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Boozy Bertha Wins for WI!

This 'party animal' won first prize for Flackwell Heath Evening WI in a County craft competition. See full story on page 7.

Flackwell Heath Evening WI Coffee & Craft Morning

Saturday 4 July 10 – 12

Community Centre

See the dressed tree and 'Boozy Bertha'
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Sunday July 12th 12 Noon – 4pm

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FHRA'S 2015 SURVEY – YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR OPINION

Greatly encouraged by the initial response during April, we extended the deadline for completion of the Survey until the end of May. We have now closed the survey and are pleased to report that we have received in excess of 500 responses. Without knowing the actual population of the village (the Census data is for Flackwell Heath & Little Marlow), it's difficult to gauge an exact percentage response rate, but we think it's much better than the norm for on-line surveys which can be as little as 5%.

Judging from the age profile of the respondents, we do seem to have met our objective to reach the different

FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

age groups – so it seems our efforts to distribute the survey in many different ways, using social media as well as more traditional methods, has paid off. Many thanks to all of you who have helped us spread the word.

The hard task of analysing the results now starts – and of course so many responses, including several hundred individual comments on the various questions, make this a harder task. It's a challenge we're happy to accept though as we need to try to represent as many of your views as possible, which is why we ran the survey in the first place!

We intend to write a summary of the results together with a more in-depth report on each of the topics the survey covered, summarising your individual comments. The results will then be made available to villagers, and also submitted to the relevant authorities (Councils, Thames Valley Police for example). We look forward to updating you in due course!

FHRA/FHCA TABLE-TOP SALE

The Residents' and Community Associations joined forces at the beginning of June and ran a table-top sale at the Community Centre to generate some funds for the

forthcoming Village Fête & Picnic. We were over-subscribed by people wanting a table, and although trade was sometimes slow, we saw many people browsing the tables, and sampling the refreshments, including several delicious home-made cakes!

VILLAGE FETE & PICNIC on 12 July

We hope you've already got the date, time and venue in your diaries! Just as reminder then that we hope to see you at the Recreation Ground from 1200 noon onwards. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and come along with family and friends to enjoy a fun afternoon featuring fun races, have-a-go sports and a dog agility course, to name but a few of the attractions!

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

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It's Litter Picking time! Once again, FHRA would love your help to tidy our village. Please come and join Carolyn and her team on Sunday 5 July – 10 30am – 12 30 at Jubilee Gardens. Everyone is welcome, including children and well-behaved dogs. Gloves and litter picking equipment provided.

FLACKWELL HEATH & LOUDWATER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



'Local Men and the Machine Riots of 1813' was the most recent of a series of successful talks given so far this year. There was so much interest in the 'Early Schooling in Flackwell

and Loudwater' and 'Over 100 Years of Local Railways' talks that both were repeated. The Railway Talk is scheduled for a third run on Monday 7 September. Tickets for this event will be available at the beginning of August at the Library.

We have also planned talks on 'Stained Glass Making' on Monday 19 October and 'Wycombe Chair Making Heritage' on Monday 23 November.

We are interested in hearing from any local retired chair makers who have stories of their experiences working in this once large and familiar industry. Please contact Mike Dewey on 01628 525207 or at deweymiked@aol.com

Fact Finding Forum

The last Fact Finding Forum was particularly well attended. The theme

of the evening was House History. Whilst discussing research into the history of older houses in the villages, hard facts and anecdotal stories were exchanged that were both interesting and amusing in the telling. Our researcher, Mary Mason, explained some of the resources she uses to untangle their past. Following an article earlier this year, more Loudwater folk have become increasingly involved in these evenings. They have added more valuable information to our archive. Perhaps more of you could come and join us in the autumn.

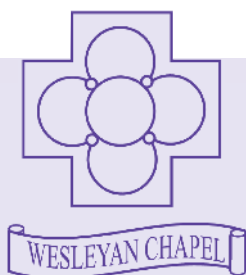
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Methodists

Throughout July our usual Sunday services are at 11.00am and 6.30pm, led by Ministers and preachers from the High Wycombe Circuit.

Saturday 4 July - 'WHO LET THE DADS OUT?' from 10.00am until 12 noon. Fun activities and food for Dads and their pre-schoolers on Independence Day! Join us for a morning with a difference.

Tuesday 7 July - GIRLS' BRIGADE DISPLAY & AWARDS NIGHT from 6.00pm. Come to see what our girls and their leaders have been doing over the past year - and join us for a barbecue afterwards.

Sunday 12 July - 11.00am will be the last service led by our minister, Rev. David Miller before he and his wife, Liz, move to Chippenham, Wiltshire, for their next appointment. If you have been part of our church family over the past few years you will know how David has served us with encouragement and challenge and enabled us to move significantly towards being the church in the local community we aim to be. Please join us at this final act of worship with him.

Tuesday 14 July - from 9.00-11.30am TIME OUT FOR BUSY MUMS. Crèche available for little ones. Contact: 07769585252 if you need a crèche place.

Sunday 26 July - CELEBRATE SERVICE at 6.30pm, led by Rev. Singa Vunipola. Deacon Ruth Richey will be leading our musicians for this service.

Most of our regular weekly meeting will take a break for the Summer at the end of July. Please see our website: www.fhmc.org.uk for events and contacts.

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The Christian Aid collection and fund-raising in Flackwell Heath by Christ Church raised a staggering £2906. Thank you to everyone who gave and to everyone who helped!

On your own for lunch or coffee? The **'First Tuesday Lunch Club'** meets every 'first Tuesday' – the next occasion is Tuesday 7 July. Bring your own packed lunch and enjoy good company and conversation while you eat. Tea and biscuits provided. It follows on from **'Coffee Stop'**, which is open for everyone in Flackwell Heath, and serves fantastic fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers, providing a friendly place to meet old friends and make new ones. It runs every weekday morning during term-time from 9.00am to 11.30am and on Wednesday only during school holidays.

As part of providing worship for all ages the next **'Beastly Bible Story'** is on Sunday 5 July when **'The Saviour gets a Soaking!'**.

Wednesday 8 July (2pm to 3pm): **'Pathways in Prayer'**. Come and experience new ways of praying in the contemplative tradition. This month: **'The Lord's Prayer'**.

Thinking about having your child christened/baptised or baptism for yourself? As a first step why not come along to our next **'Exploring Baptism'** event on Sunday 19 July (3.30pm to 5.00pm) at the Christ Church Centre. Please book with the Church Office.

Thursday 23 July: **CU@ the PUB** – lively discussion on 'life, the universe and everything' from a Christian perspective. Meet at The Three Horseshoes Pub from 7.30pm.

'Holiday at Home' is a three-day August event for those ages 55+. It offers a full programme of great holiday activities on

the theme of 'All the Fun of the Fair' from 10.00am to 3.30pm on 11 to 13 August. The cost is £15 per day to include lunch.

Places are limited so booking is essential. For more information and booking contact Sue via the Church Office. Please book early.

During the school summer holidays Sunday services at Christ Church remain at 9.00am (traditional Holy Communion), 10.30am (Family Service or Family Holy Communion – both suitable for all the family) and 6.30pm (Evening Service).

Planning a Wedding for 2016/2017? Have you considered getting married in Church? Christ Church would be delighted to assist you in your thinking. There is information and other helpful advice on getting married in Church on our website.

Please contact the Church Office in Chapel Road for details of regular services and further information on any of the above: 01628 533004 (9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday) – or visit the Church website: www.ccfh.org.uk

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 19 July, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at Dorney. We will be meeting at the ex-Budgen's car park at 10.00am. This walk will last approximately 2 hours and is undertaken at your own risk. Please wear walking boots or strong shoes. NB This walk may be subject to change at short notice due to prevailing weather conditions. The next date for your diary is Sunday 23 August.

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Neighbourhood Watch News

July 2015

More on unwanted phone calls, etc.

Many of us moan about some of the infuriating legislation foisted upon us by the EU, but perhaps here's something that we can all appreciate. The Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive has been implemented in the UK as Regulations of the same name (PEC Regs). At the beginning of April, these Regulations were amended to give the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) greater powers to prosecute and close down offending organisations.

Essentially, the PEC Regs sit alongside the Data Protection Act. They give people more privacy in relation to electronic communications and there are specific rules relating to:

- marketing calls, emails, texts and faxes;
- cookies (and similar technologies);
- keeping communications services secure; and
- customer privacy as regards traffic



and location data, itemised billing, line identification, and directory listings.

You can report organizations who continue to make unwanted calls and who flout the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) by contacting the ICO on the number listed below.

Summer Security

Don't forget about the security of your house, garden and car, etc. when you are out and about enjoying a bit of sunshine:

- Secure all vulnerable doors and windows when away from your home
- Don't leave the front door unlocked whilst you are enjoying a BBQ in the back garden
- Make sure your car is securely locked when parking anywhere, and DO NOT leave a pet animal in the car, even with a window cracked open. The temperature inside a car left in the sun can rapidly rise to over 40 degrees C, and no animal – apart from a camel – can survive in that heat.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

For further information on these topics or about Neighbourhood Watch, contact:

David Gresswell
Area Co-ordinator, Flackwell Heath
Tel: 525019
e-mail:
flackwell-nhwatch@talktalk.net

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Daton Moves On.....

Daton Beckford, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), is moving on after 8 years. His application to become a Police Constable has now been accepted. Daton is well known around Flackwell, particularly among the youngsters, the shopkeepers, and those organising public events. You may remember his good nature at the Cherry Fayre, where he allowed youngsters to sit in the police car, sound the siren and work the lights. Although still with Thames Valley Police, he will be starting his new job in Milton Keynes in July and spending the majority of his time in that area for at least the next 2 years.

Daton, we wish you all success in your new job, and Thank You for all your work in Flackwell.

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Summer Crafts at the Village Picnic

We will be at the Flackwell Heath Village Picnic, running another of our popular Craft events for the younger children. Come along to the picnic on July 12, where we look forward to providing a range of craft activities throughout the day.

Summer Reading Challenge

You can encourage your child to continue reading over the summer holidays by entering the Summer Reading Challenge. Each child who has read 2 books receives two stickers to add to their Guinness World of Records 'Record Breakers' chart. More stickers are received for reading 4 books and when you reach the challenge of 6 books, you get two more stickers, a certificate and a Medal. In addition there is an associated web site giving more fun and enjoyment. You can pick up your Record Breakers chart and register for the challenge, at the library from 18 July.

Ordnance Survey MAPS available

Going walking, or visiting another part of the country? Did you know that you can borrow O/S maps from the library? While many libraries have reference copies, there are also a wide range of maps which can be reserved and taken out, including both Landranger (1:50,000) and Explorer (1:25,000) versions.

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email: fhcl@flackwellheath.net

web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries

Tim tries two more pubs.....

THE CHERRY TREE

Right in the middle of the village, Gerry and Pat Knowlden have created an atmosphere of calm where people come in to talk to each other. On Friday evenings the building trade drops in for a pint and to see if there is any work next week or more likely, are there any bricklayers, plumbers, electricians etc available.

The bar room can be used for 3 different things at a time – conversation, films, TV, parents' meetings etc. This house prides themselves on being an adult pub. Parents are requested to take their children home by 7 pm.

Every 6 to 8 weeks there is a dinner and famous singer (or at least someone who sounds like one).

Saturday night goes very quiet after the football is finished at 8pm. If you are planning a private party for 70+ respectable people, The Cherry Tree will be glad to help you.

THE STAG

The Stag has two great attractions even before you go inside. The view down towards the Thames and up the rolling hills on the Berkshire side. The best view in Flackwell Heath - always worth seeing but especially in the evening sun.

The second delight is a play area that young kids cannot resist. It is not just chance that tables in the garden are situated close to the children so that parents and (everyone else) can feel more relaxed.

If you have not been to the Stag recently you will find the dining room has been opened out making a much more attractive place to eat and talk to friends. The meal times are interestingly unusual at the weekends: Sat: 12 to 9.30 and Sun: 12 to 8. There are meals for children also willingly served to adults at the children's price. For adults most main courses are around £11.

As for regular events – on Tuesday evenings 'Mags' the motor bike club meet; new members welcome.

At 7.00 on Friday evenings there are solo performances of popular music. There is no entry fee but you have to book a table for 6 to 10 people and buy a bottle of Prosecco wine for £15. Note Well: you have to book early, all tables are likely to be gone by the Friday evening. Every other Sunday at 8pm there is a quiz with one of the staff as quizmistress/master.

TIM KENDALL

Wanted!

Bookings Manager(s) for Community Centre

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MVAS

As part of a long project, Flackwell now has its own MVAS, no longer sharing with the rest of the Parish. This was marked in May by the formal handover of the equipment at the new site in Heath End Road. The purchase was funded partly by donations from the ward budgets of David Watson (County Councillor) and John Savage (District Councillor). The Flackwell Heath Residents Association paid for the bases (groundscrews). The kit records the numbers of vehicles passing and their speeds, but not registration numbers. When a vehicle exceeds the speed limit, the sign lights up as a caution to the driver. David Onslow of NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) continues to be MVAS Project Leader, with Ashley Hopkins as FH Team Leader and Bob Kin who helps by moving the kit from site to site.



L to R: Janet Smith (FHRA), Katrina Woods (Parish, District and County Councillor), Bob Kin, David Watson (County Councillor), David Onslow (NAG and MVAS Team Leader), David Johncock and John Savage (both District Councillors)

Julie Martin

Flackwell has many people who run their own businesses, from one person with a skill or talent to small family firms and enterprises with sizeable workforces and overseas exports. Among them is Julie Martin, a woman who has been successful in various fields. Widowed at the age of 28, she had 3 young children to support, so she started working as a distributor for Betterware, working up to be a Regional manager. Tiring of working in a big organisation, she then became a driving instructor.

Her name then was Julie Glenister and many Flackwell youngsters (and not only youngsters!) have learnt with her and she continues with this as Julie Martin. The name change came in 2006 when she married her partner of many years, Stuart Martin, also from Flackwell. They'd met in 1985, but he'd once said jokingly that he'd marry her 'when Chelsea win the Premiership' – and in 2005 they did!

As many people do, Julie lost weight to look her best on her wedding day. Over the years she'd used different diet/exercise regimes but

the weight always crept back again afterwards; being a driving instructor is a sedentary occupation with erratic hours. However, in 2013 her daughter Melissa was getting married, and Julie wanted to look her best as Mother of the Bride. She started using the Cambridge Weight Plan system, it worked for her, and she thought 'I can do that!' and became one of their consultants.

They trained her but she's independent. She uses one-to-one weekly or fortnightly consultations and weigh-ins and sells Cambridge diet products. Julie decided she had to have a 'consulting room' and she and her son built one themselves on the site of her old greenhouse. It's small enough not to need planning permission but it's very pleasant.

This tells you a lot about Julie – can-do, determined and enthusiastic. Above all, as you can see by her history, she's great at motivating people, a talent she puts to good use. You can reach her at juliemartincambridge@hotmail.com.

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SMALL JOBS
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Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

The Centenary Meeting of the National Federation of the WI was held at the Albert Hall on 4 June. The Queen came, accompanied by Princess Anne and Sophie, Countess of Wessex (they are all members). After giving her speech, the Queen went off stage to sample the the Centenary fruit cake, made to the winning recipe from a member in Yorkshire. Other inspirational speakers were Tanni Grey-Thompson (paralympic athlete and now a peer), Lucy Worsley (historian and TV presenter) and Helena Morrissey (city executive, campaigner for women on boards of companies - and mother of nine children). There were also songs from the winners of the National Choir Contest and a fashion show of garments made by a collaboration of WI members and Kingston College students.

The real business, however, was the Resolution on Care. There were impassioned speeches on both sides of the debate, but it became obvious that, while everybody felt that things could and should be improved, this was not the way ahead. A move to proceed to the next business (i.e. to end debate

without taking a vote) was carried by a large majority. This leaves the way open for an improved resolution next year.

Those members watching the streamed proceedings at Cineworld in High Wycombe could follow all this live – and probably much better than if they'd been present in person. (This showing was organised by the Evening WI).

Two days before, three of our members had attended the Royal Garden Party for the WI at Buckingham Palace; despite the uncertain weather, they enjoyed their day.

Celebrations continued in the County on 16 June with a Garden Party at Waddesdon. The weather was ideal, the rose garden was in full bloom, there was a band and a choir, many people wore summer dresses and hats, and a great time was had by all. Flackwell Heath Evening's collaborative entry in the craft competition for 'a party animal' was 'Boozy Bertha' a girl who's obviously been living it up (see page 1). She came first and won us the Waddesdon Shield, beating Jackey Hill's 'Mouse celebrating her 100th Birthday' into second place.

MORNING

Due to illness of the arranged speaker for June, Edward Dixon stepped in and spoke on 'The War Artists of the First World War', which members enjoyed. A group shared cars to visit Chenies Manor in May. Some had a guided tour of the house, and there were also cakes to Victorian recipes to taste. The proposed outing in August to Southend-on-Sea will depend on numbers.

The speaker in July will be Ken Brazier on 'Climbing Kilimanjaro aged 67'.

EVENING

In June, a talk from Valerie Edwards on 'Chenies Manor, its History and Gardens' convinced us that we should take more notice of sights in our local area.

As part of a WI county-wide series of floral events, we are 'dressing' a tree outside the Community centre; come and see the result and visit our coffee morning and displays in the Sarney Room on July 4.

July's speaker will tell us about 'Science and Superstition in the Roman Empire' – sounds intriguing!

Brenda Aldridge and Sue Arnautov

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 4	WI Coffee morning and display, Community Centre, see page 1
Sunday 5	Carrington Schools' Summer Fayre, see page 1
Sunday 5	FHRA Litter Pick, 10.30 – 12.30, see page 2
Sunday 12	Village Fete & Picnic, see page 1
September	
Monday 2	Local History 'Railways' Talk repeat, see page 2
Saturday 12 & Sunday 14	The Mavericks 'Wind in the Willows'
Wednesday 16	WI Centennial Coffee Morning at Community Centre
October	
Monday 19	Local History 'Stained Glass Making' Talk
Saturday 17	Quiz, FHCA and FHRA
November	
Monday 23	Local History 'Chair Making' Talk.
Saturday 28	Christmas Lights etc.

Ashton Opticians

CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH BIRTHDAY

Monday 22 June marked the tenth birthday of Ashtons Opticians in Flackwell Heath. The practice is independently owned and operated by husband and wife partners Mark and Ros Ashton, both optometrists. They celebrated with an Open Day, and also displayed a new piece of diagnostic equipment called a 3D Optical Coherence Tomography system (3D OCT). This allows the optometrist to examine in detail the layers in the retina at the back of the eye, giving the possibility of detecting some serious eye conditions.

On a lighter note, the practice team and some of their clients celebrated with coffee, cakes and a raffle. They hope to continue giving Flackwell people the benefit of their personal service for at least another ten years.

Rally.....for Dogs and Owners

So, you have a dog, who responds to 'heel', 'sit', 'down' and 'come'. You can go for walks.....but then what? If you have some time and want to do more with an intelligent but perhaps bored pet, you can consider 'Obedience', 'Agility' or 'Rally'. If obedience training sounds too restrictive, and agility, with its jumps, tunnels and dog walk, is too athletic (for you or your dog!), there is now a discipline known as Rally.

This is recognised by the Kennel Club who say 'It involves you and your dog working as a team to navigate a course with numbered signs indicating different exercises to perform'. The dog can be a pedigree or cross breed, but it must be able to cope with the presence of other dogs without fuss. Courses may be indoors or outdoors, and the starting levels are done with the dog on a loose lead. The owner/handler is encouraged to give commands and encouragement to the dog, both verbally and/or with hand signals (therefore suitable for a dog that is deaf or hard of hearing). Accuracy is the aim, and speed is taken into account only in competitions, to resolve a dead heat.

Lynne Moulson, who lives in Flackwell, got involved with her dog, Tiff. She is now an experienced trainer and by the time you read this, she will be a qualified Kennel Club judge. One of the classes she teaches is at the Scout & Guide HQ near the Chapel Road allotments and I went along to watch one afternoon. The handlers, who walk the course first without a dog, were concentrating on the exercise

signs and the route they would have to follow. The dogs seemed very relaxed when following the course; their attention was entirely on their owner, from whom they were getting their instructions. After trying one course, Lynne altered the sequence and the exercises, for another attempt. It is a combination of heel, turn (clockwise, anti-clockwise, through various degrees), sit, down, stay, move on, and come. One dog had a joint problem, but he could follow the course which is not physically demanding. An owner using a walking stick coped very well and completed the course with her dog. It was a relaxed, social occasion. If you want to proceed to competitions, apparently they are much the same.

If this sounds like something you and your dog would enjoy, get in touch with Lynne (01628 524474, email: aceofdogs@btinternet.com); one-off trial sessions are available. She teaches Rally for Ace of Dogs (a local dog agility club owned by Helen Soper, 07802 483151) and is fully insured.

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Photo: Tiff by Brian Moulson

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