

THE Grapevine

June 16

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Sunday July 17th 12 Noon – 4pm
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VOTE

EU Referendum on 23 June

The outcome of this vote will, over time, have a great influence on the future of ourselves, our children, our country and possibly other countries. On that we can all agree. So please, use your vote on 23 June. The worst possible outcome would be an indecisive result on a low turnout. Every vote will count because the result is given by the grand total of votes over the whole country.

So VOTE – it matters.

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are working hard on the plans for the Fête and Picnic with promises of involvement from many village groups - see our advert on page 1.

As the Queen's 90th birthday is in June and there will have been lots of birthday celebrations for her, we thought we'd go for a more patriotic feel this year so lots of red/white/blue and Union flags.

The Royal British Legion provides a patriotic start to our afternoon by processing onto the Recreation ground with a Piper leading Standard bearers, veterans, serving military and possibly some cadets. Once in place they will play our National Anthem to officially get things rolling.

We have to have those traditional races when the children really enjoy them so much, have your cameras ready mums and dads! Bouncy castles also a must - unlimited bounces for just £1 - unbelievable value!

There will be lots of groups running stalls too, offering things to keep the children busy with games and crafts; the Community Library, Flackwell Minors Football, both schools and both Churches, RBL and FHCA.

Not forgetting the adults; the Golf club, Metal detectors, Bee keepers and popular Allotments Assoc. New this year include Great Little Traders, the Local History group and Little Buddies Nursery.

We are working on even more so look out for updates as the day gets closer!

The tennis courts and bowls clubs will be open, why not try your hand? Or take your well behaved dog

for a circuit of the dog agility ring, definitely another photo opportunity!

Just there to relax? Then get a drink from the Bowls club bar and take in the entertainment.

We'll have live music from great local talent - The Rock Doctors (<http://www.rockdoctors.co.uk>) Chris Knott, and John Cassell.

Performances by both popular dance groups this year - Anna Rose Dance and Kobika.

Due to its popularity last year, we've arranged performances from a puppet theatre again.

Mark from The Green Dragon is organising a village pubs' Tug of War and we anticipate the inter schools football match happening again, hopefully in sunshine this time!

Tickets for our raffle, with a star prize of tickets for two to Buckingham Palace and other great prizes, are only available to buy at the Fête & Picnic.

So put that Sunday afternoon on your calendar - 17 JULY. Start planning your picnic and don't forget to tell your friends to meet you at the Recreation ground 12 - 4pm to join us for the fun!

Meanwhile I'll get right on with booking that sunshine!

Janet Smith, Chair, janet@homerelaxing.org, 01628 520451

Chloë Andrews-Jones, Vice-Chair, chloeandrewsjones@gmail.com, 01628 526547

FLACKWELL LOCAL AREA HISTORY GROUP A Slice of History

A few years ago Flackwell Area Local History Group was instrumental in restoring the old Flackwell Heath Primary School plaque to its rightful position, on the wall of the Community Centre where the original school once stood.

Recently one of our committee members was given a foundation stone from the Ford Paper Mill's Chimney (Ford's Blotting) which was situated in the Loudwater area now occupied by the Knaves Beech Industrial Estate. The stone incorporates the date the Chimney was built, 1902.

As we did with the school plaque, the Flackwell Area Local History Group will work to find a permanent home for the foundation stone, so that everyone can enjoy another piece of our local history.

Do you have a piece of local history lying around that you're unsure what to do with? If so please feel free to contact the Local History Group through the Flackwell Heath library. We will happily take on the task of finding the 'slice of history' a suitable resting place.

The Next Fact Finding Forum is on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at the Flackwell Heath Library from 7.15 - 9.00pm. The theme will be Summer Activities - What used you to get up to in the summer? Maybe you picked cherries from the orchards around the area, or tulips which were also a 'budding' business. If you have any memories or old photos of summer activities, please come along to share them and enjoy the usual cuppa.

A date for your diary

After our summer break the next talk at the library will be on 19 September 2016 from 7:30pm

Another chance to hear Jane Dunsterville bring alive stories from 'Olden times' with her talk on 'Frackle People and Places'.



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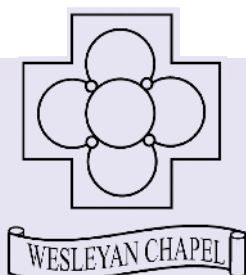
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Do you ever wonder if there is a spiritual side to life? Flackwell Heath Methodist Church is running a free five-week **course entitled 'Food for Thought'**, which is an opportunity to discuss Life, the Universe and Everything - including God - over a free lunch. The course begins on Monday 20 June at 12 noon at the church, so if you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Paul or Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403. A crèche is available, so please let us know if you will need this.

Sunday 5 June – **Sunday Club for Young People (3 - 11)** from 10.45 am. Followed by our **Church Family Lunch** from around 12.45. All welcome – please contact Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403 so we can have an idea of numbers for catering.

Sunday 12 June – **Sunday Live!** 11.00 am with food from 10.15. A service for young families and the young-at heart.

Tuesday 14 June – **Time Out for Busy Mums:** 9.15 – 11.45 am. 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, and the Mums have enjoyed coffee, chat and support while participating such activities as adult colouring, pancakes and a recipe swap. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

Saturday 18 June – **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 26 June – **Celebrate!** 6.30 pm. A lively music-based service led by our minister Rev. Nick Thompson.

Other activities 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.



'Worship for Everyone' is the name for our first Sunday all-age worship at 10.30am. On Sunday 5 June the theme is 'Famous Bible Double Acts – Abraham & Sarah'. The 'No Strings Attached' Puppeteers will be with us.

On your own for lunch or coffee? The **'First Tuesday Lunch Club'** meets on Tuesday 7 June: 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.

Wednesday 8 June: The **'Contemplative Prayer'** Group look at an aspect of Christian Mindfulness from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. All are welcome.

CU@the Pub meets twice monthly, on 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at The Crooked Billet Pub in Sheepridge Lane. If you like lively discussion on 'life, the universe and everything' with a Christian perspective then this is the place for you! June dates are

9 (Pints of View) and 23 (Should we take the Bible literally?)

Sunday 12 June is part of the weekend to officially celebrate the **Queen's 90th birthday** and Christ Church will honour this occasion at its 9.00am & 10.30am services and talk on 'The Servant Queen and the King She Serves'.

Friday 17 June is **'Friday Night Fun Night'** for all children aged 5 to 11 years. Christ Church is hosting an evening of children's fun and games on the Carrington School Field, with space hoppers, field games, and parachute games... plus a hot dog and drink. Come along and have great fun, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The cost is £1 but you need to book in at the Church Office. Book early to avoid disappointment!

'Prayer for Healing' is offered regularly every 3rd Sunday morning at 9.00am... this month Sunday 19 June.

Margot Suter will be joining Christ Church as training Curate. Margot lives in Beaconsfield and will be ordained on Saturday 2 July in Oxford.

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).

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Neighbourhood Watch News

June 2016

Cons and Scams

As reported by Thames Valley Police at the recent Annual General Meeting of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association, 'traditional' acquisitive crime has seen a downturn, but it has been replaced by more sophisticated crimes, often using modern internet technology.

For example, in April and May, there were TVAlerts relating to:

Spoof emails (Phishing) which try to make you open attachments or links in the message which can lead you to undesirable websites, or install malware on your computer.

'Payment diversion' scams, when you are conned into making a payment to a trader with whom you are legitimately dealing, but the money actually goes to the fraudster.

Social Media Ticket Fraud when you are offered tickets to sports or entertainment events via social media sites, requiring you to provide bank or card payment details which go astray.

Wine Investment Fraud preying on those who have 'invested' in parcels of 'quality wine'. The fraudster offers to purchase your investment at an attractive price via a fake website, the stock is transferred but the money never materialises.



HMRC Tax Rebate Scam when you are asked to provide bank details to facilitate the payment of a substantial tax rebate into your account. Never fall for this one!

On line recruitment of 'agents' via Facebook to sell attractive, high value items via e-Bay on behalf of the recruiter. Money paid to the 'agent' is transferred to the recruiter, but the 'purchaser' then claims the items were either not delivered or phoney. The 'agent' is left out of pocket.

Purchasing pets on line – the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has reported an increase in the number of pets being offered for sale via auction websites. In the majority of cases the pet does not exist, but purchasers have parted with bank or card details to secure payment. Never buy on line; only ever obtain a pet from an approved retailer/breeder or consider a 'rescue' animal.

The latest scam (at the time of writing) relates to phishing emails appearing to be from Apple claiming that your iCloud or iTunes account has expired, and seeking bank or card payment to ensure continuity of service. Don't be fooled – DELETE such messages and report to Action Fraud.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by any of these cons and scams, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Summer is Here – or is it?

There were the occasional days during May when it seemed as though summer was almost with us – and then it turned cool, wet and windy – again! Maybe like me, you brushed the cobwebs off the BBQ and checked stocks of charcoal or gas...? Hopefully, by the time this reaches you, summer will have settled in and we can all look forward to 'days of wine and roses'. However, don't relax your guard when it comes to the security of home, car, etc. Ensure that doors and windows are secure when you are out enjoying the summer, and especially when you are on holiday. Enjoy!

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

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THE HEATH SINGERS SUMMER

The Heath Singers have a busy summer ahead. They are joining forces again with the Vintage Brass Band, this time in aid of Parkinson's UK. 'Music for You' will be on Tuesday 14 June at St. Thomas's Church, Mayflower Way, Holtspur at 7.30pm. Ticket (£5 donation) from Peggy Woolhouse on 01628 523464 or Ken Hall on 01494 674887.

For the annual Summer Concert in Flackwell, see page 1.

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Flackwell Frogs Make it!

On Sunday 24 April 2016 we did it! The 'Flackwell Frogs' crossed the finish line of the London Marathon together, with aching legs but huge smiles!

The day itself was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, running through the streets of London together with almost forty thousand other runners and the noise of hundreds of thousands of spectators lining the route cheering us on. We were so lucky to have our families and lots of friends there in the crowds and every time we saw them it gave us the encouragement we needed to keep running!

We ran in aid of the NSPCC, celebrating 30 years of Childline, and have raised over £8000 to support the essential work they do helping children in this country.

We have achieved so much over the past few months, combining training (and learning to run!) with fund raising, but we have been supported by some amazing friends, the wider local



Photo: Graham Carter From left: Claire Carter, Liz New and Tanja Bullock.

community and our fantastic families. We couldn't have achieved what we did without all their support and for that we would like to say a massive 'thank you'.



Flackwell Heath Community Library

Planning a foreign holiday?

– Use our e-books to learn a bit of the local language

If you going abroad on holiday then maybe you would like to learn a little bit of the local language before heading off from these shores. You can do this by borrowing one of our language e-books on your home computer, tablet or other device. There are 14 languages available and several different publishers, allowing you to choose which is most appropriate for you. Some examples of the options include: Italian for Dummies; Greek on the Go; Behind the Wheel Express French; Collins Easy Learning Japanese Audio Course; Perfect Phrases in German; Jump into Spanish. There are also courses in Polish, Russian, Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Hindi, Thai, Vietnamese and Turkish.

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All you need to borrow any of these language learning e-books is a valid Bucks County Council Library card together with your PIN number.

To browse through the available language e-books, go to www.buckinghamshire.lib.overdrive.com/ then select 'Learn a Language' from the list of 'Featured Collections'.

Lost Property

It's quite common for people to forget to take back their library card and we have quite a few waiting for people to come in and reclaim them. In addition we have a wide range of other items that have been left in the library, including a hat, gloves, scarf, children's water bottles, even some child's little teddy bear. If you've been asking yourself 'where did I put that?', then maybe you left it in the library.

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

Flackwell Heath Community Library,
Chapel Road, Flackwell Heath,
HP10 9AA

Tel: 0845 230232

email: fhcl@flackwellheath.net

web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries



Diabetes Day

Run by Carol Bailey, this year the total was a staggering £3,904.30p!

Carol says "I would like to thank firstly all my family and friends for donating and help on the day.

Also all local businesses that supported us: in Flackwell Heath, The Cherry Tree, Cleopatra, Costa Coffee, Daisy Gift Shop, Flackwell News, The Green Dragon, Mitzi's Hairdressing; in Wooburn Green, The Queen & Albert and The Red Lion; in Loudwater, The Papermill and in Bourne End, Martin Adams. I cannot thank them enough. A list of all the winners is available on request."

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 26 June, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at Black Park. 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 24 July.

C. Barker



on the piano, followed by songs from Adam Christopher-Rhys, one of 'The Jersey Guys'. Alice Martin, a 14-year old girl with an amazing voice, also sang, accompanied by Louise Langley.

A 16-strong volunteer waiting staff, dressed in full uniform with caps and ribbons, brought in the tea. There were savoury sandwiches, scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, and a variety of delicious little fancy cakes.

The Birthday Cake, in the shape of a crown on a cushion, was cut by two members of Oasis, Mrs Edith Neave and Mrs Margaret Waffron.

Celebrated in Style!

There was a great party for 130 people in Flackwell on 23 April. Oasis Bereavement Group, which is attached to Christ Church, held a Celebration Tea Party to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Actually there are two Oasis groups, one held in the evening led by Richard Chalmers and one in the afternoon led by Bob and Lynda Tibbles; this was a joint occasion. It has been over a year in the planning, and no wonder! Every aspect had been thought out in detail.



scatter of 'diamonds' as centre pieces.

Proceedings opened with a welcome from Richard Chalmers, the leader of the project. Sandra Tobin read a prayer and Rev Chris Bull said Grace. 'God Save the Queen' was sung with enthusiasm. Ruth Dobson read out the Queen's gracious response to her invitation. Ken Ross, MBE, DL represented the Lord Lieutenant. Other guests included David Watson (our County Councillor), David Johncock (District and Parish Councillor), Parish Councillors and representatives



From left: Mrs Neave, Richard Chalmers, Mrs Waffron.

There was a draw, and the 4 lucky winners received tokens for afternoon tea at various grand locations.

A huge number of people and organisations had contributed to the occasion, and were heartily thanked. Richard Chalmers mentioned especially Carol, Trish and Geraldine, and Sue Baldwin who led the flower team. Everybody's enjoyment was obvious and it was generally felt that the Queen had missed a treat!

Sue Arnautov

The formal invitations came in gold envelopes (HM The Queen had been invited, but was unable to come.) Christ Church was decorated overall: Union Jacks outside, bunting, little trees in tubs and red carpet, flanked by two full size guardsmen (dummies). In the lobby was Peter G Smith (of Bourne End), with some of his scale models of the Royal carriages, complete to the last detail. In the main body of the church were more Union Jacks, red-white-and-blue flower arrangements, the font topped with a crown, and the tables set for tea. Oasis had received a magnificent response to an appeal for pretty bone china tea things, and there were candles and a



Mr Peter Smith

of the Residents Association and The Grapevine. Guests had dressed for the occasion, including lots of red, white and blue, some tiaras and Union Jack ties and waistcoats.

There was live music from John Peerless



Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Both Institutes discussed and voted upon the Resolutions coming up at the National Federation of WIs Annual Meeting in June. They agreed upon their responses.

Food waste:

The original resolution addressed waste only from supermarkets, but a proposed amendment aims to widen its scope by targeting waste at source and also by educating the public. We support the proposed change and therefore gave our delegate discretion to vote so to do.

Carers and Dementia Patients when in Hospital:

Another difficult topic with so many pressures on the NHS. We voted 'For' the resolution and hope that more hospitals will be able to provide access for carers on the wards including facilities to stay there (without being burdened with nursing care).

Morning WI

Our Group convenor had arranged a History Day and so members of the three WIs in the Group had an interesting and informative presentation by Colin Oakes on 'Famous Women throughout our History' (and some whose influence has not been so well known). This began in Saxon times and included quite a few Queen Consorts.

Evening WI

After the Resolutions, we relaxed with a fun quiz – naming the nursery rhyme from the initial letters of the words in the first line – surprisingly difficult! Two members greatly enjoyed a WI holiday in the Isle of Wight. Next month Margaret Deakin will tell us about 'The Andes, the Amazon and the Galapagos'.



Remembering the Battle of The Somme

The Centenary of this battle in which so many died will be marked on Sunday 3 July by a service at the Flackwell Heath War Memorial at 12.30pm.



Bowled Over !

The lawn green bowling club at Flackwell Heath has been quietly tucked away in a corner of the recreation ground since 1984.

In 2014 we celebrated 30 years of activity but despite our success there are a great number of Flackwell residents who know not of our existence!

Bowling is fun

Bowling helps to keep you fit

Bowling is a very social activity

In addition to our obvious pursuit of doing what Drake reputedly was up to at the time of the Armada, we have Quiz Nights — Skittle Evenings — Whist — Short Mat Bowls and of course our Fun Days during the outdoor season.

We offer full free of charge one-to-one coaching facilities for those who have never tried this great game before and once hooked (as we know you will be!) a full summer fixture is available for those who wish to participate in inter-club matches.

Or you could just order a drink from the bar and enjoy the fun on the green

What to do ? Easy.....ring 01494 531392 and ask for Michael
Look forward to hearing from you!

Regular Activities at the Flackwell Library

Yoga sessions – Sundays 10.00am-11.15am Contact Alexandra Alves 07786 332695.

Coffee & Craft Group – Every Friday between 10.00 and 12.00. To find out more contact Alison Moyes (mobile 0753 248 5594) or Julia Baldwin (mobile 0797 345 8977).

Bounce & Rhyme for under 5s - Every Thursday during term time. 10.30 to 11.00am. No need to book, just turn up.

Sewing Bee - Held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, between 7.00 and 9.00 pm. To find out more please call Alison on 0780 3044 298.

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Tim Kendell

The Community Association and The Grapevine are very sad to hear of the death of Tim Kendell, who edited The Grapevine from 2005 to 2011 and continued as Deputy and all-round helper thereafter. Tim made various innovations, including the move to full colour which greatly improved the pictures. He was 74, and had retired to Flackwell from West London after a varied career working in communications, publishing, and as a small business adviser. With his wife Pat, he was very active in Flackwell and he will be much missed. Thank you, Tim, for all you did for The Grapevine and for Flackwell.

Sue Arnautov, Editor

Dates For Your Diary

June

Wednesday 1	Memorial Service for Battle of Jutland
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5	FH Minors 'Festival of Football'
Tuesday 14	Heath Singers' Concert in Holtspur
Thursday 23	Referendum Vote
Friday 24	Heath Singers' Summer Concert at Christ Church see page 1
Saturday 25	Juniper Hill Fun Day and Stay, see page 1

July

Sunday 3	Memorial Service for Battle of The Somme
Sunday 3	Carrington Schools Summer Fayre, see page 1
Sunday 17	Village Fête and Picnic – see page 1

Community Centre

Despite what some people think, this is NOT run by 'the Council'. It is a charitable trust and is run entirely by volunteers – your friends and neighbours. The Centre is densely booked during the week, and quite a lot at weekends. Without it, there would be a shortage of places to meet - for classes, clubs, blood donors, parties, pantomimes - and a serious decrease in local opportunities.

At the moment, too many of the Committee are operating without any back-up; illness, accident, holidays or work obligations could all trigger a crisis. Some help would be most welcome; it needn't be a large or long-term commitment. An offer to do some small defined job eases the load: a recent example was the purchase of a new carpet sweeper. Contact Chris on info@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk

The Grapevine needs someone to help with bulk deliveries, half a day on ten occasions per year. It doesn't have to be the same person every time (but they must be able to get in and out of a car easily). Any offers? Ring Pauline on 01628 522 562.

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