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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Village Picnic 2016

We could not have wished for better weather for this year's Village Fete & Picnic. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves, with friends and family (the numbers were definitely up from last year). Time to chat with old friends and make new ones and show the best of what our village offers. There are far too many people to say thank you to here, but you know who you are. A fabulous day!

FHRA



Carrington Pre-School stall



Magic, see also page 7 Photo: Brian Nathan



Get the ping-pong ball in the mug at Rennie Gove



NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEW LOCAL PLAN

Hopefully you received a leaflet giving an outline of the proposed New Local Plan delivered to your home. We hope you read it and attended one of the exhibitions to find out more and to ask questions of the planning officers staffing most of the venues. We would remind you that all comments must be submitted by midnight on Monday 8 August. We emailed our members and also put a link on our new Facebook page, Flackwell Residents' News, drawing attention to this.

From talking with people we realise that the different types of land are not fully understood so we have prepared a few notes to help explain them:

BROWNFIELD LAND – is land which has previously been used mainly for industrial or commercial uses. This means it may be contaminated and need costly decontamination before it can be reused.

GREENFIELD LAND – is undeveloped land in a city or rural location which may be used for agriculture, landscape design or just left to evolve naturally. In other words it could just be a field or a park.

GREEN BELT LAND – its main function is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open and therefore its most important feature is its openness. All the Buckinghamshire Local Planning Authorities have worked together to commission a Buckinghamshire Green Belt review by an independent

company Arup. To inform their report all areas of the Buckinghamshire Green Belt were tested to see if they still fulfilled the functions of the Green Belt. Some of these areas have been found to no longer or to very weakly fulfil these functions. These are the areas which are being considered for future development.

AONB – (Area of Natural Beauty) – is an area of countryside which has been designated for conservation due to its significant landscape value.

LITTERPICK – We are hoping to hold another litter pick on Saturday 3 September from 10.30am to 12.30pm, meeting in Jubilee Garden. Again, refreshments will be available in the Methodist Church. We do hope you will join us to clean up the village again.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
September	
Saturday 3	FHRA Litterpick, see page 2
Monday 12	Local History – Fact Finding Forum, see page 6
Tuesday 13	Flackwell Forum, 8pm Library, see page 7
Monday 19	Local History 'Frackle' People and Places' – talk by Jane Dunsterville see page 6
October	
Monday 17	Local History talk 'Wycombe Man, carving a Niche in the World' by Colin Mantripp, see page 6
November	
Wednesday 9	Flackwell Forum, 12 - 2pm see page 7
Saturday 19	Charity Fayre at Christ Church, 10am – 1pm.

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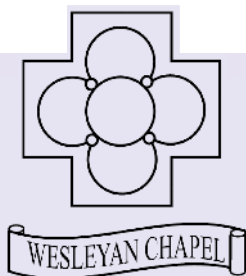
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FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

TIME OUT FOR BUSY MUMS is taking a break in August but resumes on 13 September from 9.15 – 11.45am. This group for Mums meets on the second Tuesday of the month during term-times, and gives them breathing time while their children are cared for in the crèche. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

WHO LET THE DADS OUT? is also taking an August break and recommences on Saturday 17 September from 10.00 – 12 noon. Dads, Granddads, Uncles and any male carers can spend time with their under-fives to give Mum a break and share snack-time together. Bacon butties available!

Sunday 25 September at 6.30pm – **CELEBRATE!** A lively music-based service for all the family.

On Saturday 8 October we will be holding our annual **DAY OF PRAYER**. The church will be open during the day from 10am. to 5pm, and there will be various activities to help us pray for the needs of our village, our world and for those people known to us who need our prayers. Please just drop in at any time even if you can only spare a few minutes.

Sunday services will continue in the morning at 11am throughout August, but there will be no evening service (6.30pm) until 4 September. Other activities and information can be found on our website www.fhmc.org.uk; or please contact our senior steward Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403 or our minister Rev Nick Thompson on 01628 483985.



Margot Suter, the new Curate at Christ Church, was ordained in Oxford Cathedral on Saturday 2 July. She will be working alongside the Ministry Team at Christ Church and in the community.

During the school holidays **Sunday Services** continue as normal, with services at 9am (traditional Holy Communion), 10.30am (Worship for Everyone or Holy Communion for Everyone – both suitable for all the family) and an evening service at 6.30pm. As part of providing worship for all ages, the theme for our 10.30am services is 'Is that really in the Bible?'

Coffee Stop will open on Wednesday mornings only. Open to all from 9am to 11.30am, it is located at the Church Centre and serves fantastic fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers, and provides a comfortable and friendly place for everyone to meet old friends and make new ones. From Monday 5 September it will again run every weekday morning.

On Saturday 24 September Christ Church hosts a **Harvest Guest Evening** (7.00pm for 7.30pm), open to all, with guest **speaker Robin Oake**. Robin is the former Chief Constable of the Isle of Man and prior to that Assistant Chief Constable in the Greater

Manchester Police. His son was murdered by an Al Qaeda suspect and posthumously awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

He is the author of 'Father Forgive: The Forgotten 'F' Word'.

A two-course supper is planned costing £5 with booking essential to help with catering. The evening will also introduce our Autumn ALPHA Courses.

Robin Oake will also be our guest speaker on Sunday 25 September at 9am and 10.30am.

Autumn Alpha Course, a series of ten thought-provoking interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith will run morning & evening starting the week of Monday 26 September. It's low-key, friendly and fun! There is no pressure and no charge. Explore Life. Try Alpha. Contact the Office for details.

Planning a **Wedding** for 2017/2018? 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.

More details of the above are available from the 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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An Apology....

In our May issue, we had an article about the video 'Flackwell Heath and its Special People' made by Mr Geoff Hughes. We mentioned his father's service in the wartime Fire Service, but this was an error: Mr Hughes Senior served in the Home Guard, and the commemorative plaque is installed at the corner of Green Dragon Lane and Chapman Lane where the Home Guard used to meet.

We apologise for this mistake.

Sue Arnautov, Editor

Highfield Road Street Party

Saturday 18 June saw 46 residents of Highfield Road hold their fifteenth street party. This year the ages ranged from aged from 3 – 90. Our first street party was held to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and as everyone enjoyed it so much, it was agreed to make it an annual event. Only on one occasion – the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – have we been forced indoors by rain, although there have been some years when fire pits have been much in evidence!

A group of residents got together to organise the event, which included a barbecue, bouncy castle for both adults and children and games and activities for the children. This year's favourite with the children was glittery tattoos. We have assembled a photo album of our street parties over the years, which gives a lot of fun seeing how people have aged and changed!

Alison Peach

Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

MORNING WI

We had a fascinating and intriguing illustrated talk by Tony Eaton on the real story behind the disappearance of Glen Miller in December 1944. Following extensive research into official documents obtained with difficulty from the US Government and military sources, which proved contradictory or possibly altered, there emerged a murky story quite different from the accepted one. Not a normal topic for the WI but one which held our attention. 'Moonlight Serenade' will have different connotations in the future.

In August we will be having a Garden Party with a bring-and-share lunch. We will hope for reasonable weather, although there will be some cover.

The topic for the speaker in September will be 'Food for Free'.

EVENING WI

Ken Brazier came to tell us about his several cycling trips on various pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain. He used his rides to raise money for the charity 'Mercy Ships' which provides medical and surgical services to the poor, mostly in West Africa.

Many members enjoyed a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, organised by the Disraeli Group of WIs. It was held at the Marlow Rowing Club, in the Scullers' Café. The tea was splendid and the atmosphere vibrant. It was a bright breezy day and the balcony offered great views of All Saints' Church, the bridge and the Thames.

Our Institute also hopes to have a garden party in August at a member's home, maybe playing croquet.

September's speaker, Kareen Stuart, will talk about wills; apparently she has some interesting historical examples.

Brenda Aldridge and Sue Arnautov

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 21 August, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for walk at Dorney. We shall be meeting at the ex-Budgen's car park at 10am. 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 dates for your diary:

Sunday 25 September - Bourne End to Marlow, return by train.

Sunday 23 October - Rickmansworth Aquadrome, Frogmoors Lane, WD31NB. *C. Barker*

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Neighbourhood Watch News

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Identity Crimes: Identity Theft and Identity Fraud

In parallel with the reduction of 'traditional' acquisitive crime, our society is seeing a significant increase in 'Identity Crime' which is often a feature of some of the 'cons and scams' already reported.

- **Identity theft** is the act of obtaining the personal or financial information of a real person with the intent of assuming their identity, usually as a means to gain products, services or other benefits in their name.

If you are a victim of identity theft, it can lead to fraud that can have a direct impact on your personal finances and could also make it difficult for you to obtain loans, credit cards or a mortgage until the matter is resolved.

- **Identity fraud** is the act of deliberately using a stolen or fictitious identity to:

Obtain credit cards, loans and state benefits.

Open bank accounts.

Order goods in your name.

Take over your existing accounts.

Take out mobile phone contracts.

Obtain genuine documents such as passports and driving licences in your name.

The tremendous growth of 'Social Media', e.g. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Tumblr, Reddit, etc. means that a lot of personal and private data is



out there in the electronic web of the internet. It is very important to ensure that whenever possible, your 'Privacy Settings' are set so that people you don't know cannot obtain personal information about you. Although people of all ages can be victims of Identity Crime, information from CIFAS (the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance Service) would indicate that in 2015, Identity Fraud affecting victims aged 30 and below increased by 52%, and this is the group in society who are the main users of Social Media. CIFAS data also suggests that in 2015, 86% of cases of Identity Theft were carried out on-line so this is where you need to be particularly careful. Identity Theft will almost invariably lead to Identity Fraud.

Many of us run our lives from a smart phone, tablet or laptop, so it crucial to ensure that these devices have good protection against 'hacking' and data theft. Remember that WiFi hotspots are unlikely to be secure, so avoid using them for on-line banking or shopping where your personal data, account details and PIN numbers are potentially at risk.

Identity Theft requires the gathering of information about an individual and then putting all the pieces of the jigsaw together to create the fraudulent Identity. As well as on-line information, the jigsaw can often be supplemented by documentary data from discarded bills, bank and credit card statements, government documents, etc. so you need to be careful when disposing of old paperwork. It is a good idea to shred those documents which contain crucial bits of personal data. Make sure that the passwords you use for

important accounts are as 'strong' as possible. Avoid using familiar names, dates and the like.

If you think you have been a victim, contact your bank, phone and card provider, etc. promptly. Inform the police or Action Fraud and keep a record of ALL your communications.

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)

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www.actionfraud.police.uk

The Information Commissioner's Office:
0303 123 1113

NHS: 111



Community Centre

We are still looking for some help to run the Community Centre which is a charity run by volunteers. It needn't be an arduous or long-term commitment but small contributions would be a great help. Possible jobs include: liaising with cleaners once a month, liaising with contractors when necessary, applying for grants, helping to decorate the hall at Christmas time, updating the website, being on a rota to alarm and de-alarm the centre at weekends, helping at the occasional fund-raising event.

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FLACKWELL LOCAL AREA HISTORY GROUP

Our next event at Flackwell Heath Library is **'Frackle' People and Places – part 1' on Monday 19 September** from 7.30pm.

The evening with Jane Dunsterville talking about Frackle' People and Places was so well attended that we have decided to give people who couldn't attend the chance to listen to the local tales.

Using pictures, poems and stories we take a journey around the local area from 'olden times' through to the 1950's. Part 2 will be coming in early 2017

This is a ticketed event. Tickets will be available at the library from Monday 8 August for £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL).

The next **Fact Finding Forum** is

on Monday 12 September at the Flackwell Heath Library from 7.15 – 9.00pm. The theme will be: - **'The development of the villages after WWII'**. Do you have stories or photos of the villages post WWII? Please feel free to pop in and join us even if you only have 20 minutes to spare.

A date for your diary: **Monday 17 October: 'Wycombe Man, carving a Niche in the World'** by Colin Mantripp.

Internationally renowned master woodcarver Colin Mantripp, whose Lillyfee Studio is located near Wooburn, will give us a highly entertaining talk about his work and experiences. The work produced at Lillyfee by Colin and his team, the Lillyfee

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Colin's talk will be illustrated with samples of his work and the tools used. He may even do some carving there and then, in front of the audience!

This is a ticketed event. Tickets will be available at the library from Monday 5 September for £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL).



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Would you like to make your child's screen time constructive?

If so, then check out Ninja Code Academy!

Ninja Code Academy was set up by locals, Uma and Navin Varsani. They launched their academy following the addition of coding to the National Curriculum in September 2014. Being parents themselves, they quickly realised this skill was crucial to the future prospects of our children.

Navin has always been in the 'tech' industry in areas such as military/aerospace and cyber-security. Uma also worked in the 'industry' before becoming a full time mum. They both love inspiring kids and they say, "We wanted to give something special to the next generation."

They teach **physical computing** by equipping the students with real hardware. When the students enter code into their laptop, they see a physical reaction on the board! This then rapidly progress to "What would happen if..." and "How could you..." Pretty soon, robots enter the scene too!

I visited a class in the spring, and was impressed by Navin's engagement with the pupils; he made sure all were included and contributing. Their response was enthusiastic! The children were clearly having fun learning in this exciting and nurturing environment.

They are running **Summer Robot courses** featuring the **NINJABOT** during August which are 2 days long, 9am-4pm each day. See their website or call Uma for further details.

They run term time classes at the Community Centre and will run **free taster sessions** in early September ahead of the Winter term intake. It is thoroughly recommended that parents and children attend these to fully understand their ethos and methods and how your children might benefit from learning to code. See Facebook and their website for the latest information about dates and times.

To find out more: Phone: 07775 510915 or Email: uma@ninjacodeacademy.co.uk

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He's Magic!

Sam Saffron has been performing magic for two years now. He can be found regularly performing in restaurants, balls, parties and charity events. He's a local boy who went to primary school at Juniper Hill and is now coming to the end of Year 8 at Borlase in Marlow. His amazing stage maturity and technical skills have made him a young member of the Magic Circle and a firm favourite in the local area and beyond (contact: 07767 785690). Here he is at the Flackwell Heath Village Picnic.



Flackwell Forum

The Forum, led by Vicky Everitt of the Methodist Church in Flackwell, is a way of sharing what different organisations are trying to achieve, exploring how we can support each other in these aims, and seeing how residents can be involved in their community. Times and locations of meetings vary; they are open to all. Coming next are:

Tuesday 13 Sept, 8pm at Flackwell Library.

Wednesday 9 Nov, 12 - 2pm at Methodist Church. NB at this meeting we will set dates for 2017 meetings, so please bring diaries.

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An Olympian Remembers

The first time you win the school sports hundred you may dream of Olympic Gold. This August 10,500 athletes will be trying to make the dream come true competing in one of the 28 sports in Rio.

No other event is quite like the Olympic Games in the tension it generates, particularly in the waiting. Waiting to be selected, waiting for your heat, semi-final, then final.

Although third best in the Commonwealth at 10,000m in 1954, Ken Norris was not selected to run in the Vancouver Games that year, due to a lack of funds. Thereafter he determined he would not fail to be selected for the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.

Just 5 minutes into Olympic year on January 1st, 24 year old sports goods salesman Ken won the most gruelling and prestigious road race in the world, the 7300m Sao Silvestre 'Round the Houses Race' in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Other notable winners include Emil Zatopek, Carlos Lopes and Paul Tergat. 'Midnight Murder' is how he describes it due to the 799m altitude, 280C heat, 80% humidity, cobblestones, puddle-filled potholes, blinding TV lights, exploding firecrackers, not to mention choking petrol fumes from the commentary car and the 10 police motorcycle escort whose sirens wailed continuously while spectators showered the runners with streamers. Ken was inundated with trophies on his victory but could only keep 2 in order to 'protect his amateur status'; the Brazilian, who finished third, brought a truck to take his prizes home. In the following months Ken won the

National Cross Country, four international races and the Olympic Trials, setting a new British record for 6 miles in the process. As a result he at last secured the coveted invitation to compete in the Olympic 10,000m.

If selection had been hard, the race was tougher still and full of drama. Vladimir Kuts, the 'Iron Marine' of Russia, set out to destroy the field of 33 athletes, with a blistering pace straight from the gun. Ken soon ceased to be horrified at the times: inside the world record for 2 miles, through 5000m 13 seconds faster than ever before. Gordon Pirie of Britain, who tried to stay with Kuts, blew up; many athletes were lapped.

Ken hung on grimly fighting it out for the bronze medal and finished in 5th, the first Briton home, lapping Kuts's team mate, Bolotnikov, in a final spurt down the home straight.

For all his achievements in Olympic Year, Ken was awarded the Jim Peters trophy for 'courage, endurance and determination' in a national newspaper poll.

Ken moved to Flackwell Heath 50 years ago, with late wife Audrey, after retiring from athletics, and now keeps fit walking a mile to collect the newspaper every day.



Ken in 1955 at the British Games at White City

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