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March '16

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Litter Pick

Saturday 5 March

Based at the Jubilee Garden (next to the Community Centre)

Morning Session starts 10.30am with break for lunch at 12.30pm

Afternoon Session starts 2pm, finishes about 4pm

Join either or both!

The Residents Association will supply rubbish bags, litter pickers and gloves. (They will also see to disposal of the rubbish).

Refreshments will be provided at the Methodist Church. They invite you for coffee and cake in the morning, soup and a roll lunch at about 12.30pm, or tea and cake in the afternoon at about 4pm. Cakes and food will be provided by WI and other village cooks and bakers. It is the end of Fairtrade Fortnight and there will be a Fairtrade Food and goodies stall to tempt you, also a Traidcraft stall.

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Easter Bonnet Parade

Carrington Infant School will be holding its annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 24 March at 9.30am, weather permitting. They will be joined by the Carrington Pre-School children.

Wonderfully imaginative headgear will be worn as the children start from the school drive, go past Sainsburys and then round into Old Kiln Road and back to school. Here is a photo from last year – do go and admire this year's models!

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

FHRA

invite you to their AGM

The Royal British Legion,
Common Road

Monday 21 March 2016

7.30pm for an 8pm start

Official business will be
followed with a Q&A session
on the results of the survey
carried out last year.

AGM including Survey Report

We were really pleased that over 500 people responded to the Survey, adding a combined total of around 1,500 individual comments. A lot of data and a good response. We have analysed the results and have published them along with information and statistics about the village that we thought might interest you.

We have sent copies to groups and

individuals who we feel should know the results, know your opinions e.g. Thames Valley Police, County, District and Parish councils, schools and churches. Following formal business at our AGM (see advert on this page) we hope to discuss any questions about the survey from these groups.

Where we have Members' email addresses we sent you a digital copy. Hard copies are on display at the Community Library and the Community Centre. We have tried to present the results in a clear format that we hope you will find easy to understand. This has been a long job and we thank you for your patience. Though it was difficult to choose what questions to ask and I'm sure there are ones we missed, we now have a lot of useful information and have already begun to act upon it where we are able.

In the meantime, at the AGM we may still be looking for at least one other committee member. Could you help? Would you be prepared to give a little of your time so that FHRA can continue? Without more Committee members the Association may not be able to survive.

FLACKWELL LOCAL AREA HISTORY GROUP

Name Change

As the Local History Group now covers the Wooburns, as well as Flackwell Heath and Loudwater, we have made a slight change to our name. We are now **Flackwell Local Area History Group**.

'History of Local Railways'

Monday 18 April at 7:30pm at
Flackwell Heath Library

A welcome return to John Gurney, giving an updated version of this popular talk. The presentation on the history of the local railways will include pictures of the old branch line and its steam locomotives of yesteryear.

The speakers will cover:

- The introduction of the railway to the area
- An overview of the old Maidenhead to High Wycombe line, and the Marlow branch line
- Reminiscences of a Loudwater Station-master
- The Whitehouse tunnel disaster on the main line to London

This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available at the library for £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL)

Fact Finding Forum

Next date is **14 June** at the Flackwell Heath Library, 7.15 – 9.00pm.

The topic is yet to be confirmed, but if you have any memories, or old photos, of Flackwell, Loudwater or the Wooburns please feel free to come along and share them.

A date for your diary

Monday 16 May (please note the date has changed since last advertised)

Jane Dunsterville will bring alive some of Nat Bowler's poems, which describe people, places and events in Flackwell Heath as it was, and illustrate them with pictures of the village. More details next month.

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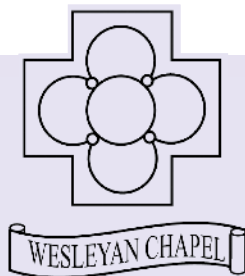
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Methodists

Saturday 5 March - During the village **CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN** litter picking day, come to the Methodist Church for refreshments, see page 1. There will be a Fairtrade Food and goodies stall to tempt you, also a Traidcraft stall.

Tuesday 8 March - TIME OUT for BUSY MUMS: 9.15 - 11.30am. Crèche available for little ones. Please book a place with Shirley 07769585252 or Vicky 07979541874.

Sunday 13 March - SUNDAY LIVE at 11.00am - an All Age Service for the young and young at heart. This will be followed by our **FAMILY SUNDAY LUNCH** at 12.45pm. All are welcome to the service and/or to the lunch.

Sunday 13 March is also the start of **'TRY PRAYING' WEEK**, when 35 churches in the High Wycombe area are joining in with welcoming everyone to try praying!

Also on **Sunday 13 March**: you are invited to join a special Celebration Service at St. Peter's, Loudwater from 5 - 6pm on Sunday evening 13 March with coffee served from 4.30pm.

Tuesday 15 March - Our Girls' Brigade **ENROLMENT SERVICE** at 6.00pm, when existing members and leaders re-dedicate themselves and when new members are enrolled. All are welcome to join in with this special event in the Girls' Brigade year. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Saturday 19 March - 'WHO LET THE DADS OUT? from 10.00 - 12 noon, when male carers can spend some play time with their pre-schoolers, with bacon rolls and hot drinks to warm you. All dads, granddads, uncles and any other male carers are welcome. £1 per family.

HOLY WEEK - 20 - 27 March

Palm Sunday, Sunday 20 March - Worship services at 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Wednesday 23 March - Tenebrae Service at 8.00pm, a joint event with Christ Church.

Good Friday, 25 March - Meditation at 9.30am; 3.30pm
Easter Messy Church - with crafts, food and worship for All Ages

Easter Day, 27 March - 8.30am Early morning Communion, followed by **breakfast at 9.30am; 11.00am All Age Service** when we decorate our wooden cross with flowers; 6.30pm **Easter Songs of Praise Celebration**, a joint event with Christ Church.

Everyone is welcome to join in any or all of these services and celebrations. Please see our website: www.fhmc.org.uk for more details.

Our usual weekly worship services and weekday events and groups meet as usual during March and can also be seen in more detail on our website.



Wendy Bull, wife of the Vicar Chris Bull and currently Curate in Marlow, has been appointed (from April) as Team Vicar in High Wycombe with responsibility for St Anne's, Wycombe Marsh and St Peter's, Micklefield.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 29 February to 13 March and reminds us to be fair to those who produce what we buy. Christ Church is a Fairtrade Church serving Fairtrade refreshments on Sundays and in Coffee Stop and runs a Fairtrade Shop on the 2nd Sunday of every month (next shop - Sunday 13 March).

Mothering Sunday (6 March): At both morning services we shall be presenting mums with flowers to say 'thank you'.

CU@the Pub meets **2nd and 4th Thursday evenings** at **The Crooked Billet Pub** in Sheepridge Lane. If you fancy discussing Christian perspectives on 'life, the universe and everything' then this is the place for you! 'Pints of View' is on March 10 and the topic for 24 March is "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth?"

Christ Church is hosting another **Fabulous Film Night** on Friday 11 March from 6.00pm-7.30pm. The film will be suitable for and open to all primary school age children. The cost is £1 per person to cover the cost of refreshments (popcorn, drink and ice lolly).

Are you considering having your child christened/baptised? As a first step why not come along to **'Exploring Baptism'** afternoon tea on Sunday 13 March at the Christ Church Centre.

This Easter... Give yourself a moment to reconnect with the Easter Story:

Palm Sunday (20 March): Palm Crosses will be distributed during our 9.00am and 10.30am Holy Communion services.

Monday 21 March and Tuesday 22 March: 8.00pm: a short service of Evening Prayer service for Holy Week, with a 'Reflection on the Day'.

Wednesday 23 March: 8.00pm: Tenebrae Service at Flackwell Heath Methodist Church.

Maundy Thursday (24 March): 8.00pm Holy Communion and Foot-washing.

Good Friday (25 March): 11.00am to 1.00pm: TGI Friday - a creative Easter Story event for Children; and 12noon to 1.00pm: Devotional Service for adults.

Easter Eve (26 March): 8.00pm: Easter Eve Vigil

Easter Day (27 March): 9.00am: Holy Communion; 10.30am: Easter Family Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt; and 6.30pm: Easter Songs of Praise - Christians in Flackwell Heath gather at the Methodist Church to celebrate, renew & refresh their Easter faith.

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)

Neighbourhood Watch News

March 2016



NEW SCHEME STARTED

In early February, a successful 'Start-up' meeting was held for residents of Wilfrid's Wood Close and the far end of Blind Lane. A 'volunteer' – something hard to find these days! – had come forward offering to set up a scheme and about twenty residents, representing approx. 50% of the houses canvassed, attended the meeting. After an introduction to the aims, benefits and operation of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme by myself, Geoff Pegg, Director of Operations for Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association (WDNHWA), described some of the types of crime combated by Neighbourhood Watch, ranging from burglary through to 'theft from motor vehicle' and cybercrime. In addition, the benefits of setting up a 'No Doorstep Selling Zone' to deter unwanted doorstep callers were described. Refreshments were kindly provided by our host and there was a useful Q&A session, and the opportunity to obtain some of the many useful leaflets on personal and property safety and security. Unfortunately, due to their shift patterns and support to the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting that same evening, the police were unable to attend.

If you live in the area covered by the scheme and would like to join, contact me (details below) and I will put you in touch with the scheme co-ordinator.

BIKE REGISTER

With Spring hopefully just around the corner, many will be thinking of dusting off their bicycles in anticipation of some pleasant outings. Sadly, theft of bicycles is not uncommon, especially when cycles are left unattended whilst visiting local beauty spots – or even a local pub!

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WDNHWA is able to supply BikeRegister products at attractive prices, and can be contacted via myself or at: <http://neighbourhoodwatchwycombe.org/contact-us/>

NHWATCH STREET SIGNS

Some of you will be aware that the Co-op in High Wycombe gave a grant to WDNHWA last year to purchase a supply of NHWatch street signs. There are still some available, so if your street signage is looking worse for wear following the stormy weather earlier in the year, get your co-ordinator to contact me for a replacement.

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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thousands of people who do – this year it's our turn! It's on 24 April and we will be taking part – in frog fancy dress! We want to enjoy the experience and have a great day, while raising money for NSPCC, an amazing charity.

Our fundraising has involved organising various events over the last few months including a Ladies Shopping Evening, cake sales, a coffee morning and

a Race Night. (All, sadly, before we could advertise them – Ed.)

Any donations from our local community, however small, will be hugely appreciated by us and gratefully used by the NSPCC. Please visit our sponsorship page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/FlackwellFrogs16>

Thank you.

Claire Carter, Liz New & Tanja Bullock

Frog Marathon!

We are three forty-something mums from Flackwell Heath, who met through our children at Juniper Hill School. Now we have decided to take on the toughest challenge in our lives so far. None of us are natural runners and even a run round the block was a challenge a few months ago. But we have always wanted to enter the London Marathon and are inspired each year by the

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Flackwell Heath Community Library

Easter Craft morning Saturday 5 March

Once again we are inviting children to our popular Easter Craft morning on Saturday 5 March. All children are welcome to come along from 10.15am -12.30pm. This is FREE, no booking required. Parents/guardians will be offered tea/coffee while they stay with their children.



Talk: 'The Art of the Inventor'

by Ronald Lewin at Flackwell Heath Community Library - Friday 18 March at 7.30pm.

This interactive talk will include examples of inventions from the first British patent at Eton College Chapel through to the Queen's favourite piece of kitchen equipment and discussion of your own favourite invention. Ronald is a former research scientist and Science & Education Consultant with a passion for encouraging an interest in science. He has lectured at the Royal Institution and is the author of science books, BBC schools' programmes and films for young people. Tickets, available in the library, are £6 or £4 for FFHL members.

NEW Local Information Hub

We have considerably improved the lobby area of the library, which is now our Local Information Hub. Here you will find a wide range of leaflets, brochures and posters about: local organisations; theatre and other events, attractions and activities; further education courses; bus timetables and other community & public service information.

The Library is being re-roofed, with an extra 100mm of insulation. This is being paid for by Bucks County Council as the owners of the building.

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



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web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries

Dates For Your Diary

March

Saturday 5	Clean for the Queen, see page 1
Friday 18	Talk at Library: 'The Art of the Inventor', see page 5
Monday 21	FHRA AGM Royal British Legion – see page 2
Thursday 24	Easter Bonnet Parade, see page 1
Tuesday 29	Open Afternoon at Age Concern Day Centre, see page 8

April

Saturday 9	WI Craft Dabble day (for adults), see page 1
Monday 18	Local History Group talk, 'The History of Local Railways', see page 2
Saturday 23	Mavericks Quiz, see page 6
May	
Monday 16	Local History Group talk by Jane Dunsterville
Tuesday 17	Age Concern AGM, 7pm at Day Centre

June

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5	FH Minors 'Festival of Football', Green Dragon Lane.
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Age Concern News

We are looking for a new treasurer as our last one had to resign due to work commitments. Contact: fh.l.daycentre@gmail.com

AGM: Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 May at 7pm at the Centre. All welcome and always looking for new committee members.

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Joyce Goff

painter, gardener.....

'Please don't call me an artist. I'm an amateur painter'.

And a very good one, I would say, judging by the watercolours adorning Joyce Goff's lounge.

Joyce has lived in Flackwell Heath for 46 years and is now aged 91. Although she remembers often having her drawings put up on the classroom wall at school (during an education interrupted by the war), it is only since her husband Colin died in 1997 that she has started to paint regularly. In her mid-30s she experimented with oils, but says she wouldn't go back to using that medium, even though watercolours are, in many ways, harder. With oils, you can paint over a mistake, whereas with watercolours, mistakes cannot always be rectified. She enjoys the more subtle shading effects that can be achieved with watercolours.

Three years after the death of her husband, Joyce saw an advert in the Grapevine for a watercolour class run by local artist Gill Hartley. She started going to the class and now attends a U3A class in the Community Centre, and is also a member of Cookham Arts Club and an Art Group that meets in Phyllis Court in Henley.

Joyce's subject matter varies, and on display she had landscapes, birds (a

beautiful red kite), animals (my favourite, a tiger in the woods), and her personal favourite subject matter which is flowers. She has created attractive greetings cards from several of her paintings.

Joyce's other hobby is gardening, and she commented that friends often say they can tell she has an 'artistic eye' from her attractively laid out garden. I asked if she thought it was true that anyone could paint if taught properly, and Joyce thinks that you do have to have a certain eye for a subject and an ability to 'draw what you see'.

Joyce has sold some of her paintings for charity, and at the Christ Church Charity Fayre in November raised a considerable amount of money for an Albanian orphanage. She plans to be back at Christ Church next November, so I suggest looking out for her, as Joyce's paintings would grace a wall in any house.
Alison Peach



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The Mavericks have plans...

We are going back to do serious theatre, and have entered the Maidenhead Drama Festival. Our play will be performed at Norden Farm Arts Centre, Maidenhead on 16 March. For the Flackwell Heath audience, the play will be performed at the next Mavericks Quiz on Saturday 23 April.

The next big production will then be on 17/18 September, which might be 'Through the Looking Glass', although we have not decided yet.

And then we are back with a pantomime on 17/18 December.

The Mavericks

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Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Morning WI

We had a very good attendance at our February meeting – perhaps a sign that winter is on its way out. We welcomed two visitors (potential new members, we hope). To lift our spirits further our speaker, Jonathan Fryer, gave us an insight into 'The Humorous Side of being an Actor'. He really made us laugh and was never at a loss for a word.

Next month is a similar theme (sometimes unavoidable in programme arranging) when the subject is 'The Inside World of a Film and TV Extra' by Peter Hague.

Evening WI

This month's topic was 'Artificial Resuscitation'. One of our own members, Joan Dawson, who is a trained nurse, a member of the Order of St John, and an experienced and long-serving instructor in resuscitation techniques, demonstrated what to do if someone collapses. The first thing is to check your own safety – but then what? Joan brought an 'Annie' doll to show us and then let some of us have a go. It's harder than it looks, but in an emergency, it could make a difference and you'd have to find the courage to try.

Next month, it's a member from another Institute who's going to tell us about ACWW (Associated Countrywomen of the World), an organisation which raises money to spend on small projects to help women (primarily) worldwide.

Plans are in hand for the Craft Dabble Day on Saturday 9 April – see page 1.

Brenda Aldridge and Sue Arnautov

Youth Club

If you don't have teenagers yourself, you may not have realised that there is a new club in Flackwell Heath. The Flackwell Heath Youth Group completed its first year in December 2015. It currently meets on a Monday night at the Methodist Church Hall and caters for 11 – 16 year olds or, to express it another way, Year 6 at Junior School upwards.

It was formed largely as a result of 2 local councillors, Jeff Herschel and David Johncock, who managed to raise a grant from the council. They collected together a group of volunteers who formed a management committee to work out the practicalities of starting the group. We started with the support of Action 4 Youth, who provided initial advice and training for volunteers. The youth group is now meeting weekly during term time and has a regular membership of 30 young people!

Regular activities include table tennis, table football, pool and electronic games plus a very popular tuck shop. We have also tried out a number of other

successful events including a parent and young people's BBQ evening, a Christmas team games evening, how to do magic with a magician, cooking and handling a variety of snakes and other creatures!

The youth group is intended to provide a safe place for the young people of our village to meet up in a 'less structured' environment so they can retain friendships from their junior school when they are inevitably split up to attend different secondary schools. Although there are regular activities organised, many of the young people just enjoy the chance to chat and catch up with each other in an informal way in a warm, comfortable space. The group meets in the Methodist Church Hall and has received a very warm welcome from the members there, but is not actually affiliated with the church. Church members however occasionally help with the tuck shop (which is much appreciated) and we are beginning to benefit from the improved facilities in the hall (such as the new kitchen).

The team of volunteers are a mixture of ages and occupations but work well together to make sure that we have enough adults present each week. Some of us attend every week, but others help fortnightly. In addition we have a parent rota (thanks to all of you!).

We are always keen to welcome more volunteers though, and are particularly looking for some more male members for the team as we have a large proportion of boys in our membership. So, all you men out there, think about whether you would be willing to join our team. It's great fun being with our young people, never a dull moment (!) and your contribution would be really valued by the young people of our village.

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 20 March, The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at The Jubilee River. We will be meeting at the ex-Budgen's car park at 10.00am. This walk will last approximately 2 hours and is undertaken at your own risk. Please wear walking boots or strong shoes. NB This walk may be subject to change at short notice due to prevailing weather conditions. The next date for your diary is Sunday 17 April, 2016.

C. Barker



Flackwell Heath Golf Club Not just golf !

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Afternoon teas on April 7, May 5, June 2 and July 21

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FH Community Association now has its own website! Exciting changes at Flackwell Heath Community Centre! We have launched a new website. Access can be obtained direct - www.flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk or via the Village Website. Through the sterling efforts of our new Bookings Manager, booking enquiries can be made via the website and there is an up-to-date calendar of all events and regular activities taking place at the Centre. Of course there is the usual information on booking terms & conditions, facilities available, history and contact links.

If you run a regular activity at the Centre, we would be grateful if you would write a short description of what you do and what your club is about - (no more than 140 characters) e.g. 'Ladies badminton group meet Thursday mornings for fun. New members welcome, some playing experience preferred'. Please email your descriptions to bookings@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org and they will be uploaded to our new website.

Our Bookings Manager will be introducing himself to regular users in the next few weeks.

We currently are a very small team and are looking to increase our management membership. If you can spare a small amount of time each month then please do join us - we are a very friendly group! Running the Community Centre involves a variety of skill sets and we have a few gaps. Examples of where help is required for example are: liaising with the cleaners once a quarter and doing a quality cleaning check of the hall; assistance with updating the website; writing articles about activities taking place at the Centre and for the Grapevine newsletter; odd jobs to support the facilities manager - such as being at the Centre to 'let the gas man in'; support the Treasurer with a view to taking over. Our Treasurer has been in the role for ten years and is looking to do other things. If you have a few hours to spare, and even if you don't!, we would love to hear from you. Please email info@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk

The FHCA Committee

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Easter raffle

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