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**Framfield, Blackboys
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Palehouse Common**

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

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From the Registers

Baptisms: None

Weddings: 16th July: William Extence and
Hannah Bailey-Rumney

At rest: None

Goodbye, Au revoir, Auf Wiedersehen

Greetings to everyone in the parish. This will be my last parish magazine article as my retirement date of 31st August looms ever closer.

The beginning of September heralds a new chapter in the life of the church and community. As C of E tradition dictates, the church goes into a period of interregnum until a new priest is appointed.

There is much we could say about the inevitability of change. The world is in a different place to when Sarah and I and our four daughters arrived in November 2007. Climate change was only being talked about as something we should all take seriously, yet today we are having to address the real effects worldwide.

Warfare on a large scale was something that we would never have conceived in the 21st Century yet Russia has decided its ok to invade Ukraine and if left unchecked possibly other neighbouring countries. In the case of Russia, I always find it amazing how the lies and manipulation of one man can have such a detrimental effect on such a large number of people.

The tragedy is that Mr Putin doesn't realise that he is the one being manipulated. Akin to the ruling parties of Jesus' day He challenges them to believe in Him and His words, yet they won't accept Him or what He has to say. On the contrary they are looking for a way to kill him! Jesus then identifies the root of their problem. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! (John 8:44-45).

The point about mentioning Jesus' words as truth are important. If we don't know or accept God's word as truth, then we are open to manipulation. Over the years I've had many conversations of the like that the church needs to update itself and fall in line with a changing society. However, to my mind that's a huge mistake. It begs the question, who has the right to rewrite God's word?

Apart for all the amazing accounts in the Bible, God's word is a mirror for us as individuals to look into. The only problem is that you may not like what you see!

In the early days I used to read the proverbs over my Cornflakes, but it often proved too much. I quickly realised how far I had fallen short as a human being and how deceived I was in thinking that I was one of the good guys. As Paul reminds us 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23).

The deception is in the fact that we compare ourselves to others. It's a horizontal plane in which our shortcomings aren't seen as that bad, therefore in our own analysis we are righteous. Furthermore, If we are righteous in our own sight then we have no need of God or indeed of Jesus the Saviour.

God begs to differ! The truth of self-analysis is when God says don't compare yourselves to others but compare yourself to my Son. Now the view isn't horizontal, its vertical. I've only ever heard of one account where a man reckoned that he had never sinned in his entire life: absolutely squeaky clean. To which the interviewer said, "I bet you're really proud of your achievement". And that was his point of failure – the sin of pride.

God offers us salvation and a place in Heaven as a gracious gift for all who will accept that their righteousness is insufficient, and that Jesus' righteousness is all sufficient. However, we shouldn't take the view that belief in Christ is an insurance policy that you cash in when you die. From the moment you believe God gently goes to work, making you a better version of yourself.

Personally, I'm grateful to God that I haven't had to live the second half of my life relying on my own will or intellect. Two are better than one and having God's guiding hand has saved me from many pitfalls and poor decisions. Additionally, I and many of the faithful in Framfield know the God who provides, not just materially but physically, mentally and spiritually.

Well, it's time to sign off. Abundant blessings to all in the parish, both now and in the future. I'll leave you with the words from 3 John 1:2-4:

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Revd Chris Lawrence

Diary of Church Services

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>

AUGUST 2022

- 07 **Eighth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 14 **Ninth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
- 21 **Tenth Sunday of Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 28 **Eleventh Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise.
This will be the final service conducted by Revd Chris Lawrence. Please come along and say farewell.

PROVISIONAL SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2022

From September 1st Church is will be in interregnum. This means the Churchwarden and PCC are responsible for the Church and the organisation of services.

We will be dependent on visiting clergy, especially for Communion services. We hope to continue to provide a 10 am service each Sunday both in Church and online.

The latest service information will always be on the Church website: <https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>.

- 04 **Twelfth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)

- 11 **Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service
- 18 **Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
- 25 **Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)
Please check the Church website for latest details:
<https://www.framfieldchurch.org.uk>.

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BY 10th SEPTEMBER 2022**

TO

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Church Vacancy

Office Administrator. We have need of an office administrator after Revd Chris retires. The post will be a paid position, it will be part time, for someone with computer skills, and an ability to produce the weekly church notices, to include the prayer diary. Hours three mornings a week, say 15hrs in total.

Do please have a chat with Graham Seldon (Churchwarden) on 01825 508758 if you would like further details.

Afternoon
Tea



Special Event; Sunday 28th – 3.30pm Church Hall - There will be a special afternoon tea to celebrate the many years Chris and his family have been with us in Framfield. All Welcome - There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Contributions of food would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Church Kneelers

We have kneelers in church that sadly are no longer used. They have been made over the last 60/70 years by past members of the congregation. A varied sample of the tapestry tops have been mounted as a collage, which is now hanging in the Church to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

If anyone in the Parish would like one of those remaining as a memento. or perhaps in remembrance of a past family member the Church will be open with someone in attendance:

Thursday, 11th August 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Thursday, 18th August 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Alternatively telephone Delia Gillies 01825 890825 or Margaret Bond 01825 890807 to make another arrangement



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

14th August 2022

11th September 2022

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 children's birthday parties. Our rates are £11.00 per hour. For one off users (parties, wedding receptions etc), the hourly rate is £15.00.

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

Summer Show 2022 – Update

Further information about the return of our Summer Show in 2022.

Help Set-up Show Day:

Friday 12th August, 9.30am on the Recreation Ground.

Call 01825 891392 to help

Summer Show Day:

Saturday 13th August
Recreation Ground & Memorial Hall.

Show opens: 12.30pm.

To Help... Please consider this, your Summer Show NEEDS You!

Please contact the Show Chair, **Terry Everitt** (01825 891392 or terry.everitt@outlook.com) if you can volunteer and help make the Summer Show a successful event for our community.

Finding Us:

Correct web addresses for Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society:

Web: www.framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/framfieldandblackboys>

Scarecrow Competition Prizes:

Since the schedule was published we have agreed Sponsorship and prizes with GTD.

Adult and Family: £50 winner

Children (Under 16): £25 winner



Entering the Show

The deadline is 23.59 on Wednesday 10th August.

Use the pull-out form from the centre of the schedule.

Delivered to
Hazel Glen,
Blackboys Rd, TN22 5PN
01825 891392

Change to Late Entries on Show Day

We regret that due to changes in the way the show is run, we can **NO LONGER ACCEPT** late entries under **ANY** circumstances.

This insert supersedes the content of the schedule itself in this respect.

All entries therefore need to be by 23:59 on Weds 10th August to the address to the left.

Would you like a stall at the show?

Charity stall: Free, Local stall: Free, Commercial stall: £15, £20 after 30/6/22
Contact Emma on: fabhs.membership@gmail.com

Nature Notes

It is early July as I write, and Uckfield is full of fledged birds hungrily looking for food. Now is a good time to put out those bird feeders to help them succeed in the competition for food. I always advise against using peanuts because these can choke and kill nestling birds. However, I do use sunflower hearts which are ideal and popular with many species of birds, and can still be purchased. They can be pricy but it is worth it.

Birds visiting my 'squirrel buster' RSPB feeder includes nuthatches, blue, great and coal tits, greenfinches, goldfinches, robins, house sparrows, great spotted woodpeckers. Blackbirds, song thrushes, dunnocks, collared doves and wood pigeons pick up crumbs on the ground dropped by other birds. There are more resident birds at this time of the year in Britain than at any other time because of all the fledglings, but their numbers are regulated by food abundance, and will decline.

There has been a dramatic decline in the numbers of insects in Britain recently, I admit that I do not have the precise answer as to why. Even many predominantly seed eating birds require insects when raising their young, so this is very worrying. Possibilities include the overuse of insecticides, climate change, aerial pollution and disease. I monitor 46 blue tit nest-boxes in Lake Wood every year, and I am pleased to say that 36 boxes were used by pairs of blue tits to breed in. However, many boxes had one or more dead chicks left in the nest which indicates that the parent birds had difficulty in feeding all of the nestlings, leading to brood reduction. Blue tits feeding nestlings require an abundance of moth caterpillars that in turn feed on oak tree leaves. They often lay an extraordinary number of eggs. The largest clutch that I have recorded in Lake Wood is 14 eggs. They lay one egg per day for 14 days. However, they can start incubating those eggs at any time during those days such that eggs laid after incubation start hatching later than the rest that were laid before incubation started. The consequence is that late hatched nestlings are smaller than the others, and are sacrificed if food is scarce.

All we can do is try to care for all levels in the ecosystem so that we fit in with, rather than dominate, the wildlife that shares our planet with us.

Martyn Stenning

Speed limits in Blackboys. The Parish Council has funded the cost of a feasibility study to see what ESCC suggest will enable a 40-mph speed limit to be implemented on the Lewes Road. The Parish Council will then apply for Community Match Funding where ESCC can cover a maximum of 50% of that cost. In addition, dialogue is ongoing with the developer of the 50-house site who are willing to implement and cover the cost of a 30-mph speed limit from the entrance of the site in Framfield Road along the High Street as long as ESCC are in agreement.

Community Speed Watch is still looking for volunteers – please contact me in the first instance.

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.

Parish Magazine – if you would like to advertise in the magazine please make contact. It is the adverts which fund the magazine.

Although the play areas have just had their annual inspection, 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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St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation. Blackboys and Framfield Schools News

As is expected it has been an exciting end of year for the St Thomas a Becket Federation, Blackboys and Framfield Primary Schools. Both schools have enjoyed great sports days; Blackboys at the second time of asking due to rain on the original day and Framfield in lovely warm conditions. We like our children "To be the best they can be; living life in all its fullness" and our schools' motto is certainly true to life at Sports Day. It was also a chance for all members of the community to have a run too, with the ever-popular pre-schoolers race and very competitive parent races too.

Both schools also performed school plays. At Framfield, a packed Memorial Hall enjoyed two performances of The Greatest Show, a circus themed extravaganza while Blackboys performed a version of Wind in the Willows over 1 afternoon and 2 evenings. Both shows were a great chance for the older children to show their confidence and is always a happy memory before moving on to Secondary School. Talking of memories, plenty were created when Framfield's Year 6s attended their 2 night PGL residential. Staff at PGL Windmill Hill commented on their good attitude and manners of the children.

Over the summer we have some exciting building projects at both schools, including a re-vamp of the Class 1 outside area at Blackboys School. Both schools also have some work to show at the upcoming Horticultural Show.

Part way through term 6, we received some sad news about Mrs Pestell, the Headteacher at Framfield. Mrs Pestell was due to leave Framfield in the summer holidays, but unfortunately fell ill one weekend and made the sensible decision not to return, giving her the time and space to focus on her recovery. Staff rallied round as expected and were joined by Mr Sullivan, taking on the role of Interim Executive Headteacher of the Federation until a new Headteacher for Framfield can be appointed.

Although not in the circumstances anyone would want, it is an opportunity for the two schools to become closer aligned and to cooperate together more, for the good of the pupils.

Thank you for your continued interest in our schools.

Mr G Sullivan
Interim Executive Headteacher

Rural Verges as Wildlife Corridors – A Reduction in Rural Grass Cutting Trial

The Parish Council have agreed to take part in a trial to reduce the number of rural verge cuts during the year. ESCC conducted a similar exercise in 2021 and involved twelve Parishes.

The trial reduced the grass cutting service of rural verges in those areas to:

- One visibility cut undertaken around May/June
- One 1 metre Swathe with Visibility cuts in the Autumn

This change meant that they would not cut rural verges (except for visibility) at a time when flowering is often at its peak and it is the most beneficial time for pollinators. Flowering plants would then be able to complete their lifecycles and set seed, providing further biodiversity benefits.

However, safety issues remained their priority, with any visibility or access issues being picked up and rectified through the usual process.

If during the year there are concerns about visibility or access issues they should be reported to ESCC via their website.

Ann Newton
Parish Clerk Framfield Parish Council
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NEWLIFE

NEW LIFE CHURCH BLACKBOYS

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands! (Psalm 19 v 1)

I am sure you have all witnessed the incredible hues of pink, orange, yellow and blue these past few weeks as we have enjoyed the beautiful sunsets at the end of the day - a constant reminder of our Creator who not only flung stars into space but who cares for us individually and is available to listen to us when we talk to Him. Whatever we are dealing with in our lives today - He knows and wants to help - and that may be through some of us who are part of New Life Church Blackboys. We are really a big family who care for each other and those who live near to us. We want to be his ambassadors here in Blackboys and the surrounding villages in whatever way we can.

If you have never thought about God or church - then why not come along and meet some of us at the Primary School on a Sunday morning? We are very informal and normal!

Sunday 21 August we'll be having an open CAFE morning from 10.30am onwards where you can drop in for cake and coffee or cold drink - children welcome to join in games on the field. It would be lovely to see you!

We meet every Sunday at Blackboys C E Primary School : 10.15 - 10.45am for coffee & cake followed by our meeting from 10.45 - noon. There is a group for children and young people at the same time and we share lunch together once a month - picnics and

BBQs being our favourite in the summer!

We believe that God has called us to be an outward-looking church which proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ by living out our lives as best we can by serving each other and those we know and care about in the villages. We encourage each other in developing our own faith by reading the Bible, worship and prayer on Sundays and in mid-week groups in homes.

Please phone us if you would like someone to pray for you, or if you would like to be kept informed of what is happening in our church community.

Email : newlifechurchblackboys@gmail.com

Call: Suzanne Hammond on 07794 869384

Waldron Community Market

The Waldron County Market has become the Waldron Community Market.

Waldron Community Market meets at Holy Cross Priory Village, Lewes Road, Cross in Hand on the 2nd Thursday each month at 10.00am until 12.30pm. Currently we are all indoors with a wide range of quality foods and exciting crafts. If ideas go to plan, we hope to increase our 'offer' of producers with new stalls trading outside as well as inside to create a 'virtual' High Street. Refreshments are served until midday in the elegant Boughton Lounge, so making for a relaxing and pleasurable shopping experience. More information is available on our website:

www.facebook.com/waldroncommunitymarket/

Graeme Mackenzie can be contacted either on the via email gandsmack@uwclub.net or telephone 01435 866419 for details".

MY LIFE WITH FUR AND FEATHER

PROBLEMS

I am sorry I have not been writing my articles, but life has been rather difficult for some time. It all started in early February. Having just finished putting my Tesco's delivery away I managed to catch my foot in the chair leg and finished up across the kitchen falling heavily on the brick floor. I knew I had broken something and finished up in hospital with what they called a femoral fracture. I already had two artificial hips that had been wonderful for many years. They thought I might need an operation but luckily decided to try physio instead. Part of this treatment was walking. This went extremely well as my instructor was a charming man who happened to have dogs, my favourite subject. I so enjoyed our conversation I had forgotten all about my injury and he was very pleased with my progress.

What I did find very annoying was that if you were an older person, like me a lot of the staff treated you as though you were senile, incontinent, or incapable of any physical activity. I was asked a lot of ridiculous questions for example did I clean my teeth!

I was for some reason moved from ward to ward. I was at one time I was next to a lady who had one foot propped up in plaster and opposite was another lady with exactly the same problem! Intrigued by this I asked them both what had happened. They had both been pulled over by their dogs. They did not know each other and had totally different breeds of dogs.

Moved to yet another ward I noticed the lady opposite, propped up against her pillows. She had no interest in anything going on about her, staff or other patients; though she was awake there was no reaction. I thought how sad it was. That afternoon she had a visitor, she suddenly looked interested and brighter. I gathered it was her son and he told me she was quite deaf and did not have much sight. I was intrigued to see he produced a large pad of paper and wrote big messages on it that she could read. I asked him why she was in hospital and he explained that his mother had lots of Dachshunds and she had damaged her leg falling over one of them!! I told her son that I had owned a most adorable long

haired miniature Dachshund for over seventeen years. Using his huge pad of paper he was able to tell his mother what I had said. He then drew a brilliant picture of my little dog that he showed her. She was thrilled and gave me a lovely smile. She looked so different and happy. I admired the lovely picture he had done and I said how talented he was and he modestly said his brother was the artist in the family.

He came back the next day and kindly brought me a book he thought I might like to read and I another chat to his mother via the pad of paper.

I was discharged but was back in the hospital again within a day or so with a related problem. I was in a cubicle with curtains round me waiting for attention but could just see out and could here people's conversations. I pricked up my ears when I heard the word dog. It was a lady talking to the man who was with her who was a neighbour. This is what I gathered happened; the lady had a fall in her garden and had her little dog with her. Agitated it barked and barked staying with her for a while before running off to find help. The neighbour followed the dog who led him to the lady and he was able to take her to hospital. I have heard other accounts of this happening where a dog has gone for help.

I was back in hospital yet again a while later. I was in terrible pain in the ambulance the attendant in with me was getting very worried about me, not very reassuring! She then spoke to the driver and told him to drive as fast as he could as it was an emergency, she then phoned the hospital again saying it was an emergency and they should be ready for me. It was really very exciting speeding round the bends and tearing through the towns. It was just like a TV documentary!

I have been recovering and trying to get fit going for walks. It is amazing what you see walking slowly and quietly along peering into the hedgerows to see tracks, wild flowers and wildlife. The garden is a wild life haven with the long grass and overgrown flower beds. For extra exercise I have been climbing up on stools and balancing on the low wall surrounding the porch so I can reach the birds feeders, then I can enjoy watching the different birds from the kitchen window.

Hazel Carter 01825830477

Grass Snake by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

“Go wild in the country, where snakes in the grass are absolutely free.” I can still remember Annabella Lwin, of new-wave pop group Bow Wow Wow, singing those words on Top of the Pops back in 1982: a clarion call for early eighties urbanites to get out into the wild.

Annabella was ecologically correct. There are indeed free snakes out there, a fact that still thrills me each time I encounter one slithering through Sussex. As a child I thought snakes were exotic creatures, which hung off African jungle branches in Johnny Weissmuller Tarzan movies to convey a vague sense of something sinister. But there's nothing sinister about the Grass Snake; the commonest of Britain's three native snake species. Mesmerising eyes, gorgeous sleek scales of olive-green and a series of stripes along their flanks. For a cold-blooded reptile they sure look hot. A key identification feature is that yellow collar encircling the back of their head. Grass Snakes have been rather short-changed when it comes to their name; they're much better at swimming than they are at sitting in the grass (a bit like Johnny Weissmuller, who performed better in the water than he did on dry land). You'll find Grass Snakes gliding through wet ditches and dykes or even in your garden pond as they hunt for their favourite food: frogs and toads.

These amphibious feasts really pile on the pounds, so when their snakeskin suits become too tight they slip out of them to reveal a larger, shiny set of scales underneath. They undertake several costume changes each year and can grow to an impressive size – two or three feet is typical but there are rumours of six-foot long monsters out there. Of course they're nothing be scared of. If threatened they either pretend to be dead, hiss a lot or, according to my reptile book, “release a pungent, foul-smelling substance from their anal gland.”

In July the female Grass Snakes excavate a chamber in a mound of decaying vegetation – a compost heap is perfect. Inside, she lays 5-20 leathery eggs and the heap's heat and humidity cooks them to perfection. Set your egg timer for ten weeks and you'll return to find pencil-sized baby snakes emerging into the world.

I guess not everyone followed Bow Wow Wow's advice back in 1982 because when leading my wildlife walks I'm always amazed at how many adults have never seen a snake in Britain. But it's never too late to go wild in the country.

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



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone.

Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control.

Calls are free and confidential. **Call us on 0808 801 0688 - we have time to talk**

Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN BLACKBOYS

There are concerns amongst residents in Blackboys about speeding traffic in the High Street and on Lewes Road. Local County Councillor Chris Dowling is working with Parish Council and a community group to press East Sussex County Council and Sussex Police to review the speed limits and take action.

To help address the speed issues in the High Street, a Community Speed Watch (CSW) group of volunteers could be set-up. The CSW system is a Police project and it is robust, with speeding motorists who are 'caught' by the CSW team reported online to the Police. The system has a rising level of contacts and warnings sent to offending motorists. Motorists who offend repeatedly and are reported can face Police prosecution.

Unfortunately, due to Police procedures and insurance cover, CSW cannot operate in Lewes Road.

The Parish Council would like to see a CSW set up in the Parish again, but a group of volunteers is needed- approximately 6 people. Training, equipment and support is provided.

Interested and want to help with road safety in Blackboys? Please contact the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton - 01825 890182 email - clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

The Tail End

This is the first of what may become an occasional series about church bell ringing, so let's begin with a paragraph, not more, on ringing history.

Bells have been part of monastic life from before medieval times. Most of these early bells were lost when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries. In the 1600s, following the reformation, churches started rehanging their bells and the English practice of 'Change Ringing' began.

In most of the Christian world churches have a number of bells. They are either hung mouth down and swing side to side so that the clapper inside strikes the bell causing it to sound, or they are spun round and round continuously on their horizontal axis causing the bell to sound once each revolution. Either case gives what I would describe a joyous but cacophonous sound because the precise moment when any bell sounds is somewhat uncontrolled.

In the particularly English practice of change ringing all the bells start stationary in the mouth up position where they remain until a ringer pulls a rope. The bell then revolves 360 degrees, through the mouth down position, to end up stationary again with its mouth up having sounded one "Dong" on the way. This extra controllability allows the bells to be rung in any order and that order to be changed at will. Here we have the origin of the phrase "Ringing the Changes". There can be up to twelve bells in a tower with one ringer per bell. Six or eight bells are more common.

St. Thomas À Becket in Framfield does not have a ring of bells so there is no change ringing. This is a pity as this very British tradition is at risk of dying out. Here comes the commercial bit! We are looking for volunteers who might like to try bell ringing. The church

of St Margaret the Queen in Buxted Park has a small but friendly band of ringers who practice most Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to about 9. We have eight bell the oldest of which dates from 1686 but it still rings well!

Please drop in and introduce yourself if you are interested or contact Dave (Woody) on 0797 332 7314. We would love to hear from you. It's good, sociable and fun.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

The new Poppy Appeal Organiser is Dawn Lacey (details below) and I am sure that you will support her the way that you have supported me.

If you could spare a couple of hours at the end of October to do a house to house collection or if you would like a home collecting box please contact Dawn.

I would like to thank everyone for your efforts with the Poppy Appeal over many years.

David Jenner 01825 890632 07881 786785

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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The bin strike is now over but I realise not everyone may yet have received a collection of each bin. Biffa are working hard to clear the waste and I thank you for your patience. Please contact me with any problems.

Please could residents be aware of not blocking or causing obstruction to the pavement by placing their bins in an inappropriate place. They should be placed, when waiting for collection, within the curtilage of a property, at the point where it meets the public highway. Whilst many residents do this correctly, I realise that some may not have sufficient space eg if they don't have a driveway and only a path and a gate onto the highway so bins are sometimes placed outside the gate. This should only be for a limited time until the bin is emptied and only where it does not block access along the pavement.

Framfield pumping station – residents will be aware that there is a problem at the pumping station and waste is currently having to be tankered away. I am in touch with Southern Water and will send out further information when I have it. Always contact me for any updates.

At the time of writing Government seems to be in somewhat of a muddle (!), but I have it on good authority that we will be in a position to reduce our housing numbers although this will not now be known until the early Autumn. We are therefore not publishing our Draft Local Plan until after this time which will still give us time to present it for Examination in front of a Government Inspector in 2023 even if it is towards the end of that year in line with what is required.

Since becoming Leader I have attended meetings of the Board of Conservators of Ashdown Forest and the High Weald AONB Unit (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) plus the Joint Waste Committee, TES (Team East Sussex), East Sussex Leaders and WSP (Wealden Strategic Partnership). It's very interesting to be a part of these organisations discussing strategic issues across the

District but never forgetting Framfield Parish which of course is close to my heart.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will see a post from David Jenner who is retiring from organising the Poppy collection this year. I would personally like to thank David for doing this for so many years along with everything else he has done and does for the Parish.

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

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Framfield Parish Council MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

On each date detailed below, an informal Trust update will be held at 4.30 pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 5 pm.

At the time of issuing this notice, all meetings are to be held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, due to a regular booking in the Memorial Hall.

If there are planning applications which require the convening of a Planning Committee meeting these times may vary.

26 July
27 September
29 November

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, on
01825- 890182/clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk
'Highlands', Blackboys TN22 5LR.

Agendas will be published on all noticeboards and the website - framfieldcouncil.org.uk



A goodbye note from Blackboys Pre-School

It is with a heavy heart that the committee of Blackboys Pre-School have taken the extremely difficult decision to close permanently from July 20th 2022. We are deeply saddened to say farewell to such a fantastic Pre-School but can assure you we have explored all avenues over the past few years to save this much needed community run Pre-School and unfortunately it is not sustainable in its current format.

We would like to thank all those who have been part of Blackboys Pre-School since it opened its doors many years ago with a special thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support and help throughout a very difficult few years. We are truly grateful. This is very difficult for all involved, not least for our lovely staff, Priscilla and Sally. The committee would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks for their dedication, and the care and kindness they have shown the children.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our current pupils the best for their undoubtedly bright futures.

Blackboys Pre-School Committee



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FRAMFIELD AND BLACKBOYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Gardening tips for Jenny Bacon,

Hello all

We hope you are enjoying the Summer and your own garden or green space. With the dry spell in July and with the threat of a hose pipe ban anything that can help conserve water has to be a consideration. Mulching your pots with either bark or gravel will help keep the moisture in for longer and keep any weeds in check, it may also be worth placing your pots somewhere with some shade rather than full sun. If you are not already doing so, why not reuse your washing up water this can be decanted into a watering can or bucket and used later, or you could fill up old milk containers and use them as a mini watering vessel and they are lighter to carry around the garden and you are effectively using the water twice. The other thing I find is our hot water takes time to come though so rather than let the cold water go to waste down the drain I fill up other containers and give as many plants as possible an extra drink especially if they were only planted this year, they will almost certainly, be thankful.

Now is a good time to take cuttings so if you have a friend who has a shrub you admire ask if you could take a few snipping's or if you have something in your garden that you would like more of it's worth a try, the worst thing that could happen is they don't take the best thing is you will have some new plants for free. Some plants take easier than others and ones that I have found that are relatively simple to do are Hydrangeas, Buddleia, Salvia's and Penstemons so if you haven't tried it before have a go, all you need

is a flowerpot, gritty compost and somewhere sheltered to keep them safe, remember to keep them well watered if it's hot and dry.

PS When taking the cuttings have a plastic bag or jug of water at the ready to keep the cuttings hydrated.

Final top tip: Now is a good time to choose and order your Spring bulbs ready to plant in the Autumn

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/>

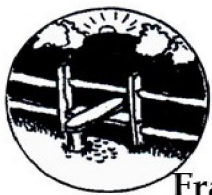
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FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Framfield & Blackboys WI

Framfield's Budding Bake-Off Champions

Back in May we had the honour of being invited to judge the cake making competition at the Framfield School Fete. The cakes, which could be of any type, were made and decorated by the pupils and the standard was very high. The winner was a delicious, brilliantly decorated 'train' cake.

Jubilee Garden Party

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our Annual Garden Party. The event was held in Delia's lovely garden and incorporated a Jubilee



hat competition. Members were asked to wear a hat decorated in a Jubilee theme. There were some stunning efforts, from Gill's immaculately hand-knitted floral embellishments (psst she didn't do them herself!) to Steph's whacky dahlia



confection and many patriotically inspired creations in between. Out of the amazing headgear confections, Jackie Samways' handmade pom-pom 'cup-cakes' hat was the emphatic winner. Following a delicious tea, Jubilee trifle made by Philomena, was served.



Upcoming Events

- Saturday 13th August Framfield & Blackboys Show. Look out for our stand selling cakes & bric-a-brac, plus tombola
- Friday 16th September Quiz Night with Ploughman's & CAKE!

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. Follow us on Facebook or Google Framfield & Blackboys WI

FRAMFIELD MARKET 2022 at Framfield Memorial Hall

The remaining dates for 2022 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.

- 30th July
- 24th September
- 29th October
- 26th November
- 17th December

Contact me for full details.

Ann Newton –
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Litter bins – our Parish litter bins have become targets for fly-tipping mainly of domestic waste. If anyone has any information could they please me know. Everyone is entitled to a bin collection paid through their Council Tax. No one should have to use our Parish bins for their own waste.

WHO'S WHO AT THE St THOMAS À BECKET NEWSLETTER

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