardener at Arundel Castle, will be talking about his previous work in the Royal Palaces in Jordan and the Botanical Gardens in Bermuda as well as the 'Collector Earl's Garden' at Arundel - it promises to be a very interesting evening.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November (Blackboys Village Hall) when Tom Simmons from 'English Woodlands' will be giving us an insight into the skills and methods of modern woodland management. This talk is being 'sponsored' by Ali Wright and her family in memory of her father, Desmond Gunner, who

was passionately involved in woodland conservation and who had a deep love of the countryside, its safeguarding and ecology.

All Society Events are free to members and £3.00 for non-members. For more information about the Society and its activities please contact either:

Fiona Fidler (01825 890719; fhbsmail@gmail.com)
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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

So, it huffed and it puffed and it huffed and it puffed but it did not blow the marquee down – so the Summer Show went ahead! Inside the marquee against the backdrop of flapping side sheets and the sound effects of a sailing ship in a force nine gale the many wonderful and colourful exhibits looked as serene and beautiful as they would on a calm sunny August afternoon!

We had some fantastic entries and the judges commented on the high standard. Often there are some ‘stand-out’ exhibits and this year two of our members really excelled. In the ‘Haberdashers’ flower arranging class Jacky Woodgate’s life size dress-maker’s dummy bedecked in flowers and foliage was a sensation!

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Whilst in the vegetable classes the quality and consistency of Denise Taylor’s many entries brought high praise from the judges as well as many well-deserved Cups, Plates and medals!

In the Hall the villagers’ (both young and old) culinary and artistic skills were on display with some mouth-watering cakes and savouries, as well as beautiful photographs and imaginative handicrafts. The Society’s thanks go to all who entered and contributed to making the overall displays in both the hall and marquee look so fantastic.

The Summer Show depends on so many helpers and on behalf of the Society I should like to thank everyone who put in such a great effort to make the show possible. I will leave further thanks and a description of the Show’s outside activities to Terry Everitt the Show’s chairman. Finally, and most importantly,

24 Fourteenth 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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THE CHURCHYARD

Urgent churchyard appeal

St Thomas à Becket Church, Framfield has a large and much-loved churchyard which, over recent years, has been very well managed and is now home to an amazing diversity of flora and wildlife.

However, it has recently been confirmed that three ash trees in our churchyard are suffering from Ash Dieback, a serious disease that is currently sweeping the UK. It is caused by a fungus that blocks the trees' water transport systems causing leaf loss, lesions in the wood and on the bark and, ultimately, the dieback of the tree's crown.

The affected trees in our churchyard are now a hazard to both people and property. One tree, situated close to a large stained glass window in the church, needs early attention. The cost of removing these trees will be around £800 to £1000 and we would welcome your support to enable the work to be carried out with some urgency.

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If you would like to know more about this appeal please contact John Mordaunt on 01825 890443 or 07989 587459.

John Mordaunt (Chairman, Framfield Church Fabric Committee)

Framfield Parish Council

MEETING SCHEDULE 2019

On each date detailed below, generally two meetings will be held plus an informal Trust update.

(Planning Committee may be cancelled if not essential):

Planning Committee – commencement time will vary (6/6.30 pm)

Trust update - commencing at 7 pm

Parish Council - commencing at 7.30 pm.

24 September (PC meeting) – Memorial Hall, Framfield

26 November (PC meeting) – Village Hall, Blackboys

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, on 01825- 890182 / clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

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We gather together for a weekly service on Sunday mornings at Blackboys village hall starting with coffee and cake at 10.30am. The last Sunday of the month is always an All Age Service often followed by lunch. We also have a Sunday evening prayer meeting and Life Groups which meet during the week.

We hope that you will find our church family relaxed, informal and friendly yet with a desire to live our faith in a way that is authentic and real. It would be great to meet you sometime and if you have any queries don't hesitate to contact me, we could always meet in the Grove for a coffee and a chat.

*And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)*

Early this morning I was privileged to see 2 black storks flying over fields near our house in France on their way to Africa. These are rare, shy birds that nest atop tall trees in remote northern Eurasian forests. Recently, I have also seen white storks going the same way. White storks are not shy, however, and tend to nest on church towers and other high buildings, trees and pylons across Europe, but only rarely in Britain. Also, I've seen wheatears passing to a similar destination from northern latitudes. Pied and spotted flycatchers have been sallying forth from our elm trees to catch flying insects on the wing as they sojourn before flying to West Africa. Swallows and other hirundines have also been gathering on overhead cables ready to fly as far as South Africa. These are in turn hunted by a small falcon called the hobby.

Chiffchaffs, a type of small leaf warbler, still sing their name as they migrate south, past where we are. You may also hear them in Sussex as they head for the coast and beyond. Chattering starlings are also gathering. They do not usually migrate far, but they can form vast flocks that fly at sunset wheeling and diving like a single organism, often chattering as they do so, in an aerial dance called a murmuration.

It is not often realised that some butterflies also migrate south in the autumn. One of these is the painted lady. Painted ladies donate their Latin names to humans as they are in the genus *Vanessa* and the sub-genus *Cynthia*. Apparently, they often fly south to Africa in the autumn and back to Europe in the spring. Considering that they cross the English Channel, the continent, then the Mediterranean followed by the Sahara Desert, it is an incredible journey for a tiny butterfly. Some may be taken in flight by insectivorous birds making the same journey, but others clearly succeed as the annual routine continues.

There is a plant that is also a harbinger of autumn that also has a feminine name and that is autumn ladies tresses. This is a delicate white orchid that can turn up almost anywhere, but usually in low numbers. Like most orchids, the seeds are profuse but tiny, like grains of dust and settle everywhere, but only a few survive to flower. I have even seen them flowering in Manor Park, Uckfield. They are fairly frequent on the chalk Sussex Downs where the grass is short. Their charming Latin name is *Spiranthes spiralis*.

Martyn Stenning

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For more information contact Graeme Mackenzie 01435 866419. There is also a Facebook link - @WaldronCountryMarket.

NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Wealden Community Grants Programme is once again open for applications until 30 November 2019. Small grants between £500 - £3,000
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The match funding required for projects can now be entirely "in-kind" such as volunteer time, member contributions etc. Further details and application forms can be found by searching for "grants programme" on our website: www.wealden.gov.uk. Funds must be spent within the financial year April 2020-March. Eligibility and Conditions apply
You can find out what was funded in the current year by going to www.wealden.gov.uk/communitygrantsawarded

WDC has declared a climate emergency and is embarking on a series of actions where it can make a difference. Full details of the strategies WDC will be putting in place can be found on their website.

Fly-tipping – WDC takes the dumping of rubbish very seriously and has recently again gained a conviction in court of a man who was found guilty of fly-tipping within the District. Please report anything to WDC immediately should find it.

Biffa have now been collecting our rubbish/recycling for several week and there haven't been too many reports of missed bins etc. If your bin is missed please do report it by email/telephone directly to WDC in the first instance but do also continue to let me know in case I can hasten rectification of the problem.

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| 21st October | Speaker - Jacqueline Aviolet
"The History of Victoria Sponge"
Also Bring and Buy Stall in aid of Monday Club
Framfield Memorial Hall 2.30 pm |
| 4th November | Visit to South Downs- Hassocks
For Shopping and Tea/ Cakes
Times to be confirmed |
| 18th November | Singing with Gem Stillman – Vocalist
Framfield Memorial Hall 2.30 pm |

We would like to thank the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society Community Fund Project 2019/20 for awarding Framfield and Blackboys Monday club £200 to go towards our 2019 Christmas Party.
We are very grateful for this. Many Thanks.

Any queries, please contact Sandy Rogers (Chairperson)
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Although it has been holiday time, the Parish Council always seems to continue to be making improvements across the Parish.

The new basketball area on Framfield recreation ground is now complete – the frame itself was kindly donated by Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council and some of the groundworks funded by a grant but the majority was funded by Trust funds.

The works behind the Memorial Hall are now also complete. The resurfacing really does look marvellous and is all down to a local firm. A sign has been erected at the back of the Hall if you want to know who they are for any future works. We can recommend them.

Dialogue is still and always will be ongoing with ESCC on the many and varied Highways-related issues within the Parish. Pump Lane has recently been re-surfaced, this is after many years of ‘negotiation’ with ESCC. The total re-surfacing of Mount Pleasant is also still high up on the agenda.

As reported last time, the new bench has been installed outside the Hare & Hounds.

The village sign in Blackboys will be put back again soon with a new post – this is taking some time because the contractors we need to use have to bring in the appropriate equipment.

Parish Magazine. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact me. It gets more and more difficult to find new advertisers due, I think to the use of online advertising, but many residents still find the magazine a useful directory when looking for professional help.

Framfield Village Market (usually the last Saturday in the month) – please do come along and have a look at local craft wares and produce, and have a cup of coffee. All proceeds go towards the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 10 am.

Recreation grounds, play areas etc - If anyone believes they have discovered a fault or problem with play equipment at one of the play areas, could they please contact me immediately. Although the areas are inspected on a weekly basis by one of our contractors, any additional notification is important to the Council.



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Thank you for your continued interest in the parish schools
Mrs Lisa Pestell and Mr Graham Sullivan

Graham Sullivan
Headteacher, Blackboys CE School,
School Lane, Blackboys, Uckfield
East Sussex TN22 5LL - 01825890423 - @blackboysschool

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

Just a reminder about our Jumble Sale on Saturday 12th October at 2.0 at the Framfield Village Hall. We would appreciate any clothes, bric a brac etc. Jumble can be left outside the hall on the morning of the sale. If anyone needs things to be collected please ring me on - 01825 890506.

Our charity this year is for the Salvation Army.

Many thanks,
Ann Dawe 01825 890506

All agendas are put on the village noticeboards and website. The full minutes of all meetings are also on the website. Please do not rely on the contents of this magazine for meeting dates etc as the website and noticeboards are more up to date, particularly if you have any queries regarding potential or live planning applications.

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FRAMFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
Memorial Hall, Framfield
The market opens from 10 am to 12 noon.

28 September
26 October
30 November
14 December



Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show 2019



Despite the gale force winds the committee were very pleased with the success of this year's show. Part of that success is down to all the volunteers who helped on the day, with setting up and taking down. **THANK YOU**, we couldn't do it without you.

Save the date: Saturday, 8 August, 2020

If anyone from the parish (or beyond!) can help next year we would really appreciate it.

Many thanks, *The Show Committee*



St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation.
Blackboys and Framfield Schools News



Our Family Friendly Service is a lively short happy service, where the children are actively involved.

13th October 10.00 am

10th November 10.00 am (Remembrance Sunday)

The parish schools have both made fantastic starts to the new academic year.

Firstly, a new group of Reception pupils have been welcomed to Blackboys and Framfield schools. They have settled quickly, discovering the routines and enjoying their learning. We of course, welcome the whole family when a child starts, and it has been great getting to know new parents and siblings too.

Secondly, following staff INSET training sessions, the children have been thrilled to get involved in their new topics. We have upped further the challenge and expectation for our pupils in History, Geography, Art, DT and Science and the children are responding well. In Class 1 and Peacocks the children are discovering, "How they can be superheroes". Class 2 and Kingfishers are asking, "What can we learn from important Victorian women?". In Class 3 and Puffins, the children are studying Roman Britain, while Class 4 and Eagles are looking a little further afield with a study of the Mayans.

The third big thing to happen were the residential trips for our year 5 and 6 children. Both Blackboys and Framfield went to PGL Windmill Hill. The children lived well together in their cabins and enjoyed a whole host of outdoor and adventurous activities. Their attitude and behaviour was exemplary, earning praise from the centre staff. You can see photos of their adventures on the school twitter feeds @blackboysschool and @framfieldcep

Both schools are now busy preparing their Harvest Festival, which as rural schools is a very important festival. Harvest is a popular time for the whole community to come to St Thomas a Becket Church and worship together.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The 2019 appeal is almost upon us and I do badly need more help with the door to door collections. Just a few more collectors to cover small areas in Palehouse Common Blackboys or Framfield and we could easily beat the £1,870 collected last year. If you could spare a couple of hours at the end of October please contact me.

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The next Framfield Stagers date for your diary!



Join us in February half-term for another family pantomime:

'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

at Framfield Memorial Hall

on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd February 2020 @ 7.30pm

with a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale from 1st December.

See our website: www.framfieldstagers.homestead.com

or connect with us on social media:

 [facebook.com/FramfieldStagers](https://www.facebook.com/FramfieldStagers)

 twitter.com/FramStagers



Framfield & Blackboys WI



LET'S GO SHOPPING AT BLUEWATER

Tuesday November 26th

Join us on our annual pre-Christmas shopping trip to Bluewater Shopping centre with its 300 plus stores.

Travel by luxury coach. Local pick-ups at Blackboys, Framfield and Uckfield - times to be advised. As usual all are welcome - please bring your family & friends.

Ticket Price: £20 per head.

Contact:	Gill Roberts	- 01825 890459
	Mary Short	- 01825 890854
	Lesley Paine	- 01825 891334

Many thanks to everyone who supported us at the Framfield Summer Show. It was a fun day. Hats off to the organisers who put in so much hard work throughout the year to make it such a success.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30 on Tuesday, October 8th at Framfield Memorial Hall

When Kevin Gordon will entertain us with tales of 'Quirky Sussex'

**If you would like to join us, please contact Philomena on 01825 890216.
Follow us on Facebook or Google Framfield & Blackboys WI**

The Community Hub

.....the place to meet

In April, Action in Rural Sussex (AirS) invited local residents to an open morning at The Grove Cafe to ask their views on the development of a Community Hub in Blackboys. AirS is an independent charity that represents people living in rural Sussex and supports them to overcome a range of challenges that rural living can present. The Village Agent Team supports communities to work together to overcome these challenges. Suzi Lock, the village agent and community development worker for Framfield and Blackboys is helping us to set up our Community Hub.

The open morning was well attended and residents were keen to use The Grove as a base for a Community Hub. They proposed a wide range of events that they would like to see happening at the Hub: keep fit activities, book club, photography club, women's groups, foreign language conversation, walking group, music groups, quiz nights and supper evenings.

Blackboys resident Sharon Burt has agreed to be a voluntary administrator for the Hub and to work with residents to put their ideas into action. So far there are two Hub activities already up and running at The Grove: every Tuesday, 11am, Elevenses - an opportunity to meet with others who live in the area; every 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.30am, Book Club – come and pick up this month's book, discuss last month's book and anything else you have read. We are also in the process of putting together a Community Library at The Grove. If you have any ideas for events you would like to see happening at the Community Hub you can let Sharon have your ideas by emailing her at hub@thegroveblackboys.co.uk, see her at Elevenses on a Tuesday or leave your idea and contact details with staff at The Grove.

For more information on the work of the charity Action In Rural Sussex see: www.ruralsussex.org.uk or telephone Suzi Lock on 01273 473422

The Community Hub at The Grove, Brownings Farm Workshops, Lewes Road, Blackboys TN22 5HG

LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

RESTRICTING THE USE OF FIREWORKS

As many of you have pets that are frightened of fireworks I thought I would look up when they could be used and decided to write to my member of parliament and thought you might like to know what I said

"I have been working as a dog and cat behaviourist for many years and know the fear and distress caused by fireworks to dogs, cats and other animals. This is also having an adverse effect on the owners.

I thought the law was restricting the use of fireworks but am horrified and shocked to discover that fireworks are allowed every day of the year including Sundays from 7am to 11pm

On Bonfire night they are allowed until midnight, also they are allowed until 1am on the 31 Dec for New Year's Eve, 11 Dec for Diwali and on 8 Feb for the Chinese New Year.

As you can see there is no respite from the fireworks at any time; the only safe time to let the cat out or walk the dog would be from about 6am to 7am.

I have helped people over many years with their distressed pets. If you know in advance that there will be noisy fireworks on one particular date it is possible to make preparations to calm the animal within the home and also, most importantly to keep pets indoors. I know there have been tragic accidents where terrified pets have run away to be lost, killed or injured.

Please can you do something to restrict the number of days and hours fireworks are allowed. I would also like to ban the bangs as it is mainly the noise which is causing so much distress."

I have written articles before on how to keep your pets calm during firework displays but this is impossible if you do not know when they are going to be on. Fireworks are not allowed for people under eighteen and are not allowed to be let off in public places, but we know that some are let off maliciously to frighten animals.

May I suggest if you feel strongly about the firework situation you also write to your member of parliament?

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