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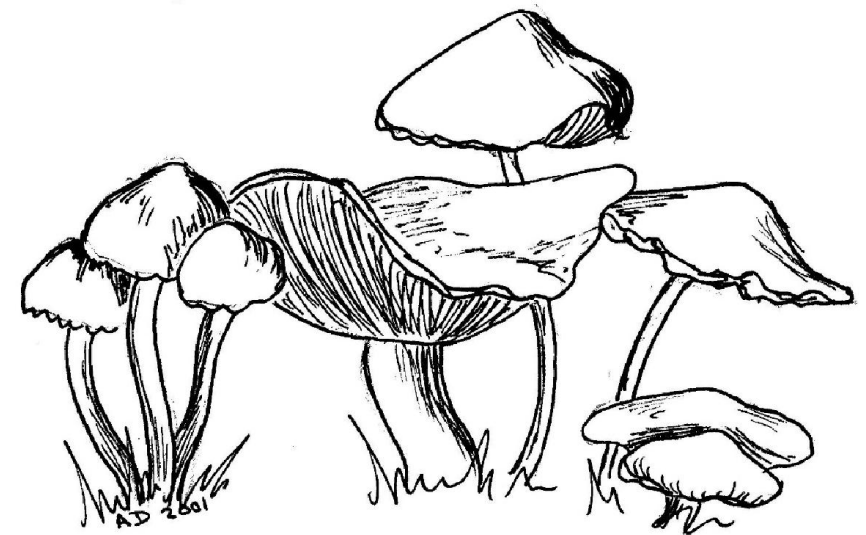
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 01825 508758

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From the Vicar's desk

Well it's that time again. The Sunday when Clergy the world over talk about Water, Ice and Steam, Shamrocks, clover leaves and eggs, with their Whites, yolks and shells and in doing so promote age old heresies. Modalism, Arianism and Tritheism to name but a triune three!

It's therefore completely understandable that some Christians think that the doctrine of the Trinity is so baffling that it's better to forget about it.

Others, however recognise that it must be important in some way, but don't see how it could possibly be of any help to us in our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

And this is a shame – not only because I believe that the doctrine of the Trinity is true, but even more, because I really believe that the mystery of the Holy Trinity can be the greatest help in showing us the way to God.

Far from being irrelevant to 21st century Christians, I believe that belief in the Trinity should be at the very centre of our lives and our faith.

If we take the time to reflect on what Jesus shows us about relationship with God, this relationship is always about our sharing in the life of the Trinity.

Now, I really do get that the doctrine of the Trinity can seem not only very confusing, but also confused in itself.

The doctrine tells us that God is both One and that God is Three: the Persons of Father, Son and Spirit.

There is in God a profound and perfect unity, so that we can rightly speak of God as One.

And yet in that unity there is distinction, of Father, Son and Spirit.

Where in the Gospels can we find any reference to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity?

This is actually a really good question, and one that non-Trinitarian faiths will often ask us. (The Jehovah witnesses for example)

The answer is actually quite surprising, because I'd like to argue that the most convincing case for the existence of a Triune or Trinitarian God is found in Jesus' teaching on prayer.

'Teach us to pray' say the disciples and Jesus answers, 'when you pray, pray like this:

'Our Father...'

We see in the Gospels that Jesus, the Son, speaks to his Father, and that his relationship with the Father is one of the greatest intimacy and trust.

The conversation between Jesus and his Father is a real conversation, not Jesus talking to himself.

If Jesus is divine (as well as human) and the Father is also divine, then we immediately see a distinction in God between Father and Son.

We are already part of the way towards thinking about the Trinity.

We see at this early stage the presence of two of the Persons of the Trinity: Father and Son.

If we are invited by Jesus to address his Father as our Father, then we must have a relationship with the Father that is like Jesus's relationship with the Father, because the Father is not only his Father but ours as well.

When we address the Father as our Father, then we are like Christ himself in some way.

As Christians we believe that Jesus is both God and man, and also that the Father is God.

When we address God as our Father, we are not simply sharing in the humanity of Christ, but rather, we are raised to the level of the divine.

And being raised to the level of the divine, the Father is not only the Father of Jesus the Son, but is truly our Father too.

It is here we see the role of the third Person of the Trinity, the Spirit.

We are like Christ, the Son, because the Spirit is working in us, shaping us.

By the power of the Spirit we are raised to the level of Christ and can address the Father as our Father.

By the working of the Spirit we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus the Son, who is both God and man. We are not only brothers and sisters of Jesus in his humanity. We are also brothers and sisters of Jesus in his divinity.

So even if we think of the Lord's prayer as a fairly ordinary prayer, we see that it reveals to us the most wonderful truths about ourselves and our relationship with God.

Every time we Pray the Lord's Prayer, at the Eucharist at Morning and Evening Prayer or at Compline, we are participating in the life of the Trinity: we are raised to the level of the divine and made like Christ by the power of the Spirit so that we can address the Father as our Father.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a great gift to us. It helps us see that we are truly brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, not only in his humanity, but also in his divinity.

Yours in Christ

Revd James

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

At the time of issuing this notice, all meetings are to be held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, at 5.00 pm 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.

28 May

**(Annual Parish Council meeting [5 pm]
and Annual Parish Assembly [6 pm] only)**

30 July

24 September

26 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

very welcome to join us and can find out where we will be by emailing us. You are so welcome to drop in and see us any Sunday to find out more about faith and find a friendly group of all ages from the surrounding villages wanting to live life in all its fullness!

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Help needed in the Churchyard.

Hello to all parishioners, friends and anyone who has a link of any sort to our churchyard. Such sites are fondly often referred to as "God's acre". Well in our case make that 3+ acres. Apart from inevitably getting a bit larger over the centuries, our plot would be familiar to many generations before us. Like us, they would have walked through and visited, feeling the relative peace and the timelessness of the setting. Thank you so much to anyone who supports and encourages us in any way. We aim to keep it and care for it to acknowledge the history of the parish and those who are remembered there. Also, as a unique corner for the current and future inhabitants of our villages. Obviously, any help at any time is welcome. But I propose to have a churchyard morning on the first Saturday of the month from March to October. I will be there at 9.30 and any help even just an hour would be great. The next two will be April 6th & May 4th.

We are all volunteers and have limited funds but support and encouragement, enthusiasm and ideas are beyond price. Please help in any way you can. Together we can really make a difference.

I will be there most Saturday AM'S so always help is welcome.

Kind Regards
Peter Berry.

Tel Mob 07815459075

A volunteer is required to deliver Parish magazines to approx 33 houses on the south side of the A22 at Halland - White House to Maple Lodge via Stavertons and Jarrow Bank. Please contact Barbara on 01825 891172 for further details.

Please note that the latest notices and information are always posted on the church website. - www.framfieldchurch.org.uk.



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

**16th June 2024
21st July 2024**

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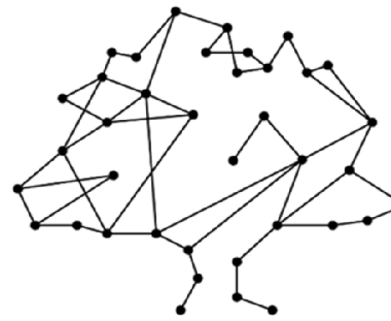
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Currently it is used for Art classes, Pilates, Exercise groups, Drama, Singing, Karate Presentations, and children's birthday parties. Our rates are £12.00 per hour. For one off users (parties, wedding receptions etc), the hourly rate is £15.00.

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.s@gmail.com



NEWLIFE

NEW LIFE CHURCH BLACKBOYS

I just thought

How did you arrive at what you believe in life - whether you have a faith or not. Has there been a major event that has turned you one way or the other? Or are you one of the millions that just basically drift from birth to death without really examining eternity? One of the biggest things I learned as a child - when I was in trouble I tried not to use the words 'I thought that' because my parents would answer 'well you know what thought thought.' (I never understood that phrase as a boy, but I think it meant you mustn't assume anything!) I have two sons - both who have been in the military - so am well aware what assumption is!

So much of what is taught about where we come from is just full of assumptions and I am slightly incredulous that in turn, people will laugh at the idea of a God-breathed creation. There is no one that can explain the development of a single cell - let alone the complexities of space. My desire for you is that you at least explore the facts and if you are going to assume anything - assume there is a Creator and see where that leads you. That is where I started and I had no idea that it would change my life.

(Brendan Hammond - one of the leaders of New Life Church Blackboys)

During the Summer months we get together for picnics after the first Sunday in the month - which is always a Family Service - in local gardens - you are



Christian Aid Week:

Christian Aid Week: 12-18 May 2024. This year, Christian Aid Week will focus on the cost-of-living crisis faced by many people around the world and the general alleviation of poverty around the World.

Delivering Parish Magazines:

We are very grateful to those volunteers who have recently come forward to fill vacancies for delivery of the Parish magazines.

Milk Bottle Tops – Collection News

Hi,
Sandy and Keith (Rogers) are still collecting Milk Bottle Tops (green/red/blue/gold most seem to be white now). We have just recently taken three large black bin bags full to Eastbourne D.G Hospital (shop), where they confirmed (despite the gentleman who used to deal with collection of tops passing away) that his family have decided to continue this work, which has been done for over 16 years.

To date over 28 tons have been collected and as at April 2023 they were getting £50 per half ton (60 sacks) The material is then made into children's play things /dustbins etc.

Thank you all again for the tops that have been collected in this area over the years, and in making sure they are presented clean and silver free.

Milk bottle tops can be dropped off at Framfield Market (Last Saturday of the month). Many Thanks –
Sandy and Keith Rogers - 01323 833121.

Diary of Church Services

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

Please note there is no service at Framfield on 14th April. There is a combined service for all three churches at East Hoathly.

JUNE 2024

- 02 First Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Revd Janice)
- 09 Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Combined Eucharist at Framfield (Revd James)
- 16 Third Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Family Service (Revd Janice)
- 23 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Morning Praise (with Peter Berry)
- 30 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Combined Eucharist at Chiddingly (Revd James)
No Service at Framfield

JULY 2024

- 07 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Eucharist (Revd Janice)
- 14 Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
10.00 am Combined Eucharist Service at Chiddingly (Revd James -
Revd Janice preaching)
No Service at Framfield

21 Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Family Service (Revd James)

28 Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Morning Praise (with Peter Berry)

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)

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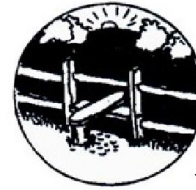
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Framfield & Blackboys WI

LOOKING FORWARD TO A BUSY SUMMER

On 5th July, we're heading off to Michelham Priory for a members only guided tour and cream tea. Michelham Priory is Tudor House and former Augustine Priory that has a history dating back to 1229, is reputed to be one of the most haunted houses in Britain. Hopefully the Grey Lady and the black hooded monk won't be on the prowl in the middle of the afternoon.

APRIL MEETING

Brian Gee, a retired Criminal Forensics Officer gave us a fascinating talk about the technical aspects of forensic crime scenes investigation and told us of some of the crimes he's investigated during his working life. Since his retirement he's written two books; Murder by the Seaside and Murders along the coast.

SUMMER SHOW

We're looking forward to the Framfield and Blackboys Summer Show on 17th August. We will have a selection of home made cakes for sale along with our ever popular jar tombola. And for the first time ever, we will have an entry in the Scarecrow Festival. The show is always a fun event and all credit to the Show Committee for making it such a success.

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

QUIZ NIGHT

Preparations are already underway for our annual Quiz Night. No doubt Terry and Rich are in the process of devising fiendishly difficult brain teasers to baffle us. Lets all sharpen up the little grey cells in preparation.

**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 07950 954827.
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Celebrating 25 Years of Impact: A Journey of Compassion and Hope

This year, as we mark the 25th anniversary of The Bevern Trust, we celebrate not just a milestone, but a quarter-century of unwavering commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of our residents.

It was in 1999 that a small group of passionate individuals came together with a shared vision: to provide life-long care for young people with profound disabilities. As we commemorate this significant milestone, it's important not only to reflect on the achievements of the past 25 years but also to look forward with renewed vigor and purpose. We are continuing to grow and evolve our events, outings and activities for residents, our staff development and training, and we have exciting plans for the building and development of our Activity spaces over the coming year.

We would like to invite you to join us to share our special celebrations as we open the doors of Bevern View to our families, friends, local residents and supporters.

Friday 28th June
from 3pm until 4.30pm at Bevern View.

**Come along and meet the residents, take a tour of the home,
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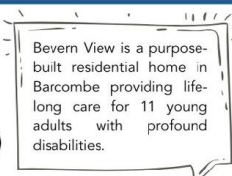


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Nature Notes

As spring turns into summer, we watch the world around us flourish. We see trees resplendent with new leaves. The sequence of flowers – snowdrop, crocus, daffodil, tulip, oxeye daisy, orchid, rose – means that the ecosystem around us is working in a dynamic way to maintain itself, attracting insect pollinators, breaking up carbon dioxide and water to make sugar and oxygen ($6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2$) feeding the plants, herbivores and omnivores and ultimately the carnivores, all of which, like us, are breeding, and populating the planet. I saw a disturbing statistic recently; the world's population of humans is increasing by about 1 million per week. The worrying thing about this is that every human, that is you me and the new one being born will require a lifetime of food, and the only source of that is the subject of this note – **nature**.

Farmers, hunters, foresters, ecologists, engineers, and gardeners all manage nature with the intention of helping it to serve all of us with food, oxygen, water, waste disposal and raw materials that we need to survive. That is ecology, an ecosystem. In today's world, we cannot live well without those that manage nature. But we can try. We can all cultivate a few food plants. I once grew some wonderful green peppers in troughs on our windowsills. I was also lucky to have a garden to grow potatoes and keep 2 laying hens. So, we were always able to have fried eggs with mashed potato and grilled green peppers. Then for dessert we had locally picked wild blackberries stewed with apple from our tree. We may not all be able to grow our own food, but we are all part of nature. Every green plant (inside or outside our homes) will make oxygen. If we look after them, they will contribute to the planet. If you have a garden that extends beyond 7 metres from any building, plant a shrub or tree and you will make a larger oxygen contribution, plus serving the local insect and bird community. Remember that all that you eat will generate waste, hold your local authorities responsible if the local river or stream seems polluted. Remember that it is your waste that you pay them to dispose of responsibly. That way you will save the lives of countless water creatures and birds such as kingfishers, grey wagtails, ducks, coots, and moorhens that depend on them for food. Then ultimately the foxes, stoats, otters, and buzzards that will prey on those. Remember, our rivers are the vascular system of terrestrial ecology.

Martyn Stenning

Today I am considering predator-prey relationships. The biblical statement in 1 Peter 1:24-25 states: "all flesh is as grass". If we interpret grass as meaning all green, photosynthetic organisms including plants, algae, and some bacteria, then all flesh is indeed made from green things, as all global energy is ultimately solar. Then flesh eating organisms (including insectivorous plants, fungi, and some bacteria) are feeding on animals that consume plants as food in a chain of consumption and so on.

I saw some footage recently of a leopard in India wandering into an abandoned temple and finding a terrified wild pig in one of the rooms, essentially trapped. The leopard looked at the now petrified pig, and then walked on. The leopard was not hungry. Most of us will have seen the wildlife documentaries on TV showing 'carnivores' hunting herbivores. These events are quite infrequent, and it takes a lot of patience to film one. However, even cats like to eat grass sometimes, and sheep love to eat snails, to the point where several snail species living on the sheep-grazed grass of the South Downs are described as "sheep snails". One of them even has a hairy shell and is known as the hairy snail (*Trochulus hispida*). Also, deer like to hunt and eat frogs. A single blue tit nestling will have eaten more than 1000 caterpillars and a quantity of spiders before it leaves the nest. It will be just one of about 7 siblings each eating about the same amount, as will the 2 parents (total c. 10,000 prey items). We may cringe when we see a lion bringing down an elephant or buffalo in Africa, but their physiology commits them to eating meat when they are hungry, and there are probably many days/weeks between such kills. But we are also omnivores, eating both plants and animals, most of the latter are not hunted as such, but raised in a protected and engineered habitat and fed on the best vegetation to maximise their bodily health and killed, ready for us to eat. We also eat the wild animals from the water such as fish and molluscs. All these are hunted by other humans on our behalf. Our effort is usually just to visit a market of some kind and collect them already prepared for cooking where required and consumption. We are still predators, because we depend on another organism to survive, whether it is a plant or an animal or even a fungus like mushrooms, alone or in cheese, yeast in bread, wine and beer and bacteria in yoghurt.

Martyn Stenning

Gun Road Bridge, Blackboys – hot off the press at the time of writing the completion to the works to re-build the bridge are now delayed until the end of June.

Lewes Road, Blackboys – ESCC have stated that the works to reduce the speed limit to 40-mph between Hollow Lane and Brownings Farm will be done in the autumn. The Parish Council is contributing towards costs under a Community Match Funding scheme using the funds from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) gleaned from the various developments in the village.

The Parish Council acting as sole trustee to the halls has reviewed the hire charges for charity/not for profit groups based in the Parish. This should benefit those groups, whilst keeping the costs for non-parish events higher. In particular, the electricity costs for both halls have increased dramatically so it is always a challenge to maintain a balance.

Allotment rents – if you have an allotment at Framfield or Blackboys please don't forget to let me have the rent. Emails were sent out in March. There is a surcharge for non-payment from 1 June.

Parish Streetlighting – many residents will be feeling frustrated that the streetlight near to their property may not be working. By of explanation, the new ESCC contractor who maintains the lights, insists that a complicated, and in some parts irrelevant, disclaimer is entered into by the Parish

Council before any works commence. The Parish Council has been in protracted discussion but cannot enter into the agreement until the content meets the need. It is hoped this will happen very soon.

If anyone spots any problems in the Parish please contact me in the first instance and I'll let you know if I can help.

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2024**
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29 June
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August – no market
28 September
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21 December

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These are uncertain times. Who knows where this planet is heading? But since the start of May I've been looking to the sky for a sign of reassurance: the return of the Sussex Swifts from Africa. Ted Hughes expressed it perfectly: "They've made it again / Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's / Still waking refreshed, our summer's / Still all to come."

Swifts may not look like much - they're basically two wings and a mouth - but it's hard to explain their abilities without making them sound supernatural. Swifts are all about flying. They feed, scream, and mate in the air and bathe in the rainclouds. At night they switch off half their brain, switch on cruise control and fall asleep amongst the stars. If they had their way they would never come down. But there's one little flaw in their plan: eggs don't float. So, for just a few weeks of the year, they begrudgingly swap the open skies for a cramped nest under the eaves where they raise their young. The problem is in recent years most of these little gaps have been lost to renovations and modern architecture. The destruction of their homes is one of the reasons why Swift numbers have fallen. They are refugees on the wind.

They cruised into Sussex in May after a non-stop, long-haul flight from Africa; not that this trip bothered them. Swifts are all about flying. For me, the Swift is the only bird that takes pure, unadulterated pleasure in flying. Other birds fly out of necessity, but Swifts seem to fly for the joy of it, screaming with delight at the top of their little Swift lungs, a shrill cry that is forever associated with English summers.

By the time you read this, a new generation of Sussex Swifts, born in a roof cavity, have crawled to the nest entrance, and bravely launched themselves on their first flights. And what a first flight - they may not land again for two or three years! For these 'teenage' Swifts, the skies of Europe and Africa will be their playground. Nothing will tame them. Well, not until they meet a partner and decide to settle down in a roof of their own

Both of the schools in the St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation (Blackboys and Framfield) are thriving, and as the summer approaches, we gear up for the most exciting part of the school year, including our traditional end of year school plays!

There has been a focus in both schools on the National Tests that the children need to take. Our year 6 pupils have thrilled staff with their hard work and positive attitude during their SATS tests. Our year 1 pupils are gearing up for the Phonics Screening Check and our year 4 pupils are practising hard for their Multiplication Tables Check. It's certainly a busy time!

However, as regular readers know, our schools are about more than just academic achievement. At Framfield, classes have enjoyed their new Woodland Wonders sessions, getting to grips with the amazing environment in the village. Children in Puffins class have also started their swimming lessons and impressed their swimming teachers. At Blackboys, pupils enjoyed a visit from Uckfield Concert Brass and now a number of older pupils have joined this super group. There has also been an impressive 3rd place finish at a recent cricket tournament held at Mayfield Girls School.

School trips are hugely important for enriching the curriculum in our Federation. Class 2 and Kingfishers class have recently visited Herstmonceux Science Centre as a useful addition to work in the classrooms. There is also an exciting Federation trip planned for some year groups to Sussex County Cricket Club to watch a T20 fixture. However the pinnacle of school trips is the annual French Trip and the Year 6s from both schools will be impressing the citizens of Boulogne Sur Mer with their linguistics skills, as well as enjoying the traditional French market in the historic old town.

Both schools have active parent teacher associations, with the Framfield PTFA holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June, with the Blackboys PTA equivalent taking place on Saturday 6th July. We would love residents to join us in these fun events.

Thank you for your continued interest in our schools. You can find out even more by following our X (formerly Twitter) feeds @framfieldcep and @blackboysschool .



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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

If anyone would like to meet up to discuss any District-related matters please do not hesitate to contact me. Wealden District Council covers many subjects – Council Tax, Housing, Benefits, Planning, Licencing, Environmental Health to name but a few. I don't always have specific information to hand but can always find someone who would.

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

Telephone - 01825 890103.

Email – aenewton1965@gmail.com

Allotment Tenancy Renewals – Framfield Parish Council

Emails have been sent out to tenants of both Framfield and Blackboys Allotments. If you haven't received one, please check your spam box.



Uckfield Singers' **SUMMER SERENADE**

Uckfield Singers Charity No. 1124831

June 29th 2024

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7.30pm

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August 17th 2024 is Summer Show Day

As I write this it is 89 days to go until our parish Summer Show 2024! Firstly, I need to thank the organising committee for all their ideas and focus to make 2024 the best show yet! We all hope you come along to enjoy the day's activity. Whilst we cannot guarantee the weather, we can be sure of a fun-filled day. You can expect all the traditional content of the day but also some new items and events with a start time of 12.30pm on the Recreation Ground behind the Memorial Hall in Framfield.

The show has traditionally centred around the competition entries according to the schedule that was delivered with the previous parish magazine. Entries can be set up from 6am in the marquee on the Recreation Ground (vegetables, flowers and flower arrangements) and 8am in the Memorial Hall (cookery, handicrafts, children's and photography classes). If you need another copy, the full schedule can be downloaded from www.framfieldandblackboys-hort-soc.com under Summer Show 2024. This is a schedule with additional guidance and hints to help you know what you can enter. If you have any questions about any aspect of the Summer Show, then please contact Terry on terry.everitt@outlook.com



If you would like to have a stall at the Summer Show to tempt our 1000+ visitors then, please contact Emma on fabhs.membership@gmail.com to obtain the required form. Fees are reduced to £15 until 1st July and are free for all charity stalls.

We are again running our fantastic Scarecrow Competition with cash prizes for best child and family entry. Enjoy

assembling your scarecrow together and then bring it along to the arena in front of the marquee on Recreation Ground on Show Day between 10am and 12pm (ask for Chris or Jean). We look forward to judging all those creative entries!

The Fun Dog Show is also part of the Summer Show this year. The classes have changed from previous years to make it more inclusive so please consider bringing your dog along and enjoying the competition.



The Summer Show is always seeking volunteer, as many hands make the running of the show so much more efficient. If you have been contacted by Lin, then thank you in advance for volunteering. If you would like to join us in making the Summer Show an even more successful community event, then the details are below.

To help out, either to with set up on Friday morning, 16th August or on the day of the Summer Show, even for an hour, then contact Lin on linlucas203@btinternet.com or 0777 6291446.

Roles we always need extra help with include:

Setting up the show up at 9am Friday 16th August.

Setting up the show up at 9am Saturday 17th August.

Staffing a stall from for an hour from 12.30pm on Saturday 17th August. (Seated or standing roles.) Assisting in the marquee / memorial hall to ensure that things run smoothly.

Helping clear the show away at 3.45 pm Saturday 17th August. Join the Show Committee! We meet once a month and always welcome new faces.

Thank you.
Terry Everitt, Summer Show Chair