

THE Grapevine

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Double Yellow Linesat last!

On 13 October, double yellow lines were painted on long stretches of Chapel Road. Flackwell Heath's County Councillor, David Watson, said "I'm delighted to see delivered the improvement to child safety on Chapel Road for which many people have been asking. The work behind the scenes has proved to be a considerable challenge and I hope local residents will be pleased that, although matters took rather too long, we finally got there in the end".



Christmas Lights

28th Nov Saturday at the Community Centre

3:00 pm Childrens Tea Party
With Santa's Grotto & entertainment

5:00 pm Carol Service
With Rev Chris Bull accompanied by West Wycombe Brass Band & Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
to finish in the Community Centre with Santa

More Details at: Flackwellheath.net
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SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

10.00 - 1.00

Would you like to indulge in some Christmas retail therapy without leaving the village - and help raise money for many charities at the same time?

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CHARITY FAYRE

There will be a wide variety of stalls selling Christmas gifts, cards, flowers as well as home-made cakes, jams, books and much more

We look forward to seeing you there

Grant for Eco -toilet!

The Allotment Association have just heard that they will be getting a Big Lottery grant to install an eco-toilet at their site in Chapel Road.

Tickets £10 donation to include interval drinks, available from Christ Church Office, Choir members and Peggy Woolhouse
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THE HEATH SINGERS present WASSAIL !

Thursday 3 and Friday 4 December
at Christ Church, Chapel Road, at 8 pm

Proceeds to Rennie Grove Hospice Care and other local charities

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

fhra-chairman@flackwellheath.net
Janet Smith, 01628 520451

Having recently joined forces with the Community Association to run another successful Quiz Night, we're well into our planning for our next event at the Community Centre. Saturday 28 November will see the Village get into the festive spirit with a sparkle.

We begin at 3pm with a tea party for primary school age children in the main hall, (soft drinks and biscuits for everyone else). Father Christmas will be in his Grotto, ready to listen to the children's wishes for Christmas presents. Entry tickets to see Santa will be given at the door and children called for their turn rather than queue so they can enjoy the party and entertainment on offer.

At around 4.30pm we'd like everyone to make their way outside and join others at a service in the Jubilee Garden beginning at 5pm.

Our Christmas decorations light up the village centre while Rev Chris Bull leads the service, the West Wycombe Brass Band plays the music and there'll be Carols to sing so make sure to pick up a carol sheet and join in. It might be an idea to bring a torch to read by!

Winners of the schools' colouring competition will switch on the village Christmas tree lights before we invite you back into the Community centre for mulled wine (for the adults), juice and mince pies. All those competition entries will be on display and Father Christmas will be there if any children missed seeing him earlier.

The Christmas lights planning started immediately after last year's event and we've added more again this year. We are hoping that all the village businesses get involved with the Festive Shop Window competition making the village look its Festive best throughout the holiday season.

Put the date in your diary! Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

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Carolyn Leonard, Tel: 01628 526512

Our litter pick in October showed a worrying increase in the amount of litter collected, particularly Haribo wrappers. We may consider increasing the number of litter picks as we continue to encourage our youth groups in the village to participate in our attempts to tidy the village. We also gave the Jubilee Garden an autumn spruce up but we would welcome more of you to help both with the litter and gardening.

FLACKWELL HEATH & LOUDWATER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

History of Chairmaking in Wycombe by Stewart Linford

Monday November 23, at 7.30pm at Flackwell Heath Library

The remarkable story of our national chair, the Windsor - from Chiltern woodland to High Wycombe workshop, the dedicated craftsmen, the historic firms plus the variety and ingenuity of their creations and the inside story of how the customers enjoyed them.

Tickets from the Library £5 - £3 to Friends of FHCL



Fact Finding Forum

Tuesday 17 November from 7.15pm at Flackwell Heath Library

Topic: **Our villages in WW2**

Do you have local memories of the Home Front in WW2? Then come along and tell us all about them. Fact Finding Forums are social evenings when anyone with an interest in our chosen topic is welcome to come along with information e.g. stories and/or photographs which we can copy there and then to add to our archives. Have a chat with fellow Fact Finders over a tea or coffee and help us with our WW2 research in preparation for our January talk on 'Our Villages In WW2'. FREE entry

CAP Money a free money-management course at Christ Church

The next CAP Money course runs at Christ Church on Tuesday evenings, from 3 to 17 November. It is a great free resource to help you grapple with managing your personal finances... and just in time

to help you with your Christmas expenditure! Come yourself or invite others and come with them. For further details: email cap@ccfh.org.uk or phone the Church Office.

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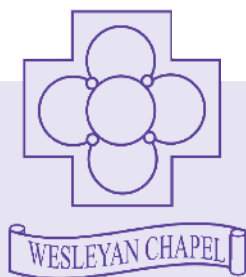
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Methodists

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TIME OUT - CHRISTMAS MARKET MORNING

Tuesday 10 November, 9.30am – 2.00pm. Crèche available 9.30-11.30am. Refreshments and light lunches.

'WHO LET THE DADS OUT' Saturday 21 November

10.00am-12noon for all men with their under 4's, a morning of free play and fun, with food too.

CELEBRATE United Service - Sunday 29 November

6.30pm. Come and share prayer and praise with Live Music.

Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

In October, both Institutes held their Annual Meetings, at which officers were elected, reports of activities and financial statements were discussed and future plans considered. Both Institutes retained the same officers as last year, with the Morning Institute adding one member to their Committee. Business was followed by Social Time.

Morning WI

November's speaker is Sheila Keating on 'In the Footsteps of Shackleton'.

Evening WI

We hosted the Group Meeting on 22 October, when the speaker was Mary Forlenza on the topic of 'Women!' We intend to have a stall at the Christ Church Charity Fayre. The November meeting will be our Birthday Meeting, with refreshments contributed by members and entertainment by 'The Delectable Selection'.

Brenda Aldridge and Sue Arnautov

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.

Our regular more-traditional service at 9.00am on Sunday 1 November will have an emphasis on **Prayer for Healing**, introducing it as a regular first Sunday element in that service, to complement the every-Sunday prayer that happens at 10.30am.

Sunday 8 November is Remembrance Sunday. Our only morning Service that day will be at 9.00am, finishing promptly at 10.00am to allow any who wish to do so, to attend the village Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.45am. The War Memorial Remembrance Service will be led by the Vicar, Rev Chris Bull, who is also Chaplain of Buckinghamshire Royal British Legion.

Are you considering having your child christened/baptised? As a first step why not come along to **'Exploring Baptism'** afternoon tea on Sunday 8 November at the Christ Church Centre.

All those bereaved, at any time in their lives, their families and friends, are invited to our **Annual Memorial Service** on Sunday 15 November (6.30pm), which will be shared with 'Iain Rennie Hospice at Home'. In a



service of hymns and music, readings and prayers there is an opportunity to remember 'those we love but see no longer'. The service includes

the lighting of candles in memory of loved ones, the reading of their names and space for quiet reflection.

CU @ the PUB – has a new venue, 'The Crooked Billet' in Sheepridge Lane. Come along for lively discussion on 'life, the universe and everything' from a Christian perspective. The next meeting is Thursday 19 November at 7.30pm.

One for the Men and one for the Ladies: for the ladies an **'Advent Wreath Making Worship'** at 7.30pm on Friday 27 November and for the men a full English **Men's Breakfast** with guest speaker ex-Chief Constable Robin Oaks on 'The Forgotten 'F' Word' on Saturday 28 November at 8.00am. Breakfast costs £5. To book either please contact the Church Office.

Coffee Stop is open every weekday morning from 9.00 to 11.30am; it is located at the Church Centre and serves fantastic fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers. It provides a comfortable and friendly place for everyone to meet old friends and make new ones.

More details of the above are available from the Church website (www.ccfh.org.uk) and the Church Office in Chapel Road: 01628 533004 (9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday)



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The Royal British Legion

The British Legion was founded by King George V and Earl Haig in 1921 with the aim of providing for the welfare of those disabled from World War 1, and for the widows and families of those who had died. It was 7 years later that the Flackwell Heath branch was formed. They met originally in the Three Horseshoes, then the Green Man, and then in Nissen huts on the site of what is now Carrington Junior School.

Deeds show that it wasn't until 1952 that the Gomme family donated the land in Common Road where the British Legion is now. Barclays Bank was also there in an old building, and a 'land swap' was arranged giving both the Bank and the Legion their current sites. In the early 1970s, planning permission was received and the club's function room was developed.

The club now has a bar, a club room and a function room which can be hired out for parties and meetings for up to 100 people. It also has a pleasant garden area at the back of the building. Its own club room is used every Saturday night for live music (as well as other events), and boasts comfortable furniture with, appropriately, curtains with a poppy design. Annual subscription to the Club is only £22, and Saturday night will cost only a £1 donation, with very reasonably priced drinks. It opens daily at 11 am and is open until 11 pm (9pm on Sundays).

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Sunday service will be on 8 November this year. It will begin with a parade from the Legion to the War Memorial, where a short service will be conducted by Rev. Chris Bull; this year will be the 21st time he has led the service. A total of 35 wreaths will be laid, from the Legion, the uniformed youth groups and the schools, as well as from individuals. The West Wycombe Silver Band will be playing. The Legion would love to see as many villagers as possible coming to the War Memorial on 8 November at 10.30 am this year. And please don't forget to buy your poppy.

The oldest person laying a wreath will



Alan Newton hard at work
Photo Sue Arnautov

be 99 year old Reg Bryson, who is, unsurprisingly, the Legion's oldest member. Charlie Darby, also in his 90s and subject of a recent Grapevine article, will also be laying a wreath in memory of his brother. The parade and service are followed by a presentation in the club room by Ken Ross (President of the Flackwell Heath branch), where plaques are presented to three youngsters from the village youth movements. This was initiated nine years ago by Max Chivers, a past president. There is also the presentation of the Harry Merryweather trophy. Many villagers will remember Harry, a stalwart past Legion member, particularly for the hours he put in walking the streets of the village at this time of year selling poppies raising large

amounts for the Earl Haig Fund, and for his work with the Fennels Wood Conservation Group.

The War Memorial

The village War Memorial is made of Portland stone, which apparently contains acids which are released when it rains and help to keep it clean. Despite this self-cleaning, other cleaning is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Our grateful thanks must be recorded to Flowerland of Bourne End, who plant out the garden round the Memorial twice a year, and also to Alan Newton, a Legion member, who faithfully tends it, keeping weeds at bay and the area looking lovely.

Alison Peach

Lest We Forget..... those from Flackwell who died in World War 1

On the 100th anniversary of each death, the bell at Christ Church is tolled at 11 am. The Local History Group has collected information on each man which is displayed in Flackwell Heath Library. For 1914, 1915 and January 1916 the names are:



1914		12 August	William A Mayo Albert Sarney
06 November	Albert Wilks	26 September	Frederick W Beale
1915		3 November	William J Collins
26 January	Frederick Rogers	4 November	Joseph Langston
16 May	Ernest Barton Ernest Wilks	1916	
19 May	Viscount Wendover	07 January	Charles P Saunders
6 August	Thomas Durrant		

Neighbourhood Watch News

November 2015

Summertime has ended!

Although the 2015 summer was not memorable for good weather, I hope that you all remembered to put your clocks, watches, security timers, etc. BACK one hour on October 25th. With the evenings getting darker that bit earlier, it is a good idea to review your house security again, and not make it an easy target for the opportunist burglar.

Top Security Tips

- An alarm is undoubtedly the most effective deterrent, as burglars don't want to be seen or heard, so setting off an alarm and attracting attention is the burglar's worst enemy.
- Windows that are left insecure or partially open are often used as a means of entry into your home. Keep ground floor windows especially, closed and locked when not at home.
- Doors are often targeted by burglars so it is important that they are well constructed and fitted with good quality locking hardware. A 5-lever mortise deadlock is recommended.
- Sheds and outbuilding are often targeted as they may be less secure and contain property of value or tools that could be used to access



your house. Keep sheds securely locked.

- Security lighting front and rear is another good deterrent as burglars prefer to work in the dark.

Operation 'Grim Reaper'

Once again, our local police will have been on the alert over the Halloween and Bonfire Night periods, when Operation 'Grim Reaper' was re-activated. I hope that your festivities were not marred by inappropriate behaviour. Remember, you should always report undesirable activities to the police on 101. Whilst they may be unable to respond immediately, the information helps them build up a better picture of anti-social behaviour and to target their limited resources in the most effective way.

Flammability of Children's Fancy Dress

There have been some disturbing reports recently about the safety of children's fancy dress items with regard to their flammability, and Consumer organisations are pressing for stricter controls. Current regulations only require such items to comply with the flammability criteria for TOYS rather than for items of CLOTHING, and this position is seen as totally inadequate. You will no doubt recall the incident in 2014 when Claudia Winkleman's daughter was severely burned when her Halloween costume caught fire. Should you ever be faced with a

similar situation, **DO NOT** try to beat out the flames with your hands – this will only make matters worse. Roll the individual on the ground to keep any flames away from the head and face; and use a rug, large towel or another item of heavy clothing to **SMOTHER** the flames. A fire needs three things – heat, oxygen (air) and flammable material. Remove any one of these and the fire is stopped. Smothering excludes air and also reduces heat.

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

David Gresswell – Area Co-ordinator, Flackwell Heath

(Tel: 525019 e-mail: flackwell-nhwatch@talktalk.net)

Police General & Non-emergency number: 101

Public Safety Team (Anti-social behaviour): 01494 421087

Crimestoppers (Anonymous): 0800 555 111 – watch out for a 'spoof' Crimestopper site

Trading Standards (Consumer Direct): 0845 4 04 05 06

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Football Club installs Lifesaving equipment

With support from Flackwell Heath Golf Club, who raised and donated £300 for Flackwell Heath Minors this summer, the football club have now purchased a defibrillator for their clubhouse.

Club Chairman Declan Breen said "It's a fantastic acquisition for the club and, while we hope it's never used, it's comforting to know it's there. This defibrillator is a vital piece of life-saving equipment and it's not just our coaches and players but our spectators and supporters who could benefit from this".

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 22 November, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at Langley Park. 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 Tuesday 29 December. C. Barker

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Great Little Traders

Great Little Traders began as a group of six local business owners - friends and school mums - who came together to form a mini-cooperative, sharing ideas, costs and supporting each other. The idea to create this closed group of traders came about in April 2015, and we have since hosted fairs, traded at markets and hosted private events. We are together by choice and not chance and that is the key to our trading - our services complement rather than compete. Look out for our next Christmas shopping event coming soon!

If you would like to get in touch with any of the traders, we do have a Facebook page, where you can send us a message and also have a closer look at what we have to offer, www.facebook.com/greatlittletraders or simply contact Anita Stewart on 07971135268.

Upcoming events:

10 November 9.30-14.30

FH Methodist Church

26 November 19.00-22.30 FHCC

About Mrs Min's Vintage

This local business is run by two sisters who have amassed a beautiful collection of vintage china, tablecloths and bunting to hire out for weddings, christenings, afternoon teas and other events. They have just added home-made cakes to their repertoire, specialising in gooey gluten-free tray-bakes - to create the perfect vintage-inspired tea party.

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The Wendy House Nails was established February 2014 as a nail business with a few ladies' accessories for sale. The demand for the accessories grew and so the range expanded rapidly. A few clothes were added in November 2014 to fill a gap until finally a complete French clothing range was introduced

in March this year. I hope ladies love what they find when they discover The Wendy House as much as I love sourcing everything for them.

Stucci Jewellery. My name is Sharon and I am addicted to jewellery! Ever since I was given the gift of a box of plastic beads at the age of 4 I have been obsessed. I am glad to say that today, however, I mainly work with Sterling silver, semi-precious gems, individually sourced beads, Swarovski crystals and anything else that catches my 'magpie like eye!' I also like to breath new life into old pieces and recycle discarded bits and bobs to create jewellery that brings colour and joy into the lives of whomever wishes to wear it.

Willow & Walnut offers beautiful handmade designs. From buttons, butterflies, pebbles and hearts to personalised scrabble and word art pictures. The beauty of any of the designs is that they can be personalised to your choice. There are many beautiful pieces to tempt you, for your home or for a unique gift for a special occasion.

¿Making Sense? My name is Claire Tyler and I am the director of ¿Making Sense?. After 13 years in the care sector I started supplying a range of sensory and learning resources which help, encourage and develop skills as well as enhancing senses. I also provide a range of baby gifts differing in age, stimulation and price. I also use these products to make individual, made to order Nappy Cakes and Baby Baskets which are very popular due to their individuality. I had a shop but it became clear my clients required a more 1:1 service, so I now run from home where customers can arrange an appointment to view my stock and discuss their requirements in more depth without interruptions.

Juniper Hill School

November sees national anti-bullying week between the 16th and 20th. We at Juniper Hill are a school who believe that bullying is intolerable, and as such we promote a positive ethos that will help to prevent bullying behaviour and address it pro-actively with all those involved if bullying does occur.

Catherine Johnson from the NSPCC will be visiting us on 12th November, sharing with us about the NSPCC's work with children abused or otherwise who need support, emphasising that children can talk to people they trust and get help. We will be taking on some NSPCC challenges that the children can opt to get sponsored for, which we will carry out during Anti-Bullying Week.

Plenty will be going on to emphasis anti-bullying across the whole school during the Week: assemblies, circle times and a focused anti-bullying themed afternoon for each year group will ensure that the children have plenty to think about.

We will end the week with a 'Wear Blue' Anti-Bullying non-uniform day, where for £1 the children can come to school in blue clothes and receive a 'Bullying UK' wrist band, to support victims of bullying in the UK.

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Carrington Infant School

'Do you remember.....?'
'Look at that. I'd forgotten that.' Just two of the most often-used sentences overheard at the recent Golden Jubilee of Carrington Infant School.

It was 50 years ago on 14th October that the school was officially opened. The event was commemorated by many ex-staff and governors with a delightful evening of photos, chat and memories. Two of the guests were ex-pupils who had met in the Reception class, and some years later had married and now have a child at the school. Is that unique?

A plaque commemorating the 50 years was unveiled by Mrs Jean Squire, who was the school secretary when the school opened. The plaque had been designed by a pupil and each child in the school had added a piece of the mosaic.

The evening began with the current Year 2 choir singing, then there was time for people to look at the displays of photos, old books, newspaper cuttings and even some old school registers, and to walk round the school and look at the changes that have occurred over the last 50 years.

During that time, the school has only had five different headteachers. A cake was cut by three of them – Mrs Marian Mole, Mrs Lynn McMeekin and the current head, Ms Gill Brookling.

Here's to the next 50 years!

Alison Peach



Jean Squire, long-serving School Secretary, and Gill Brookling, Head, with the plaque.



Carrington Pre-School

The last day of the summer term saw Carrington Pre-School celebrating their 40th anniversary in style, with a beach party held in the school grounds. All the children who attend Pre-School on any day were invited and both staff and children dressed accordingly. Thankfully it was a beautiful sunny day.

The guest-of-honour was Mrs Yvonne Purchase, who worked at Pre-School (Play Group etc.) from its beginning in 1975 until she retired in 2007. For many of those years she was Supervisor.

All the children were given a teddy bear key ring (in evidence on several of the bags hanging in the cloakroom area).

Over the last 40 years Pre-School has seen many changes, not just in name. Throughout that time though, the emphasis has always been on children learning through play, and on the day I visited, I saw plenty of that.

Alison Peach

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Greetings Cards featuring Local Scenes

We now have a new selection of greetings cards produced by the Flackwell Heath & Loudwater Local History Group. These feature a wide range of scenes from

around Flackwell Heath, Loudwater and Wooburn Green. They are blank inside so you can use them for any occasion.

Facebook

Flackwell Heath Community Library is now on Facebook. Please 'Like us' and get friends and family to 'Like us'. This will ensure you stay updated with the latest activities and information and also helps to spread the news about what's happening in your community library. Facebook will always have the latest details about library events and activities.

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Dates For Your Diary

November

Saturday 7	Bonfire Night on Carrington Field
Saturday 14	Charity Fayre at Christ Church see page 1
Friday 20	Allotment Association AGM, at the Age Concern Day Centre, 7pm for 7.30 – 9.30pm
Monday 23	Local History talk 'Chair Making in Wycombe' see page 2
Saturday 28	Christmas Lights, Tree etc. at Community Centre see page 1

December

Thursday 3 & Friday 4	Heath Singers Christmas Concerts, see page 1
Saturday 5	Age Concern Christmas Party (fundraising), see page 8
Saturday 19 & Sunday 20	Mavericks Panto, Community Centre



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