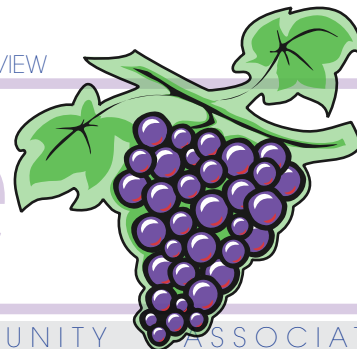


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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Playground rejuvenation

At the time of writing the parish council have just placed an order for the next phase of Straight Bit Recreation Ground with work proposed to start on 1 August.

This will consist of the small pad next to the toddler swings and blue climbing frame (see picture).

Cllr Bailey explained "There has been a long drawn out process to get the next parts of the playground started. Obviously a large chunk of council money got eaten up by the hugely popular castle piece we put in 2 years ago, so progress on the remainder had

to be put on hold. We have secured funding for what was the old toddlers' pad and the new layout will be aimed again at that age demographic".

The design features what is in effect a skill/balance course with a low level climbing unit in the middle. CWPC will be showcasing this phase at the Village Fête & Picnic along with the plans of the next two parts of the refurbishment.

Cllr Bailey continued "Our funding is still limited and hopefully with the help of FHRA we should have news about bringing the swings back up to scratch

along with a replacement for the rocking horse (although that is very popular, refurbishing it is not cost effective)".

After that the next 'Big' piece of equipment will be a large play ship, which was chosen by local residents at several consultations, to be the piece to replace the blue climbing frame.

But as funding is limited, the Parish Council are hoping to crowd fund this piece of equipment. FHRA are also involved in this project.

Please pop along to the CWPC gazebo at the Fête & Picnic, to find out more details - and maybe grab something from the BBQ too.



NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There are a few additional activities to look out for at the Fête & Picnic on 17 July: obedience based dog-training Rally and Wild Training demonstrating existing Recreation Ground facilities and their own fitness programmes. The little ones will have a play area courtesy of Little Buddies Nursery and CWPC will be demonstrating CPR in addition to the playground related display mentioned elsewhere. A young magician will be performing close quarter magic, and for beer-lovers local nano-brewery Fisher's Brewing Company will be selling craft beers, discounted for those who complete their questionnaire.

FHRA has been fully involved with both the WDC Local Plan Reserve Site Liaison Groups from their inception for sites affecting Flackwell Heath and the Infrastructure Round Table. As with RAF Daws Hill (AKA Pine Trees), where we believe our involvement helped make a better development, we hope our contributions will have the same effect on the Abbey Barn Developments together with Gomm Valley/Ashwells which we see from the other side of the valley.

The Abbey Barn South Development Brief went to public consultation, now closed. FHRA studied all 97 pages very carefully and made what we hope are relevant and constructive comments.

We understand the Gomm Valley/Ashwells Development Brief public consultation is next on our agenda.

A full planning application has been submitted for 30 dwellings on the old Wycombe Summit site. We studied this and our comments are available on the WDC website. Our primary concerns were overlooking, traffic on Abbey Barn Lane and general infrastructure. However we feel that retention and enhancement of the ski slope itself as chalk grassland is a positive feature.

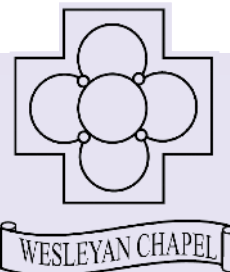
Infrastructure, including transport for the Reserve sites, has been dealt with separately and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is available to view on the WDC website.

The draft New Local Plan will be available at the end of June and WDC are organising a number of exhibitions. They will be advertised and also available on WDC's website. We will obviously be looking at how this will affect Flackwell Heath in detail.

We continue to monitor all planning applications weekly, commenting on those that have an implication for Flackwell Heath.

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FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 July – SUNDAY CLUB for young people (3 - 11) from 10.45am. Followed by our CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE from around 12.45. All welcome – please contact Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403 so we can have an idea of numbers for catering.

Sunday 10 July – SUNDAY LIVE! 11.00am with food from 10.15. A service for young families and the young-at-heart.

Tuesday 12 July – TIME OUT FOR BUSY MUMS: 9.15 – 11.45am. This group for Mums meets on the second Tuesday of every month during term-times, and gives them breathing time while their children are cared for in the crèche. It has been great to see the group grow in recent months. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

Saturday 16 July – WHO LET THE DADS OUT??? 10.00 – 12 noon. For Dads, Granddads, Uncles and any male carers to spend time with their under-fives to give Mum a break and share snack-time together. Bacon butties available!

Sunday 17 July – SPECIAL LEAVING SERVICE for Rev Mike Hill at Naphill Methodist Church: 4pm. Mike will be retiring shortly and this will be an opportunity to say goodbye and thank him for his years of service to the church.

Sunday 31 July – CELEBRATE! 6.30pm. A lively music-based service led by Rev Mike Hall.

All weekday groups meet at their usual times, with Sunday services at 11am. and 6.30pm. 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.

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War Memorial Ceremony

At a possibly unique ceremony at the War Memorial on 1 June, the Rev Chris Bull, assisted by members of local branches of the Royal British Legion, led the assembled crowd through a solemn service of remembrance and dedication.

The primary purpose of the event was a centenary service of remembrance for all those who lost their lives in the Battle of Jutland. Over 10,000 sailors were involved this sea battle and nearly 9,000 were lost. The second purpose was to dedicate the names of five additional local men who were killed in World War I: Ernest Barton, Edgar Lewis, Leonard Savill, Frank Stone-Wootton and George Weedon. Their names have now been added to the War Memorial.

FLACKWELL LOCAL AREA HISTORY GROUP

A Slice of History

The next **Fact Finding Forum** is on **Monday 12 September** at the Flackwell Heath Library from 7.15 – 9.00pm. Please feel free to pop in and join us even if you only have 20 minutes to spare. The theme will be: **The development of the villages after WWII.**

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3 July - Wycombe Cemetery Pageant Members of the Group will be representing the Home Front in 1916 at a 90 minute tour of High Wycombe Cemetery which will focus on the soldiers' tales from the Somme battlefields. The soldiers' stories will be presented by pupils, in costume, from John Hampden Grammar School and Wycombe Abbey. To book, which is essential, contact Wycombe Museum 01494 957210.

Saturday 16 July - St Pauls, Wooburn, are holding a weekend of celebration for the completion of the renovation of the roof and other works. This includes an open afternoon on Saturday 16 July, 2.00 - 5.00pm, where the Local History Group will have a presence.

Sunday 17 July - Flackwell Heath Fête & Picnic You'll find the Flackwell Local Area History Group in the Library tent.



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Margot Suter will be joining Christ Church in July as Curate. Margot lives in Beaconsfield and will be Ordained in Christ Church Oxford on Saturday 2 July; her first service at Christ Church will be on Sunday 3 July.

'Worship for Everyone' is the name for our first Sunday all-age worship at 10.30am. On Sunday 3 July the theme is Famous Bible Double Acts – **Jacob and Esau.**

Thinking about having your child christened or baptism for yourself? As a first step why not come along to our next **'Exploring Baptism'** event on Sunday 10 July (3.30pm to 5.00pm) at the Christ Church Centre. Please book in with the Church Office.

'Prayer for Healing' is offered regularly every 3rd Sunday morning at 9.00am - this month Sunday 17 July

"Is that Really in the Bible?" During the school summer holidays the 10.30am service (Worship for Everyone or Holy Communion for Everyone) will be suitable for all

the family. Stories from the Bible include 'A Talking Donkey', 'Musical Weapons', 'Supernatural Graffiti', 'Teleportation' and a God-engineered jail break.

Summer services start on Sunday 24 July.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Christian Aid** collection and fundraising in Flackwell Heath in May. It raised a staggering £3289. Thank you to everyone who gave and to everyone who helped!

Other **Summer Sunday services** are 9.00am (traditional Holy Communion) and 6.30pm (Compline – a gentle evening service to end the day).

'Coffee Stop' is open for **everyone**. It runs every weekday morning during term-time from 9.00am to 11.30am and on Wednesday only during school holidays.

More details of events and services 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).



Volunteers Joyce Harper and Monica Kent help with the Day Centre celebrations for the Queen's birthday
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Neighbourhood Watch News

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Summer Burglary Prevention Advice

Thames Valley Police recently issued a TVAlert on this topic and the advice is so timely that it is worth repeating for the benefit of residents who do not receive TVAlerts.

They remind residents to remain vigilant with regards to their home security as the weather gets warmer. It is important that you do not leave ground floor windows or doors open and unlocked unless you are in that room – it only takes a second for someone to enter your home and take things without you noticing. Most burglars are opportunistic and a property that presents itself as insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which is properly secured.

The following are their 'Top Tips' for keeping your property secure over the summer:

- Always close and lock your windows and doors when leaving your property – even a small open window could entice a burglar.
- If you're in your garden make sure the windows and doors at the front of your property are secure.
- Do not leave valuables on display through windows.
- Any car or house keys should be out of sight and some distance from a window or door.
- Ensure that any side entrance is secure, locked and not easy to climb over, even when you're at home.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors



so they cannot be fully opened.

- Consider installing a visible security light or alarm to deter criminals.

- If you're going on holiday, make arrangements to ensure that your house appears occupied whilst you're away. Put your lights on a timer and ask a neighbour to come and pick up your mail and draw your curtains. Don't advertise the fact you're on holiday on social media.

TVPolice also encourage you to register your high-end valuables such as bikes, mobile phones, laptops, etc. on the online property database Immobilise. It's free to do so, only takes a couple of minutes and could help them reunite you with your property should it be stolen. If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call the police either on 101 - or 999 in an emergency.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer – weather permitting!

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

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Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

The President of the Evening WI, Barbara Dickinson, was a delegate at the National WI Annual Meeting in Brighton on 11 June. The invited speakers were Baroness D'Souza, Speaker of the House of Lords, and Rona Fairhead, chairman of the BBC Trust. Both resolutions (on food waste and on access for carers to dementia patients when in hospital) were passed after lively debate. The WI will now campaign on them.

Several members visited the Indian Temple at Neasden on a trip organised by the County WI. It is an amazing building with intricate carving. Afterwards we had a delicious vegetarian Indian buffet lunch.

Morning WI

We were pleased to welcome our second new member this year.

Our Speaker, Beryl Hulbert, took us on a tropical journey with slides of Antigua and also Montserrat, although this was prior to the eruption in 1996.

This month's competition, for a shell or beach pebble, resulted in a colourful display of exotic shells from all parts of the world – the winner was from Australia.

Evening WI

We also went to the tropics: Margaret Deakin spoke on 'The Amazon, the Andes and the Galapagos', with most on the islands: we saw markets and cathedrals in Ecuador, the line marking the Equator, vegetable ivory, the making of Panama hats, the Andean railways. She had some wonderful photographs of the island wildlife, seals, boobies, tortoises, frigate birds, iguanas, all seemed happy to pose for her.

Next month we are closer to home when we hear about 'Cycling the Pilgrim Route to Santiago de Compostela' from Ken Brazier.

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'For This Relief, Much Thanks...'

On 1 June, Les Willis, Chairman of the Leisure Facilities Committee of the Chepping Wycombe Parish Council, formally opened the new eco-toilet at the allotments off Lawrence Way at the end of Chapel Road. (Before, it was use the bushes or wait until you got home). The cost was raised partly by the Allotment Association, whose Chairman is April Summers, from coffee mornings and selling produce. There was also a substantial grant from the National Lottery.

The composting eco-toilet works because the design of the seat achieves a strict separation of dry and wet matter; this removes the source of the smell. Only allotment holders will have access, and then only after instruction on how to use and look after the facility. The building is light, spacious and has disabled facilities (rails and an alarm) – a far cry from the old-style privy you may be imagining.

There have been other improvements at the site: a rabbit-proof fence has been installed and planted with native species



to make a hedge of hawthorn, beech, holly etc. When grown, it will be *almost* deer-proof, too. Community Payback helped to clear scrub from some unused ground, making room for more plots – there are now 82, of various sizes. If you would like one, get your name on the short waiting list by asking the Parish Clerk, Wendy Thompson, clerk@cwpc.org.uk. The end of the year, when plots may change hands, is October.

Any tenant interested in joining the Allotment Association should contact Chris Quelch, Secretary, cqgjsq@hotmail.com. Or meet them at their stall at the Village Picnic, where they will also be selling produce.



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Life Drawing

You can now draw from live models in Flackwell. Peter Redman, a professional designer, found that opportunities to do so were limited in the Wycombe area. He set up a group that meets weekly during term time in the Community Centre. He finds the model, who may be male or female, of any age. Some models bring props – draperies or objects such as an umbrella. They hold a pose for anything from 2 to 20 minutes, sometimes with a floodlight to create shadows. The group of artists draw using whatever medium they prefer; they might use graphite, pastel, Conté crayons, or it could be any water-based medium. Peter offers guidance, but some just wish for the opportunity to concentrate and draw. The students, anything from 5 or 6 up to about 10 at a session, are a varied bunch, with a wide range of previous experience. Some have not drawn since school, some have fine art degrees, with others in between.



The night I was there, one student said she came for a complete change, a challenge and a chance to concentrate. She 'absolutely loved it' and found it very relaxing. Another had served in the Army as a 'metal basher' after taking a fine art degree; he was glad of the opportunity to 'keep his hand in'.

A session lasts for 2½ hours with a 15 minute teabreak. You can book a single session or a series. Look up Wycombe Life Class on meetup.com.



Flackwell Heath Community Library

'The Big Friendly Read' Summer Reading Challenge 2016

The Summer Reading Challenge is organised by the Reading Agency, and delivered by libraries, to encourage children to read during the school summer holidays. This year the theme is Roald Dahl who was born 100 years ago in September. To complete the challenge children must read six books during 16 July to 3 September. For each book completed, children are given a card with an exciting new Roald Dahl illustration by Quentin Blake, to add to their 'Big Friendly Read' collector card. When they have all six different cards they receive a certificate and a medal. They can read any book, it doesn't have to be by Roald Dahl, though we do have a copy of all the Roald Dahl children's books.

During August we are inviting children to come to our 'Reading Corner' for story time with one of our experienced readers. Storytime is every Thursday in August from 10.30 – 11.30. All welcome, no need to book.

Join us for Children's Craft at the Village Picnic on 17 July

Please visit us at the Village Picnic from 12.00 noon on 17 July. We will be providing craft activities for young children, where they can make a crown in celebration of HM the Queen's 90th birthday, or other things, and of course we will have helpers to guide the little ones in their creative activities!

In addition there will be a book sale in aid of library funds.

Please call into the library to see updated details of all our regular activities, Flackwell Local Area History Group events and any new events that may be arranged from time to time.



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New Head at Carrington Junior School

Mr Simon Woodbridge was appointed as the new Headteacher of Carrington Junior School and took up his appointment in January this year.

The appointment follows a period of changes, for a variety of reasons, and Mr Woodbridge is keen now to have a period of stability within the school leadership.

He has taught for seventeen years, much of that in primary schools in Slough, with a particular interest in using drama and film in school. His original training was as an actor. His first job as a head was in Windsor, but the school went from Nursery to Year 4, and he found he missed working with the older Year 5 and 6 children.

I asked what had attracted him to apply for the job at Carrington, and he said the children sold the school to him – they were welcoming, polite, friendly and enthusiastic and obviously proud of their school. He could also see that

the school had potential and was ready to accept a new challenge.

While he is keen to build on the many successes of the past, he is also wants to drive the school forward, not only to achieve an outstanding report from OFSTED, but also in terms of creativity.

"I feel you need to get the Literacy and Numeracy right, and then concentrate on outdoor learning, sport, arts and drama". He feels all children should have the opportunity to explore all of these areas. In September he would like to be able to offer more extra-curricular clubs and to see the school more involved in the community.



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Tai Chi uses controlled breathing

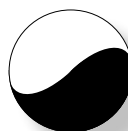
so we become relaxed and calm, thus alleviating depression and the stress that life can bring. It assists in 'opening' internal circulation and improving blood pressure as well as slowing the heart rate. It incorporates Ying and Yang, unity of opposites, as the weight shifts from one leg to another with the arms moving gently as though one is holding a ball which represents the world. Each student works at his or her own pace until you don't even realise you are practising as each move flows creating an optimistic approach to life, increasing spacial awareness and energy levels. The Lotus Form tells a story and can be practised sitting or standing, it strengthens and tones the upper body.

If you have ever been curious about Tai Chi, why not join us for a free taster class at Flackwell Heath Community Centre on Thursdays from 12.45 - 1.45.

For further information contact Judi on 01628 526644 or email judimelamb@hotmail.com

Smile and be happy.

Judi Lamb



Mr Woodbridge would also like to widen the role of IT within the school and develop further a virtual learning environment, giving pupils and parents the chance to see at home what is being done in school, whilst ensuring that those without home computers have extra opportunities at school to access all areas of IT.

Another idea that Mr Woodbridge is already beginning to introduce is that of having a school dog. It is actually the deputy head's dog, Bella, a chihuahua. She is already being trained to work with children as a form of therapy for those who are stressed or upset, to help and to be a calming influence. The children in the specialist department within the school are going to be introduced to horse riding.

Whilst acknowledging that there will inevitably be changes within the school, he hopes these will be positive and that Carrington Junior School will be an exciting school to be in.

Alison Peach

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Gerry Hawes

Greenlands Celebrates!

Greenlands celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a street party. It was also the 70th birthday of resident Gerry Hawes. There were flags, bunting, red, white and blue everywhere. Doug Nower even had a 90 in plants. Rain dampened lunch but then stopped and the children started racing up and down the (closed) road on their scooters, cars and trucks. Others used the basketball hoop. Meanwhile, there were 13 entries in the cake competition; the winner was Val Weston. Rita Liddiard, Queen for the Day, presented the prizes. She herself won the prize for the Best Decorated House. Lyn and Dick Rimmer exhibited their artworks. Some of the residents were there for the last street party in 1985 and dug out their photos, which were displayed to some amusement. The main organisers were Karen Nava and James Bell. A great time was had by all.

Sue Arnautov

Dates For Your Diary July	
Sunday 3	Memorial Service for Battle of The Somme
Sunday 3	Carrington Schools Summer Fayre
Sunday 17	Village Fête and Picnic – see pages 1 and 2
September	
Monday 12	Local History – Fact Finding Forum, see page 3
Monday 19	Local History 'Frackle' People and Places' talk by Jane Dunsterville

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 24 July, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at Pinkneys Green. We will 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 date for your diary is Sunday 21 August.

C. Barker

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