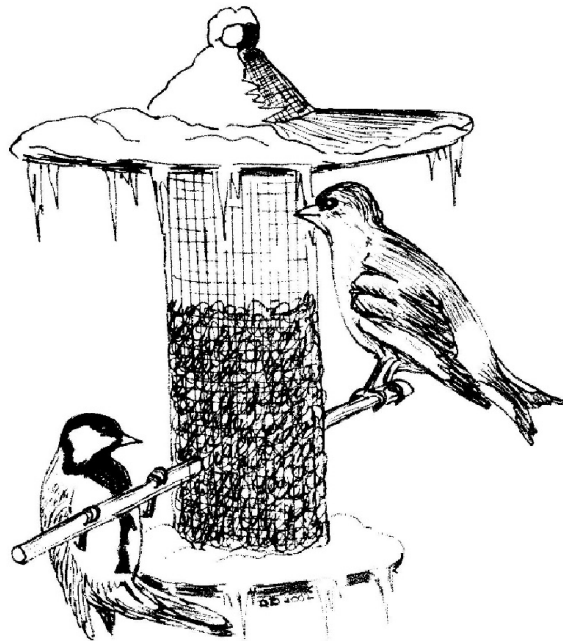


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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
Palehouse Common**

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From the Registers

Baptisms:
10th October: Minnie Lamb Heller

Weddings: None

At rest:
12th October: Joyce Mary Alice White
18th October: Dawn Elizabeth Durrant
21st October: Timothy (Tim) James Stenning

Don't miss the boat!

Time certainly flies and it seems that Christmas is just around the corner. Despite Covid still being around the fear-element has certainly diminished with the very successful roll out of the vaccine programme. Hopefully, this Christmas will be more of a collective celebration when compared to last year.

The publication of the parish magazine at this time of year covers the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. During Advent we reflect upon the arrival of God in the form of the child Jesus. In the church calendar we also cover the scriptures that deal with the second coming of Jesus. Many of the writings are apocalyptic, describing what the world will be like just before Jesus returns.

On the first Christmas Jesus entered our world as Saviour. Born as a baby He grew into a man to show us who God was, and what He was like before dying for the sins of mankind on the cross. Jesus's resurrection celebrated on Easter Sunday reminds us that there is life after death. However, when Jesus appears a second time He comes as the judge of mankind.

When the world takes a downward turn it appears that God cannot just sit back and let it all descend further in chaos. In the days of Noah, humanity had reached an all-time low i.e. **Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.¹⁴ So make yourself an ark..... (Genesis 6:11-14).**

God chose Noah simply because he was a righteous man. He is described as 'a preacher of righteousness' who warned the people for somewhere between 55-75 years while the ark was being built. This intervening period was a period of grace so that people had ample opportunity to repent. Although, Noah's words appeared to have had little impact on his hearers.

Peter speaks of this in his first letter - **God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, (1 Peter 3:20).** Peter's second letter speaks of the Day of the Lord, the Second Coming but he is ridiculed just as Noah was:

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.²

I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Saviour through your apostles.

³ **First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."⁵**

⁸ **But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.**

It sounds horrific but as the saying goes 'forewarned is forearmed'. Jesus' instruction is to 'watch' or read the signs because no one knows the actual day or the time, only Father God.

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. (Matt 24:36-39).

So should we be worried? World events and particularly those associated with climate change and terrorism are on the rise. Will profit shortcut the efforts to get the global temperature back under control before we totally lose control? These are all signs that are prophesied in scripture and as such we ignore them at our peril.

Our relationship with God through Christ is available to all. As John reminds us **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

This time round there won't be a second ark but God invites everyone aboard the lifeboat Jesus Christ – just make sure you don't miss the boat!

May God's blessing be upon everyone in the parish this Christmas and in the New Year. *Revd Chris Lawrence*

Diary of Church Services

Many thanks to everyone for their support over the past year. Any remaining Covid precautionary measures are in place to make your visit a safe one. The latest information is always on the Church Website: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>

DECEMBER 2021

05 Second Sunday of Advent

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

12 Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

24 Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Family Crib and Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion (CW)

25 Christmas Day

10.00 am Morning Praise inc Christmas Quiz

26 First Sunday of Christmas - Boxing Day

*Due to the proximity of Christmas Day
there will not be a service this morning*



JANUARY 2022

02 Second Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany

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

09 First Sunday of Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ

10.00 am Family Service

16 Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

23 Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 am Morning Praise

30 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 am Morning Praise

BCP: Book of Common Prayer. CW: Common Worship

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Churchyard machinery appeal

Unfortunately, we have had to replace one of the mowers and the 'ride-on' has had to have some major repairs in order to keep it going. As a church we only have limited resources and the Church Yard fund has all but run out. Helping with the maintenance cost does ensure that the churchyard is a pleasant place to come to when visiting the graves of loved ones. If anyone would like to give a donation or set up a small standing order it would be gratefully received - thankyou.

The churches bank details are:-

HSBC- Account name: Framfield PCC

Sort Code: 40-45-32

Account Number: 91456369 Reference - Churchyard Fund

Do you have an old cooker ?

We are in need of a floor standing cooker with ceramic hobs, that is available free for our church hall kitchen. Can collect. Offers to John Mordaunt on 01825 899443 or mobile 07989 587459

Follow the Countryside Code

Rights of Way (footpaths) – the Parish Council has been approached by concerned residents about the increasing incidents of walkers diverting away from the statutory footpaths across land, and in some case gardens, sometimes leaving gates open allowing livestock to roam. Could residents please make sure that they stay on the proper routes and keep their dogs on leads where appropriate. Footpath maps are available from the Parish Clerk or accessed on line via this link:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/map/>

Countryside Code leaflet:

well? https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/973254/countryside-code-leaflet.pdf



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

12th December 2021 10.00 am

9th January 2022 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 & business 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, Karate Presentations and childrens' birthday parties. Our rates are £10.00 per hour.

For more details about the hall and its events please get in touch with Graham Seldon on 01825 508758. mobile 07973 685992 or email: hoss.graham@outlook.com

Nature Notes

COP26 is in full swing as I write. The planet is changing, and those changes are largely due to us c. 8 billion Humans. We are living in an era that the geologists have named Anthropocene or the age of human affected geology. We dig up or harvest almost everything that we use to build civilisation, we change what we have obtained then distribute it around the world to make other things, we use those things then bury them in the ground, flush them out to the oceans or burn them when we have finished with them. Just ponder, for example, the history of the structure of your computer as you type and the obsolete computers that you and I have had in the past. There are components that are made of rare metals and other materials that have been dug out of the ground. Some products are recycled which adds to the dispersal of the material. Not all human activity is bad and I am not making value judgements, but we are changing the world at a geological level as well as many other levels. It is down to us to try to put it right, this is the objective of COP26.

So, where to go from here? We are not be in the business of problems, just solutions. We get hungry, so we eat something. We get thirsty so we drink some cool fresh water. We generate too much carbon dioxide, so we must stop doing that and find alternatives. One latest solution is aeroplanes that run on hydrogen fuel instead of petroleum from fossils. Burning hydrogen just produces water. There will soon be hydrogen cars along-side electric ones as we phase out petrol and diesel engines. Us and planet would be healthier if we eat less meat and exercise more by cycling or walking instead of driving short distances. We can plant a tree that will soak up carbon dioxide and release oxygen, but not within 7 metres of a vulnerable building. We can make a pond and not mow lawns so frequently or rewild part of a garden or countryside. We can seek alternatives to gas for heating and cooking and install solar panels. If in employment, we could either work from home or live near the job. We can buy locally produced food and other products. We can share!

We all share responsibility for global warming and its consequences and all of us can respond by sharing global resources accordingly, because 8 billion people pulling in the right direction can create a sustainable world.

Martyn Stenning



Blackboys Village Hall, Blackboys Pavilion and Framfield Memorial Hall

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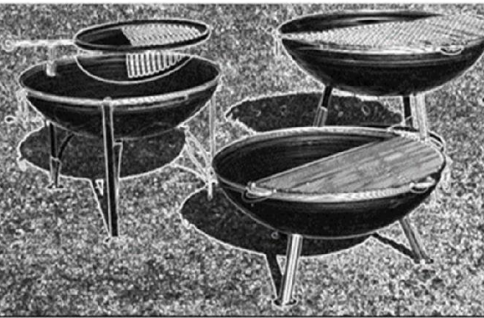
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At the October meeting residents were in attendance following a further spate of accidents on the Lewes Road, Blackboys. The speed limit is still 50 mph and although ESCC have stated that they are to carry out a review of the entire B2192 they will not be considering reducing the speed limit through the village. They urged Councillor Dowling to take their concerns forward to ESCC to reduce the speed limit as a matter of priority. Discussion also centred around the High Street which still has a 40 mph limit although it is hoped that with the 50-house development this will be reduced to 30 mph along the entire stretch.

Palehouse Common – issues with HGV's. The Council is still waiting for the costings to erect some new signs to discourage HGV's from entering Palehouse from the western end.

The Parish Council has met with ESCC Streetlighting over the issues in the Parish. A full structural test is to be carried out on the lights with the view to potentially removing any obsolete lights but also enhancing areas which need better lighting.

Parish Councillor Allowances 2022/23. Once again, the Parish Councillors declined to take any remuneration for the services they carry out.

Planning applications – residents are no longer being sent letters by Wealden District Council (WDC) as part of the consultation process, only advice notices will be on sites/households – this is all part of WDC's 'Drive to Digital'. If any anyone, whether the applicant in an application or an interested party wishing to make representation to the PC, please contact me at the earliest opportunity The Parish Council receives weekly lists of applications which can also be accessed on the WDC website so I can easily pinpoint if an application has been submitted. http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Leaflets_And_Publications/Weekly_List_of_Planning_Applications/Planning_Weekly_List.aspx.

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.

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.

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Dog waste – the Parish has once again become a common place for dog waste. Some is left unbagged and some is left very inconveniently bagged!! The Parish Council provides dog bins for the very same stuff. Please use them. The problem has become epidemic around School Lane, Blackboys, where children/parents are accessing the School – not a happy thought to walk *that* through the School! Clean up after your dogs – don't let the dogs get the blame! And there is a hefty fine if caught – the Wealden Street Scene Officers have been informed.

LIVING WITH FUR AND FEATHER

SNOWY WINTERS

My earliest memory of a very snowy winter was when I was very young in nineteen forty-seven. We were living in an old cottage in West Harting in West Sussex. There was no electricity or phones. The only transport was Mum's old bike. The water came from the very deep well in the garden. It had to be drawn up each day with a bucket on a long chain. Luckily the water did not ever freeze. The only toilet was a two-seater bucket variety with wooden seats, a long walk across the snowy garden. All the cooking was done on an old black range in the one living room fuelled by coal. I have no recollections of ever being cold in the cottage.

My brother made an igloo, big enough to sit inside and even had a candle burning in there. We thought the deep snow was wonderful. Our mother was always cheerful even though it must have been very hard work trudging through deep snow to collect the coal, drawing water from the well and looking after the chickens and keep us fed. She found some old tin trays and joined us as we used them to slide down the steep and snowy banks into our lane. It was great fun.

Sometime later we moved to South Harting that is on the north side of the South Downs and we often had snowy winters, but some of the family lived on the South side, nearer the sea and did not often get snow. I had a Dartmoor pony called Prince and my friend had a sledge. We had great fun one snowy winter attaching the sledge to the saddle and we would take turns. One on Prince and one on the sledge to gallop up and down the farm track.

In early spring of nineteen sixty-two, I went to Sweden to live on a farm and help with the children and dogs. I had applied for this job as I was interested in skiing. Unfortunately, I had confused Sweden with Austria and was disappointed to find that the family did not ski in Sweden but went to Austria! However, I was delighted to find the little rural station I eventually arrived at was covered in snow. I was met by the farmer's wife. This was followed by a magical drive along snowy roads through the forests to the farm. I gathered later that the car was

fitted with winter tyres that explained why we were able to drive safely at quite a good speed. I had a wonderful time there and ironically was left in charge of the children while the husband and wife went off to Austria for a skiing holiday!

I decided to return home in time for Christmas. I had a wonderful welcome from Noel the Labrador I had bought for my Mother some time before. She was now living in my Grandfather's house that was very close to the sea. I had quite a shock as the house that had always been cold, now seemed freezing to me. In Sweden the house was beautifully warm with central heating and double glazing that I had never seen before. Grandfather's house then became bitterly cold, everything was freezing up. Trying to keep warm I decided to cross the road and go to the beach, just a few minutes away. I could not believe my eyes it looked so strange as the sea was frozen, the ice making weird patterns as it neared the beach. This was the winter of nineteen sixty-two to sixty three. I gather it was the coldest winter for two hundred years. No wonder I was so cold in the family house with hardly any heating, exacerbated by my kindly mother leaving the kitchen door open for the dog to go in and out and a friendly blackbird to come in to look for crumbs!

In the nineteen seventies we had our Golden Retrievers and I remember a family walk, I think on Christmas day, it was beautifully bright and sunny. I remember another walk in the early nineteen eighties when we had our first Newfoundland and I had my miniature Dachshund. There was very deep snow the Newfoundland ploughed through the showy lanes with us and the tiny Dachshund ran along on top of all the hedges and five bared gates. It was an incredible sight. No cars could get down into the valley so Cassie the Newfoundland was harnessed to the sledge and pulled David our youngest son, all-round the lanes. His older brothers had great fun sledding in the fields

Most puppies love the snow and get very excited when they see it for the first time. When I first had Chloe my Newfoundland it actually snowed when she was a puppy. I thought like our earlier ones she would be very excited. I rushed to the door and encouraged her to go out and play in this new fluffy stuff. She took one look and turned round and came back indoors, totally uninterested, as much to say "it that all it is" and went back to sleep.

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Turkey: naked Christmas lunch by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Post-modernist author William Burroughs named his infamous 1959 novel after "a frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork." Like the drug-fuelled characters of *Naked Lunch*, 76% of Brits will soon be itching for their festive fix from a bird which has taken a strange, disjointed trip through time and space to land on our plates. So, before you start gobbling this Christmas, allow yourself a frozen moment with the defrosted, oven-cooked, gravy-coated bird perched on the end of your fork. Let's talk turkey.

There are just two species of turkey in the world. The stunning iridescent Ocellated Turkey is confined to the Yucatan peninsula, while the commoner Wild Turkey has a range that extends from the sun-baked savannahs of central Mexico north through the oak forests of the United States.

The Wild Turkey is a monstrous, spectacular bird. The huge males prowl the forests, their ruffled black feathers billowing like a cloud of volcanic ash. From this darkness erupts a bare, blue reptilian head with lava flows of red, warty skin dripping from it. These grotesque, leathery skin-flaps – the snood, wattle and caruncle – inflate with blood and are irresistible to females.

This extraordinary animal was revered by primitive people who plucked its feathers for ceremonial rituals. Centuries ago, one population of Wild Turkey from the hills of south-central Mexico was tamed. By the time the Aztecs ruled the roost they wore turkey, ate turkey and prayed to Chalchiuhtotolin, their turkey god.

Spaniards returned from their Aztec conquests with ships laden with gold, silver and turkey. Not long after, in 1524, turkeys landed in England where some geographic confusion about their country of origin gave the bird its name. Soon these supposed Turkish delights were being carved and served to the wealthy. Henry VIII may well have been one of the first Brits

to enjoy a turkey for Christmas lunch and then no doubt spent the rest of the afternoon asleep in front of the jester.

The turkey's domestication continued. In eastern England, specialist poulterers developed breeds such as Norfolk Black, Cambridge Bronze and the Broad Breasted White; the bird that we eat today.

In 1620 the Pilgrim settlers, in a 'coals to Newcastle' scenario, shipped these brainwashed breeds back to North America and proudly gave them to the bemused native people who for centuries had been enjoying the rich, dark meat of the larger, original Wild Turkeys. It must have been like aliens landing outside Harvey's Brewery and presenting us with a small glass of weak lager.

Today we remain a nation of turkey addicts. Ten million of them were eaten here last Christmas. It's time to stop staring at your fork and satisfy your Christmas craving – so get it while it's hot. It'll be cold turkey for us from tomorrow. Merry Christmas everybody and best wishes for 2022.

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 guidebook, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Housing numbers – there now might be light at the end of the tunnel - with Michael Gove MP as Secretary of State Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, he has already hinted that he is considering reviewing the way in which housing numbers are calculated.

Councillor Chris Hardy passed away in September. He was a kind and generous man and a fabulous Chairman of Wealden for three years. Members of the Monday Club may remember him when he came, with his wife to the East Sussex National and joined you all for tea. I was privileged to be asked to write and read out a tribute to him at our Full Council meeting in November.

The calendar has been issued for landfill/recycling collections over the Christmas/New Year period. As the calendar is only available online, a copy is printed elsewhere in the magazine. I also have some hard copies.

“Queen's Green Canopy” - an exciting tree planting and woodland improvement campaign to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. The group working on this at the Palace has asked the Lieutenancy, with Christopher, Marquess of Abergavenny leading the group, to promote and coordinate tree planting in East Sussex.

This is the link to the website where you can find out more about the campaign <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>. It might be helpful to know that the Palace is planting Ornamental Pear Trees. The Lieutenancy would help with circulating a photo and a short write up of a planting ceremony.

As part of the campaign The Woodland Trust is giving away three million sapling tree packs to schools and community groups on a first come first served basis.

Wishing everyone a happy Christmas, New Year and healthy 2022.

As always, please don't hesitate to me with any queries.

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

Both our parish schools, Blackboys CE School and Framfield CE School, are enjoying getting back to some recognisable normality following a challenging 18 months. At the St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation, staff have worked extremely hard during the pandemic to maintain a quality education for our pupils, whether that was home learning during lockdowns or through the restrictive bubble system when schools were open.

Both schools welcomed our new intake of Reception pupils in September and the new families settled well into school life. They have been enjoying learning phonics, the very building blocks for reading and writing as well as getting to know their new classmates. The youngest pupils always settle so well in our small, nurturing schools. Year 5 and 6 pupils at Blackboys School went on their residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill in September. 4 nights away from home, together with adventurous activities can be the real making of young people and a lot of growing up takes place during this time.

A huge highlight recently has been the return to competitive school sport. Our Federation football team has had great success at tournaments organised by Uckfield College. The U11 Girls' team did particularly well, winning their competition and moving on to the North Wealden finals. Both schools also competed in the Uckfield Cross Country race at Rocks Park School, with considerable success; The Federation providing both the winning boy and girl!

As well as sport, the year 3 and 4 children from both schools came together for an excellent Roman afternoon at Framfield School. Led by local company, Hands on History, the children learnt lots, got involved with dressing up and practiced their roman battle formations. It's so good to learn in an active way.

Now both schools are beginning to prepare for Christmas. There will be performances at Uckfield Late Night Shopping and a Federation Tree at the Holy Cross Festival of Trees at the beginning of December. Later there are planned nativities and carol concerts. At Primary Schools it is really a most magical time of the year. We would like to wish all parishioners a Happy Christmas.

Don't forget to check both the Blackboys and Framfield websites to stay up to date with our busy parish schools.

Lisa Pestell, Headteacher at Framfield School
Graham Sullivan, Headteacher at Blackboys School



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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & A Healthy & Happy New Year.

We will not be running a Christmas wreath workshop this year, but you could still create your own green festive decoration by gathering foliage from your garden and secure with some Christmas ribbon to hang on your door, please feel free to share or email images of your festive door and we can post these on the society's Facebook page and website for everyone to enjoy, rest assured no names will be shared to protect your privacy. Please email your images to Denisetaylor.77@gmail.com

As we are all aware, our world needs a helping hand right now, so everything we can do to reduce our carbon footprint is a step in the right direction, Autumn/Winter is the perfect time to plant a tree, you can also collect leaves in your garden to turn into leaf mould and make your own peat free compost for next year, there are lots of small things we can all do to help - please see our website www.framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com for more ideas.

One thing that happened during Covid and the lockdowns has been the nation's love of gardening and the mental and physical benefits that can be enjoyed from being outside with nature, so we would like to say the Society's door is always open to help both new and experienced gardeners. So why not join us (annual fee is a little as £6 per annum). We have many talks and visits arranged for 2022 and the talks are free to members, enabling you to make friends with people within the Parish with a passion for gardening.

The Summer show will be back on in 2022 and we are excited to make next year's show a spectacular event for everyone to enjoy so please get involved and help support us. This could be to offer your help with the show committee or the Horticultural Society itself, enter something you have produced including fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts, baking and

photography to mention a few, with classes for novices and those with experience. You could lend a hand with the show itself on show day for an hour or two on a stall, in the marquee or refreshment tent all help is hugely appreciated and ensures we can continue and the **Show Can Go On**.

If you would like to contact the society for membership, please email Emma Page at fabhs.membership@gmail.com. For any other queries, please contact me Denise Taylor at the address above.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year

Denise Taylor
Chair, Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society



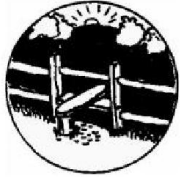
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Framfield & Blackboys WI

Enjoying The New Normal

We've held our second meeting at our new venue (Framfield Church Hall) at our new meeting time (2pm on the second Friday of the month) and everyone is very positive about the change.

This month's theme was "something from your past" and 10 members brought items for display and all gave us a brief history. We went back in time and travelled. We were up, up and away with wing walking plus some of the scary moments, a balloon flight with photos, a beautiful handmade Teddy Bear, a certificate for second prize in a brass band competition to celebrate the Queen's coronation, and a price list of having our hair done in 1966.

Another member brought a copy of the New Testament with her name inscribed inside given at Sunday School in honour of the Queen's Coronation and which led to that member's love of beautiful writing, memories of a native boy whistling classical music in his village next to the Amazon river in Brazil where a member lived for several years, an unexpected trip to a Pavarotti in the Park concert in Italy. Plus a thought provoking story of a Haberdashers' Guild dish with their motto "Serve and Obey" which has guided this member through her life although sadly there are moves afoot to change the motto due to its implications in modern day.

The final and most moving item was a picture of a father who took part in the D Day landings and moved with the army up into Belgium where an elderly lady accompanied by two young children came to the camp to beg for food. The young soldier collected up all the rations he could get hold of and took them to her tumbledown cottage. Then she managed to communicate that she was desperate for soap so in exchange for his soap ration she washed his shirts. When they were ordered to move on he collected up all the soap and rations he could to leave with her. As they were saying goodbye, she went indoors and came back with a little silver cross and chain which she gave to him and which is treasured by his family to this day.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 10th December at 2 pm Framfield Church Hall

If you would like to find out more about our WI, why not come along to one of our meetings as a visitor. Please contact

Delia Gillies on 01825 890825 or Jackie Samways on 01825 890417.

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FRAMFIELD MARKET RETURNS!

Framfield Memorial Hall

We're back. The dates for the rest of the year are detailed below and the market will run from 10 am to 12 noon unless the situation with Covid-19 changes and new restrictions apply.

A variety of stalls, with all proceeds from the cake stall, raffle and 'café' going towards the ongoing maintenance of the Hall.

Bring/meet your friends for a coffee and a chat or have a stall.

But to be blunt – 'Use it or lose it'. A lot of effort goes into the running of the market and unless we get good footfall, the continuation of the market will be reviewed.

27 November

18 December

Contact me for full details.

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