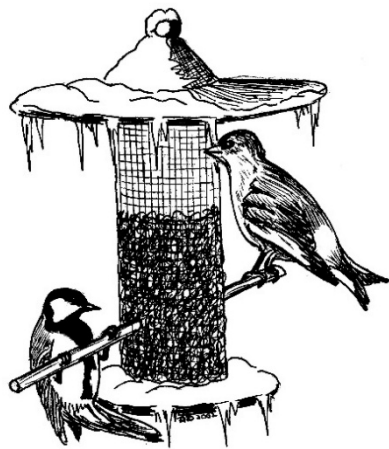


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**Framfield, Blackboys
and
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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

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Mrs Gaynor Robson



From the Church Registers:

At Rest:

6 March: Christopher Paul Wright

20th March: Christopher David Roberts

Lent and Easter

It feels as if the glitter of Christmas has barely had a chance to fade away before our hearts and souls turn towards Lent , Holy Week and Easter.

Christmas, or more specifically the incarnation, and the Death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are intrinsically linked.

The 15th C Dutch artist Rogier van der Weyden painted a controversial image of the nativity, with a crucifix added to the pillar behind the infant Christ, a reminder, if we needed one, that the Child of Bethlehem would in thirty three short years, become the crucified man of Jerusalem.

It will be my immense privilege to walk with the you, the people of my three parishes, in the footsteps of our Lord in the days and weeks of this my second Lent, Holy Week and Easter here in Chiddingly, East Hoathly and Framfield.

Lent begins this year on Wednesday the 5th of March with a quiet said Eucharist at 10am at St. Thomas à Becket Framfield and a Sung Eucharist at 7pm at East Hoathly Parish Church. There will be the opportunity to be marked with Ash at both services

Our Lent course this year is based on WM Paul Young's best-selling book **'THE SHACK'** (ISBN 978 0 340 97949 5) and will meet on Monday evenings between 6&7pm starting on Monday the 10th of March at East Hoathly Parish Church. This course will rotate across our three churches. All are welcome to come along to any or all of the sessions. It would be helpful if you could obtain a copy of the book and read all of it before the first session!

Holy Week services will be spread across our three churches and are listed separately in this issue.

This year, our Cathedral Church in Chichester, celebrates its 950th anniversary, and on the Wednesday of Holy Week, all diocesan clergy are gathering together for the Chrism Eucharist at the cathedral, and all parish congregations are invited to attend what promises to be a moving and affirming service in the long life of the Diocese of Chichester.

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held

across our three churches, with each Church celebrating the resurrection on Easter morning.

Please do attend as many services as you are able, for as with all journeys the destination is far more meaningful if you have stopped at points along the way!

With every Blessing.

Fr. James

Lent, Holy Week & Easter in the Weald Way Churches:

Lent Course:

Monday 10 th March	18.00 – 19.00	East Hoathly Church
Monday 17 th March	18.00 – 19.00	Chiddingly Church
Monday 24 th March	18.00 – 19.00	Framfield Church
Monday 31 st March	18.00 – 19.00	East Hoathly Church
Monday 7 th April	18.00 – 19.00	Chiddingly Church

Mothering Sunday: 30th March 10.00 Combined Eucharist at Chiddingly Parish Church

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: 13th April	10.00	Combined Eucharist at St. Thomas à Becket Framfield
Monday of Holy Week	12.00	Eucharist at St. Thomas à Becket Framfield
Tuesday of Holy Week	12.00	Eucharist at Chiddingly Parish Church
Wednesday of Holy Week	12.00	Chrism Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral
Maundy Thursday	19.00	Sung Eucharist at East Hoathly Parish Church
Good Friday	10.00	The Way of the Cross at Chiddingly Parish Church
	10.00	The Way of the Cross at St. Thomas à Becket Framfield
	15.00	Good Friday Liturgy at East Hoathly Parish Church
Easter Sunday: 20th April	09.30	Easter Day Eucharist at Chiddingly Parish Church
	10.00	Easter Day Eucharist at St. Thomas à Becket Framfield
	11.00	Easter Day Eucharist at East Hoathly Parish Church

God Bless

Fr. James

The View from the Churchyard – Peter Berry

Well spring is in the air and although as always winter is trying to drag its feet, change is definitely underway. This is clearly showing itself in the churchyard. Our small team have been steadily working away cutting back hedges uncovering graves that have almost grown in for which I am very grateful. I am proud of what is being achieved it is really making a mark. So while nature is not yet up to full speed this is the ideal time to come along and give any help you can.

Please do think about it and you will be surprised what can be done together. It is satisfying even to be a small part of it. You will be helping to continue the progress being made to improve even more this lovely place in our parish. If you would like to help in anyway no matter how small or come and see what is going on just give me a shout on the mobile. 07815459075. Many thanks Peter.

PS If you notice more colour this spring to the right of the church path these are from bulbs given in memory of the late Arthur Roberts
Peter.

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

Delivering Parish Magazines:

We are very grateful to those volunteers who have recently come forward to fill vacancies for delivery of the Parish magazines. We would like to thank all those who help distribute this magazine.



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

**17th April 2025
18th May 2025**

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 £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

Diary of Church Services

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

APRIL 2025

- 06 Fifth Sunday of Lent**
10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
- 13 Palm Sunday**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at Framfield
- 14 Monday of Holy Week**
12.00 noon Quiet spoken Eucharist at Framfield
- 15 Tuesday of Holy Week**
12.00 noon Quiet spoken Eucharist at Chiddingly
- 16 Wednesday of Holy Week**
12.00 noon Chichester Cathedral Chrism Eucharist.
Celebrating our Cathedral's 950th year
- 17 Maundy Thursday**
7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist at East Hoathly
- 18 Good Friday**
10.00 am Scripture, Reflection and Music
3.00 pm Good Friday Litany at East Hoathly
- 20 Easter Sunday**
10.00 am Easter Eucharist at Framfield with Revd Janice
- 27 Second Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Morning Praise (with Peter Berry)

MAY 2025

- 04 Third Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

- 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Wealdway Eucharist at East Hoathly
- 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Family Service
- 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10.00 am Morning Praise (Peter Berry)

(Everyone is welcome at any of the church services)

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admin@framfieldchurch.org.uk**

**This bi-monthly Newsletter is distributed free to all homes (around 1100)
within the Parish.**

Nature Notes

Waking up in Uckfield recently, at soon after 06:00 h., my first sound has been the song thrush (*Turdus merula*) singing its variable sequences of repetitive notes high in a local mature tree. This snail-eating specialist became scarce in England in recent years, but currently, appears to be making a comeback. The garden includes several mature trees, various shrubs, climbers such as ivy (*Hedra helix*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*), flower beds including roses (*Rosa* spp.), plus a garden pond, there is always something to observe or listen to. E.g., our woodpigeons (*Columba livia*) love ivy berries, and sometimes hang upside down when trying to pick them.

This morning, I saw a large red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) hunting the many common frogs (*Rana temporaria*) that recently laid litres of spawn in our pond. Here we have a wonderful example of a food chain. Each frog was probably a tadpole in that pond several years ago. The tadpoles would have fed on algae and detritus in the pond, then, becoming frogs, spend years feeding on invertebrates in the garden, many of which could be undesirable (to a gardener) such as aphids (super-family Aphidoidea) that damage roses and other plants. The fox then feeds on the frogs and would be considered a top predator, as not many animals hunt and eat foxes. However, this fox was finding the frogs very difficult to catch. The foxes would also eat any brown rats (*Rattus norvegicus*) that they encounter and catch. In modern communities, we are told that we are always within a few metres of a brown rat. I like seeing our local foxes, badgers, and the deer that share our communities. I'm also a keen birdwatcher and listen to the spring dawn chorus and watch courtship behaviour at this time of the year. When the natural world is in balance it is a truly stable and beautiful place to be. When I was a budding ecologist, someone told me that "some have to die for others to live". Almost everything we eat is part of, or was a complete living organism once. This may seem brutal, but without eating other organisms, nothing can live. I particularly enjoy a large plump lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), chopped, and dressed with a vinaigrette made with 2 tablespoons of olive (*Olea europaea*) oil, a teaspoon of honey and one tablespoon of cider vinegar, plus a little sea salt and pepper (*Piper nigrum*). I also enjoy salmon (*Salmo salar*) and occasional red meat. Every animal will enjoy its food, and those organisms not eaten will survive to make more new copies of themselves. That's life. Most animals will only take what they need. Lions often drink at the same waterhole as antelope, that they would at other times hunt. My fox soon gave up trying to catch the frogs, even though there were about 20 of them in the pond. Most organisms eaten tend to be the ones least able to defend themselves. This leads to the refined balance we see in nature. This includes sheep (*Ovis aries*). Sheep prefer the soft fine grass to eat, such as sheep's fescue (*Festuca ovina*). They also hunt and eat snails! Including the hairy snail (*Trochulus hispidus*).

Martyn Stenning

Sussex Wildlife Trust

April 2025: Bluebell Hues

By Kerry Williams: Communications Officer – Conservation

Like many people, Bluebells are a blast of nostalgia for me. I remember woodland days out as a kid; clambering up trees and scrawling thrilling finds like 'Woodpigeon' in biro in soggy exercise books. Bluebell season always required a visit. There's not much like the all-encompassing violet thwack of Bluebells in ancient woodland. Sickly-sweet scent in your nostrils, the hues of the rich indigo carpet somehow also hanging in the air, and the understory buzzing with busy pollinators, who, just like you, are making the most of this abundant explosion.

We love a limited edition, a special experience that we must make the most of. Like one-off characters in your cereal box, like happy hour, like Nightingales. And Bluebell fever is no different. Every April and May, Sussex woodlands erupt with millions of these vivid beauties, announcing that spring truly, finally, fabulously, has sprung. This early flowering provides a welcome bounty for struggling wildlife and allows Bluebells to make the most of the sunlight before the woodland canopy becomes too dense.

Like many of our native wildflowers, the British Bluebell is up against it. At risk from habitat loss of precious ancient woodland, and threatened by a changing climate, the plant is also in competition with an interloper; the Spanish Bluebell. A non-native species, the Spanish Bluebell tends to outcompete its native counterpart for resources such as light and space. It can also hybridise with our native species, diluting the native Bluebell's characteristics. So how can you tell these two species apart?

The native Bluebell, *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, has narrow leaves and tubular-bell shaped flowers of deep-violet blue which curl back at the edges. The flowers are generally down one side of the stem, which has a distinctive droop to it. The Spanish species, *Hyacinthoides hispanica*, has broader leaves and a paler blue, conical shaped flower. The stem is upright and covered with flowers on all sides. A big difference between the two is the Spanish has no scent, whilst the native Bluebell smells sweet. The idea of plants 'escaping' your garden invokes notions of under-the-cover-of-darkness creeping, but it's easier than you think for non-native species to go astray. Uncovered cuttings and garden waste can easily blow into communal areas or can be carried by animals, to proliferate in

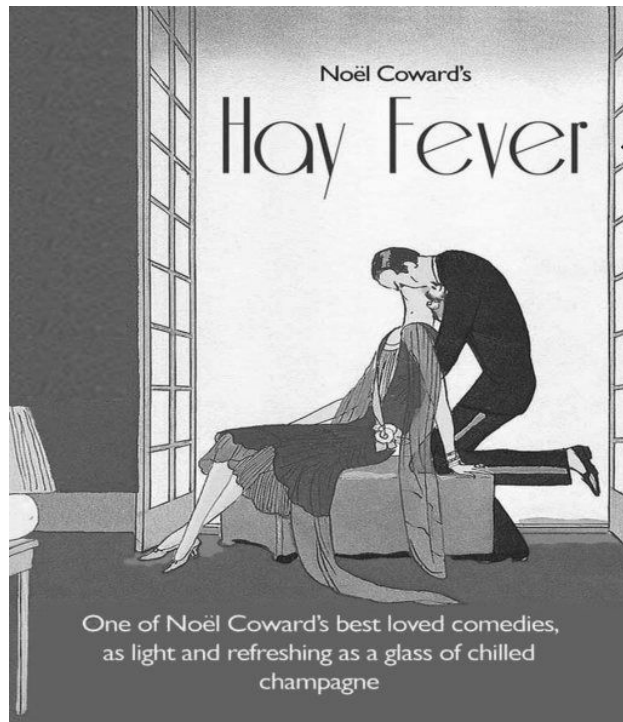
new, wild areas. If choosing to plant Bluebells in your garden, it's best to choose the UK species for this reason. In a small way you could be supporting our native species to recolonise our wild woodlands, and to keep them smelling sweet.

Sussex Wildlife Trust
March 2025

About Sussex Wildlife Trust

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

They say that school days are the best days of your life!. Well, they are certainly amongst some of the busiest. Across the federation our children continue to have the opportunity to engage in a rich and varied curriculum which enriches them further.

Since the last edition we have attended numerous sporting events. Bearing in mind that we are often up against much larger schools, we hold our own, often placing and bringing back certificates.

Both schools fielded chess teams recently in an interschool chess tournament, Blackboys placing second and Framfield third.

We have enjoyed lots of trips too. At Framfield we had owls come in to our Owls class whilst Puffins and Eagles headed to the Ashdown Forest.

At Blackboys Class 2 enjoyed a trip to Hove Museum to inspire their Design and Technology learning while Class 3 learnt up the art of mummification, bringing their History lessons on Ancient Egypt to life at Brighton Museum. And both schools enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day on 6 March where we continued to build on our love of reading. You may have seen a number of Willy Wonkas, giraffes and assorted cats at the beginning and end of the school day.

And thanks to Mr Sullivan's experience and organisation, our Year 6s enjoyed their trip to the Houses of Parliament to see democracy in action, although I think the trip to Pizza Express was also greatly enjoyed!

We continue to reinforce our school values, the value this term is Respect. What is always impressive is the quality of the feedback we receive about how respectful our children are to our community. .

Thank you for your continued interest in our 2 schools. You can keep up to date with news and views via our two Instagram feeds. Just search Blackboys School or Framfield School.

Claire Roberts, Interim Headteacher Framfield
Graham Sullivan, Headteacher Blackboys

Magazine Delivery – Driver needed

We are in need of a reliable driver who would be able to help deliver Parish magazines to our wonderful teams of deliverers across the parish. The task involves being available every 2 months for a few hours to distribute the magazines. Initially the person will be accompanied to get used to the route but hopefully will be able to eventually take over the round. It does require commitment but is very rewarding in bringing the local community together.

If you are interested please enquire from Barbara on 01825 891172 or Delia on 01825 890825.

Blackboys Village Hall, Blackboys Pavilion and Framfield Memorial Hall

With immediate effect, if anyone is wishing to hire one of our halls, please note that we now have a single point of contact for all of them:

Email clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk

Or

Phone (Office Hours) 01825 890182

(Please leave a message on answerphone with your contact details)

Blackboys Village Hall: Two heated rooms with a seating capacity of 100 and 50 respectively. Very competitive rates for both regular and casual bookings.

Framfield Memorial Hall: Large hall with a capacity of 150. Very competitive rates for both regular and casual bookings.



Space to Thrive Appeal

An Extraordinary Evening of Dining & Giving



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and attended our fundraising dinner and auction. We are also incredibly grateful to everyone who donated auction items.

Our enormous thanks go to our fascinating speaker, Danielle de Niese, internationally renowned opera singer, our wonderful patron and host, Natasha Kaplinsky and our two outstanding auctioneers, Gus Christie, Director of Glyndebourne and Pete Denison-Pender, Barcombe.

Your generosity and kindness made the evening truly unforgettable, and will have a lasting impact on Bevern View, taking us one step closer to our fundraising target for the **Space to Thrive Appeal**. We're already well past the halfway point toward our target, and there are still plenty of amazing events ahead this year, including the opportunity to visit two spectacular local open gardens. We'll be sharing all the details on our website and social media.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Devolution – you may have seen in the media that the proposals for progressing towards a Sussex Mayoral Strategic Authority and ultimately three unitary authorities for East, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove, have been included in the ‘fast track’ programme by Government. Work is now being carried out as to how these unitary authorities could be formed. The East Sussex County Council elections scheduled for May 2025 have been cancelled.

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.
Tel: 07762 746334. Email: aenewton1965@gmail.com

ALLOTMENT TENANTS

Tenancy renewals have been sent out by email. If you haven't received yours please check your spam box. Rents must be received by 1 June 2025 or a 100% surcharge will be levied. Any plots where the fees have not been paid by 1 July 2025 will be deemed vacant.

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



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2025

29 March

26 April

31 May

28 June

26 July

August – no market

27 September

25 October

29 November

20 December

Please contact Ann Newton with any queries
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Framfield Parish Council Update

From previous updates, we have highlighted ongoing signage and speed reduction changes along Lewes Road (B2192) through Blackboys. Some signage has already been replaced as part of the East Sussex County Council safety scheme, but further works remain ongoing. Unfortunately, the planned reduction of the speed limit from 50MPH to 40MPH has been delayed until June due to necessary permits required for road closures.

We are also aware of ongoing concerns regarding contractors at the building developments on Framfield Road. Temporary roadworks are scheduled from 24th March to 5th April to facilitate the installation of a site entrance for the 50-house development. This work is a condition of the planning approval and will ensure construction vehicles can park within the site on a designated hard standing. Some footpath repairs along the site frontage will also take place, with further improvements planned as part of the wider programme.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with various stakeholders regarding construction traffic movements and parking within the village. While some signage has been erected to inform construction staff of permitted access routes, discussions are ongoing with Wealden District Council, East Sussex County Council, Sussex Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the developers, and our local MP. We are addressing both the immediate parking/access concerns, and the broader strategic challenges that large-scale developments bring to small communities. Disappointingly, East Sussex County Council has stated that they will not intervene as there are no parking regulations in the district, and Sussex Police have formally confirmed that parking issues are considered a low priority and will not attend to illegally parked vehicles that we highlighted to them. However, this is not the end of the matter—we will continue to raise our concerns and seek solutions for the future.

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On a positive note, residents may have noticed that the Parish Council's element of Council Tax has not increased this year. While our share of the overall tax remains relatively small, we hope this decision is welcomed by residents. However, we are facing an uncertain future with ongoing discussions about the government devolution plans, and the potential merger of County and District Councils into a Unitary Authority. We will not dwell on the political aspects of this process, but we are closely monitoring its potential impact on our parish and community. While town and parish councils will still exist under the proposals, it is disappointing that there has been little to no engagement with us from higher authorities. We are keeping a close watch on developments and will seek guidance from our national representative associations to ensure our voice is heard.


Regarding street lighting, we are pleased to report that nearly all lights in the parish are now operational, with only two outstanding issues being addressed. We are also progressing strategic assessments for the long-term maintenance and replacement of our streetlights. As part of the transition from East Sussex County Council to our new contractor, we are also switching to a new energy supplier—though this is a complex and time-consuming process. If you need to report a street lighting issue within the parish, please contact the Parish Clerk directly at 01825 890182 or clerk@framfieldcouncil.org.uk.

Lastly, in a previous update, we mentioned plans for a community survey regarding potential improvements to our recreational facilities. Although this initiative was delayed, we are keen to move forward with it soon - so watch this space!


As always, we appreciate the community's engagement and will continue to provide updates on these and other matters in due course.

Keith Brandon

Chairman, Framfield Parish Council




Deer Aware



When are deer around?

Deer cross the roads all year round. However their presence peaks in April and May when territorial deer and young deer are dispersing and from October to November when deer will be on the move for the autumn mating season. This is around the times the clocks go forward and back. Take particular care at dawn and dusk.



Seen one? Look for another


If a deer crosses in front of you, it is likely that another will follow. If it is safe to do so, slow right down or stop and wait. Deer are unpredictable, drive with caution.



Be aware

Deer often cross the roads in the same locations. Deer warning signs are put up where deer are known to cross regularly.

When you see a warning sign or are travelling through a heavily wooded stretch of road, slow down, stay alert and be prepared to stop.



What to do if you hit a deer

Call the emergency services on 999 if:

Anyone is seriously injured or there is a danger to others using the road e.g. a deer (alive or dead) is blocking the road or is a danger to the traffic.

Call the non-emergency line on 101 if:

The deer is injured and on the side of the road not causing a danger to traffic. The police will deal with any traffic issues and have access to specialists who will know the best course of action to take if the deer is still alive.

What to say

Give as much detail as possible about your location, perhaps using an app such as what3words if you have it.

Give them your mobile number, if possible, so they can call you back.







Framfield & Blackboys WI

BRAINTEASER BLISS - QUIZ & CAKE

Tickets for our 2025 Quiz Night. Sold out so fast that we had to pull the advertising after just a week – we could have sold more tickets if we'd had the space. Over 70 people, mostly locals,



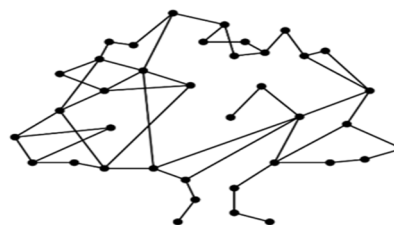
joined us in the Memorial Hall to pit their knowledge against Terry and Hayley's innovative and off the wall quiz questions. Then there were generous plates of ploughman's and salad followed by unlimited slices of delicious homemade cakes. Speaking to both regulars and first timers they said 'definitely see you for the next one'.

FUTURE MEETINGS 2 PM - FRAMFIELD CHURCH HALL

11th April	Meeting with Speaker: Brian Gee, Retired Police Forensics Officer
9th May	Members Meeting, Resolutions, Quiz, Competition
13th June	AGM & Garden Party, Charity Speaker TBC
11th July	Meeting with Speaker: David Allen, Victorian Etiquette

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. Follow us on Facebook or Google Framfield & Blackboys WI

Philomena Whittle



NEWLIFE

Have I done enough?

I was having a jovial conversation last week in a local builders' yard with one of the guys that knows me and he implied that there will be lots of animals waiting for me in the afterlife – to torture me in eternity! I'm sure there are plenty of people out there who would think that's quite fitting. So I said to him 'who's waiting for you in Heaven?' He replied 'Jesus.' He's not a Christian, but it got me thinking.

It's interesting, with everyone I speak to, they subconsciously assume there is an afterlife. Even atheists can't stop that thought process. In Ecclesiastes 3 v 11 (in the Bible) it says 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart.' That's why man has worshipped the 'Gods' from day one – in some form or other. It is also apparent that most people believe there will be a reckoning, or judgment – most religions have this. So basically we approach whatever 'gates' hoping we've been good enough. The Bible's teaching is clear – none of us are good enough because of our sin. That's the bad news.

The good news is that the instant someone recognises they are sinful (the biggest hurdle to anyone) and asks Jesus into their life – He immediately takes on their sin and judgment is gone forever. My prayer for you is that the Easter story will be real to you this year (and I don't mean the Easter Bunny – apparently he's waiting for me).

Do drop in and see us any Sunday at Blackboys C E School, School Lane (10.30am) 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 for Jesus!

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It is The NATIONAL AIR AND SEA RESCUE,

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25 March

27 May

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

29 July

30 September

25 November

Public welcome. For further details, please telephone the Parish Clerk, Ann Newton, on

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