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**Framfield, Blackboys
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From the Registers:

Baptisms:

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Kenneth Fresson 8th April 2020
Douglas Organ 9th April 2020

Drawing near to God – I'm not sure about that!

The last two months of Lockdown have certainly been disrupting and challenging. Thankfully, Covid related deaths in and around the Uckfield area have been small in number. However, our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones and those who have contracted the virus. Mercifully, the number of new cases and deaths across the UK is continuing to diminish and there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel.

Living with uncertainty has clearly been problematic and the whole issue of life and death has been brutally brought to our attention. The Coronavirus has been described as the 'unseen enemy' and the randomness of how any individual may respond once infected is particularly concerning. For some, virtually symptom free, others mild and for others hospitalisation and intensive care and even then no guarantee of pulling through. I am sure we can all empathise with those who have died without having a member of their own family to be with them or the opportunity to say goodbye. That's heart breaking.

On a more positive note, one of the general comments made in past weeks has been 'It will be great to get back to normal'. Perhaps I'm being cynical but do we want the 'normal' we had before? From a global and national point of view there have been some fascinating reports and pictures on the upside of lockdown. Many of the major cities were suddenly free from pollution. Roads and towns less congested with traffic. Local communities have been pulling together. We've exercised and we've cooked. Additionally, a period of forced isolation has given us all time to consider or reconsider what is important in life and what isn't. Whatever we think of the necessities of Lockdown, social distancing hasn't been easy. Human beings are social creatures. Apart from those who choose to live a solitary existence we do like to be around other people. Personally, I've missed not being able to have family and friends round for a meal or being able to go to the pub. We tend to take social interaction for granted so it was quite a surprise to realise just how much I missed these things.

Church life virtually changed overnight in March from restrictions to complete closure in a couple of days. At the moment the church remains closed but it hasn't gone away. At Framfield we've faithfully put together a Sunday Service and uploaded it onto the church website and Facebook. Regular Home groups have still met, albeit via Zoom. One of the interesting facts is that on-line attendance to the Sunday service has significantly increased. One week we had attendance of 94 which is amazing. We even have visitors from the USA! I may be completely wrong but when it comes to the matters of life and death and trying to figure out the meaning of life the church actually does have something positive to say and logging on to an online service solves the problem of engaging without really getting involved.

Even as a clergyman I've never been into 'religion' as some think I ought. Our relationship with God is just that – a relationship. I really don't think God is that

interested in the religious rituals of the church, but He is deeply concerned for us collectively and as individuals.

This is the Jesus you and I read about in the Bible. However, as the all-knowing God we can find Him somewhat intimidating hence the hesitation to come near. If He knows everything, what sort of reception may we get? Is He friendly or do we perceive Him as stern and judgemental. In Luke's gospel Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-10) is such a man with these concerns. We read :

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

The story of Zacchaeus is one of my favourites simply because it reveals human nature and the nature of God. Zacchaeus is interested in Jesus but he wants to observe Him from a distance and because of his misdemeanours in life he is fearful about being near Him. One of the standout verses is Verse 5 - When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." It's priceless – Jesus knows exactly who he is and where he is but he doesn't just want a chat, Jesus says I must stay at your house today. Did you notice that there were no words of judgement, rudeness or impoliteness or threat by Jesus? As scripture reminds us - mercy triumphs over judgement. Only the people who hear Jesus' words of self-invitation disapprove. Zacchaeus is branded a 'Sinner' but Jesus accepts him unconditionally. This acceptance results in an immediate change of heart and a rich generosity to put things right – that's real repentance.

Zacchaeus is the archetypal lost-and-found person. Even before they talk Jesus had already accepted Zacchaeus and likewise Jesus accepts you and me, unconditionally. That's the nature of God who offers us eternal life (even if the worst should happen) if we are willing to accept Him into our lives.

If we are ever concerned about what Jesus (God) thinks about us as individuals the story of Zacchaeus should dispel our fears. We may not be hiding up a tree but is it time to move closer to God? There's plenty of room for all of us in God's eternal family.

Abundant blessings to all in the parish – stay safe. Revd Chris Lawrence

Diary of Church Services

NB – Currently all Services are postponed until further notice. Please check the Church Website for updates and on-line services each week.

JUNE 2020

- 07 Trinity Sunday**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW) with
Prayer for Healing
- 14 First Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)
- 21 Second Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 28 Third Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evening Holy Communion (CW)

JULY 2020 *(In the hope that the church may be given the go ahead re-open on the 4th)*

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

- 19 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 26 Seventh 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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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH COUNCIL – FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Framfield Church – What we will be doing during the Coronavirus crisis

In line with government guidelines The Church of England has suspended all regular church services for the time being. However, the suspension of public worship does not currently apply to weddings and funerals. These should go ahead with as few people in attendance as possible. Clergy should use their discretion on what limits to apply. For example, it would be reasonable to limit attendance to the immediate family, excluding anyone who is at risk from infection.

Framfield Church will remain open during the day so folk can sit and reflect and pray if they so wish. There will also be an area set up where prayer candles may be lit – these will be supplied. There will also be prayer request cards.

As a church we have a list of folk who are willing to shop for those who are self-isolating. Points of contact will be on the noticeboard and on the church website. I'll be on the Church Office telephone number (01825 891090) if you need to contact me or leave a message. If it's urgent please ring the Vicarage (01825 890365).

Hopefully, we can all stay well during this challenging period and help each other out where it's appropriate to do so.

May God bless One and All – Revd Chris Lawrence

Please respect your Churchyard

We have recently seen an increase in dog mess being left in the churchyard. This is very distressing for visitors in general, and especially for those with family buried in the churchyard. It is also unpleasant for those who volunteer to keep the churchyard maintained.

Please be prepared to clean up after your dog, and keep it on a lead, so you are aware of what it might be up to! Thank you.



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

14th June 10.00 am

12th July 10.00 am

Looking for a local venue?

Then look no further !

Framfield Church Hall is well placed in the village next to the Church. It is ideal for regular meetings, social & other events, special occasions, keep fit, exercise groups, birthday parties and other activities.

The Hall can be used as an open space or with tables / seating for up to 60 persons. There is a fitted kitchen with catering equipment & crockery etc, a large AV screen, sound system, two loos (one with disabled facilities) and two disabled parking spaces directly outside the Hall.

Currently it is used for Art classes, Pilates, Exercise groups, Drama, Singing, Presentations, Training events and birthday parties. Further Mother and baby fitness classes start on the 22nd of March. Our rates are £10.00 per hour.

For more details about the hall and its events please get in touch with John Mordaunt on 01825 890443; mobile 07989 587459 or email: johnmordaunt1@gmail.com

Nature Notes

Staying safe has meant that most of us have had to stay at home in social isolation. This has presented me with an opportunity to get to know the animals that are using our Uckfield garden more closely. Just sitting in the garden revealed 16 species of birds within about 30 minutes recently. These were blue tit, great tit, wren, house sparrow, blackbird, song thrush, magpie, jackdaw, carrion crow, buzzard, swift, chaffinch, robin, woodpigeon, collared dove and blackcap. In addition, from my garden, records have included, flying over and within, herring gulls, herons, mallards, ravens, Canada geese, goldcrests, long-tailed tits, goldfinches, starlings, coal tits, great tits, greenfinches, bullfinches, nuthatch, great spotted woodpecker, a hawfinch and tawny owl.

We were sitting in the garden yesterday and a female woodpigeon was sitting on her nest uttering an intermittent growling call to her mate who was collecting twigs for her nest in our field maple tree. He perched next to her and passed one to her in turn before flying off to collect another. The female incorporated each one into her nest beneath her. Meanwhile, on the roof of a neighbour's house, a carrion crow was sitting on a chimney stack where a pair of jackdaws had their nest in one of the pots. They took great exception to this and were dive-bombing and strafing the crow which clearly intended to make a meal out of their offspring.

Later that day, we saw one of our robins fly into the hedge to feed one of its fledglings. The pair of blackbirds too were feeding their own fledglings and showing them how to deslime a slug before feeding it to one. The blue tits too were going in and out of their birchwood nest-box where the female has been incubating her 9 eggs. We are delighted to have a blackcap singing daily from the oak, birch and cupressus trees at the bottom of the garden this year. These migrants from Africa are usually shy of humans and nest, near the ground, in wildwood and rural hedgerows. There seems to be a trend this year of wild animals moving closer to humans as our activities have been curtailed by the lockdown. This morning I looked out of my bedroom window to see a large healthy red fox roaming round the garden investigating every corner.

Martyn Stenning

Demelza Hospice Care for Children

It's About Life

Demelza's Hospice Team of Volunteers Uckfield were delighted to receive a donation of £750 from The Framfield Stagers following this years Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty". The Stagers support to Demelza Hospice and other local charities is very much appreciated, particularly at this uncertain time.

With Covid19 Lockdown Restrictions severely affecting many fundraising events, we are extremely grateful to Framfield Resident & Captain of Horam Park Golf Club, Rob Jackson, who has chosen to select Demelza Hospice Care for Children as his Golf Clubs Charity of the Year. Please take a look at his fundraising page [JustGiving.com Rob's Household Hair Raiser!](https://www.justgiving.com/Rob-Jackson-Horam-Park-Golf-Club)

Demelza Hospice provides specialist care and emotional support for children with terminal conditions and their loved ones, so they can enjoy time together as family, for as long as they have. Demelza is a Children's Hospice Charity providing vital care to Families across East Sussex, Kent & South East London.

We wish you all safe & well & look forward to seeing you again when the restrictions are lifted.

Pat Dangerfield 01825 890646
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www.demelza.org.uk

Reed Warblers and Sedge Warblers by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I bless the rains down in Africa

It's amazing how a song can transport you someplace else. I can't hear 'Africa' by American soft-rockers Toto without drifting back 35 years to a school disco in Plymouth. Right now I'm sat by a Sussex reedbed listening to two songs simultaneously pouring from deep in the reeds. These songs also take me back to my childhood and Saturday mornings spent birdwatching beside similar reedbeds in South Devon.

These summer singers are two small brown birds; the Reed Warbler and the Sedge Warbler and their songs make me feel strangely nostalgic for a place I have never been; Ghana, where these warblers will have spent the winter before returning to Sussex each spring. Reed Warblers are rather plain whereas Sedge Warblers sport a streaky back and stripy head with a heavy 'eyebrow' that fixes them with a permanently intense expression. But these identification features aren't important because you'll rarely see these secretive birds. But, boy, will you hear them! Because when they start singing they just can't stop.

The Reed Warbler's song is a loud, repetitive stuttering chatter of jumbled phrases that just just doesn't just doesn't seem to just just just just doesn't just doesn't seem to seem to go anywhere. It sounds like one of those warehouse-sized 1950's computers churning out data. The Sedge Warbler's song is similar but much more energetic and erratic with added harsh 'churrrs' and whistles giving the overall impression that it urgently needs a straightjacket and heavy medication.

These complex songs have a simple message; 'Hey ladies, my territory is so rich in insects that I don't have to spend much time hunting for my food; I can waste my time just singing'. It's the loudest, longest, craziest song that will seduce a feathered female. Sedge Warblers raise their family in a no-thrills nest low in vegetation but the Reed Warbler weaves an incredible deep hammock lashed together with spider silk between the stiff stems of the tall reeds. The whole cradle will rock as the reeds bow in the breeze.

In August, after raising their families, their warbler thoughts drift back to Africa where drums echo and wild dogs cry out in the night. The warblers will gorge themselves with aphids and, with a fat belly full of fuel, take off from Sussex and head over Iberia, North Africa and the wide Sahara to Ghana; a 3000 mile journey.

I always imagine a Ghanaian naturalist pausing momentarily each autumn to observe these returning visitors. Do his thoughts drift to the Sussex riverside where they spent the summer? When the rains return to Africa in the spring they will summon the insect food that will again power their tiny warbler wings back to England to add to my Sussex summer soundtrack.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, *Wildlife* magazine and our Sussex guide book, *Discovering Wildlife*. It's easy to join online at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join or over the phone on 01273 497532.

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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In normal times I would be telling you about the Society's last talk or visit and be giving news of the programme to come; but these are not normal times due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the Society's events are suspended.


For many of us, the opportunity to spend time in the garden or on the allotment has been a very welcome release from 'lock-down'. For some the free time at home has been the stimulus to get outside and start planting salad and vegetables or sow some annual flower seeds to brighten a part of the garden or give colour in a window box or container. Gardening is also an activity that the family can do together and experience not only the excitement of seeing seeds germinate and grow into healthy plants but also the benefits of being outside.

We have been lucky enough to have had an allotment at Blackboys for many years but this year it has been really great to see vacant plots taken on, ground cleared, soil dug, raked and planted-up. It has been lovely to see families involved together, to meet new people and to see a larger 'allotment community' develop, - all, of course, with proper 'social distancing'! The weather has played its part with a wonderfully warm and sunny spring following the wet winter, with moisture in the soil and plenty of sunshine seeds and plants have responded well and bare soil is quickly covered with fresh lush growth.

Local nurseries have helped by providing delivery or 'click and collect' services and the Society has been able to offer its own sales of Fiona's wonderful plants. So against the gloomy and worrying backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic I hope that the opportunity to garden has been rewarding. It would be wonderful if this strange time has rekindled a wider interest in gardening and growing.

The Society would welcome new members from those who have discovered the pleasure of gardening and would like to find out more and share horticultural experiences with others. We don't know when we will be able

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[We will be back at Framfield Village Market when it resumes](#)

to resume our programme of events so for existing members, because of the unavoidable cancellation of our activities this year, current membership will be extended until the 30th November 2021.

For the latest information on Society events, helpful gardening advice and useful tips and information please go to the Society's website - www.framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com. If you would like to contact the Society about events please get in touch with Sarah Hince at fabhs.events@gmail.com ; or for membership then e-mail Emma Page at fabhs.membership@gmail.com . For other enquiries please contact, me, Trevor Hince (01435 863364; trevor.hince@gmail.com).

Trevor Hince (Chair)

Framfield and Blackboys Wives Group

I do hope that all our members are keeping well during these difficult times.

We have decided not to meet until at least September to keep us all safe.

We will revise this as time goes on and let you all know what will be the best thing to do. Obviously you will be consulted before things are so we can decide what we think is best for us all.

Keep well and safe and hope to see you all soon.

Love Ann, Maureen and Sue x
01825 890506

FROM 1ST MARCH 2020 PUBLIC ACCESS RESTRICTED TO WAY-MARKED PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- **Crouch's Farm, East Hoathly**
- **Newplace Farm, Framfield**
- **Possingworth Farm, Blackboys**

Due to a change in our DEFRA Environmental Scheme there will be NO PUBLIC ACCESS around the boundaries of fields at Crouch's Farm, East Hoathly, Newplace Farm, Framfield and Possingworth Farm, Blackboys from 1st March 2020.

We know that this permissive access has been used and enjoyed by many of you for several years and so it is with regret that this is being restricted. The six-metre boundary will not be farmed, but must be kept as an "environmental area" for the benefit of wildlife, flora and fauna only. This is in keeping with the Government's future policy to improve the environment.

The gates will be closed and it will be clearly marked that there is no longer access. We politely ask that you respect these restrictions and do not try to force the gates or climb over them to gain access.

The only areas you will be able to walk on from 1st March 2020 are the way-marked Public Footpaths. Please refer to an Ordinance Survey map to ensure that you only walk along these routes.

Please contact me if you have any questions on 01825-840242 or by e-mail at office@courtneygroup.co.uk.
Anne Courtney

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT

Parish Magazine – we made the decision not to go to actual print this month due to the fact that many of our volunteers cannot currently deliver. We hope that by putting the magazine on our website and Facebook that many residents will read it and if necessary print a copy off themselves. We hope to be back to normal next time around for the August/September edition.

Framfield Village Market (usually the last Saturday in the month) – please be advised that there will be no market in June, July or August due to concerns regarding the Coronavirus. The situation will be reviewed in September to see if that one can be held.

All Parish Council meetings are cancelled until further notice although we hope to hold a remote meeting in early July.

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, any additional notification is important to the Council. The play areas will be re-opened when Government guidelines allow.

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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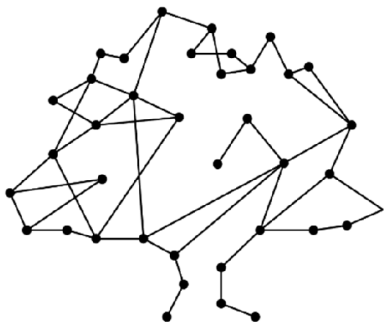


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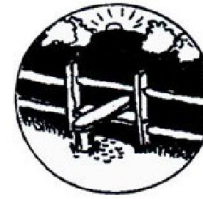
Dear Readers

In view of the current situation with COVID 19 all Church services are cancelled until further notice. We continue to pray for this situation.

Blessings
Clive

FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS MONDAY CLUB

Sending Everyone our Best Wishes from Framfield and Blackboys Monday Club, All we can do is to have Faith in those that are Seeing us through this Strange and Diffucult time, In the meantime we are sending out to our Members a Monthly Newsletter, to help us stay in touch. "We'll meet again " as soon as we are able to do so Safely, Do Take Care and Stay Safe, Sandy (Rogers) and All Committee and Members



Framfield & Blackboys WI LADIES IN WAITING

Waiting to find out when we can begin meeting again.

Meantime, we're keeping in touch and supporting each other in any way possible within the lockdown guidelines.

Some of us have been knitting blankets for Alzheimer's sufferers. Others have been meeting in a socially distanced way to applaud for the NHS. Some members have been working hard to keep foodbanks operating and delivering supplies to the vulnerable. Some have simply been at the other end of the 'phonenumber for anyone needing a chat. Every member who's had a birthday during lockdown has received a birthday card from her WI.

We're learning to love our longer hair and untinted roots and hoping to be able to visit our hairdressers before we meet again! But the main thing is, we all believe that we will meet again.

Waldon Country Market

Waldron Country Market is cancelled until further notice.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Framfield Parish Council Coronavirus Covid-19

17th March 2020

As you will be aware, the coronavirus is affecting everybody in one way or another. The Parish Council follow the instructions of official government advice, which is changing daily. It is therefore important that all residents keep apprised of the current situation and safeguards put in place.

If you are, or know of somebody that is elderly or vulnerable within the Parish that may need help through this period, please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council will do what it can to support residents. Please follow all official guidance and advice from the Government.

Please make sure you, your family, friends and neighbours are ok, especially if they are alone or elderly. Please see links below for up to date information.

With immediate effect:

The Council buildings (Framfield Memorial Hall, Blackboys Village Hall and the Pavilion) are closed with the exception of statutory school use.

Planning Applications/meetings:

All planning applications will be debated by delegated authority. If you do wish to make a representation to the Parish Council, this can be done by email or letter. For the planning application process – this will continue to be managed by Wealden District Council and you should refer to them for all other matters including making official representation/comment to an application. Of course, you can always contact our District Councillor, Ann Newton, who may be able to advise – aenewton1965@gmail.com / 01825 890103.

Parish Council Meetings:

Parish Council meetings and Trust updates will not be conducted in public until at least the end of June, 2020. Any minor issues will be dealt with by delegated authority. Health and Safety issues will continue to be addressed, and in the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk for any queries.

Framfield Village Market:

There will be no village market until September at the earliest. If you have any concerns or wish to book a table for future events, please contact the Clerk. Dependant on the current situation, closures may be extended.

All other matters:

The Parish Council will continue to answer all queries and concerns by email and telephone. Please note that due to an increase in queries, it may take a little longer to get back to you.

KEITH BRANDON – CHAIRMAN

PARISH CLERK – clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk / 01825 890182.

www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care

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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

During the Covid 19 crisis, as you can imagine, Wealden District Council is running a very different operation. All Officers are working from home and many have been redeployed to take calls for the Contact Centre which is covering many of the crisis-related functions including setting up community hubs etc and directing residents to where help in various shapes and forms can be found.

We are now having remote meetings to try and keep the democratic processes running – it's all a steep learning curve for those who aren't terribly technically minded!

Planning Committees are now up and running remotely trying to clear a backlog of applications. Government is currently not interested in slowing down the Planning process and indeed, I have a feeling, when we come out the other side, Government will see building houses as a way out of a potential recession.

Households will no longer receive letters when an application is near to their home. This was hit and miss at best and instead a site notice will be put up by Officers. I would also encourage everyone with access to the internet, even if only by mobile telephone, to sign up for Wealden Alerts. This gives you weekly updates on dustbin collections etc and any planning applications in your vicinity. You can in fact set your own radius.

I am very happy to speak to anyone with concerns about Planning and can talk about the Local Plan.

COVID 19 - If anyone knows of anyone who needs assistance with shopping etc please contact me – details below – or indeed needs assistance themselves.

Contact details – Ann Newton, 'Highlands', Blackboys, TN22 5LR.
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Framfield Parish Council

MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

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.

Tuesday, 28 July (AGM of the Trusts and PC meeting) – Memorial Hall, Framfield

29 September (PC meeting) – Village Hall, Blackboys

24 November (PC meeting) – Memorial Hall, Framfield

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