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(see also page 3)



Flackwell Heath Minors FC 'Festival of Football' 2018 Saturday June 2nd & Sunday June 3rd

With the World Cup only 6 weeks away we're hoping that our 'Festival of Football' will get you in the mood for what promises to be a great summer of football.

Flackwell Heath Minors FC 'Festival of Football' Tournament will be held over the weekend of Saturday 2 June and Sunday 3 June at Green Dragon Lane sports ground.

It's a great village tradition and club occasion and when the sun is shining it's a great day out for all the family. As well as the football, there's a bar, bouncy castles, barbecue, tombola, face painting and lots of other fun to be had over the two days.

There'll be over 2,000 boys and girls from teams across the county and beyond, supported by their families and friends as well as hundreds of our loyal supporters from the village. "It's a great club and we're really proud to be a part of the community" said Declan Breen, Club Chairman, "The tournament is a major event for the club, it takes a great deal of planning and organising and the money we raise goes back into the club to fund equipment and facilities".

We look forward to welcoming you all in June

Declan Breen

Chairman, Flackwell Heath Minors FC

Grapevine



New Editor!

A warm welcome goes out to Julie Dickenson who will be taking over as new editor of The Grapevine from June.

Julie and her family have lived in the village for 16 years, although they have spent the last couple of years in Singapore through her husband, Neil's job. While there Julie worked on a British expat magazine, so she brings a certain amount of experience to the role. Neil will be lending his support and assisting whenever possible!

Grapevine Subscriptions

Now that we know The Grapevine will continue, we can collect the subscriptions. This will take place in June, and the notifying slips and lists will be delivered to the Road Reps along with the June Grapevines.



Flackwell Heath
Residents' Association

NEWS FROM FLACKWELL HEATH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Community Litter Pick

We hope that you have noticed a massive difference in the amount of litter in the village since our Community litter pick on 14 April. You may well have noticed a number of purple bins with purple bags under the lid in different locations throughout the village, shining in the sunshine after so many grey days of wet and cloud. You may even have seen Andy from Simply Waste walking around delivering the bins, changing bins over and collecting bins throughout the morning, to make the task easier as full bags could be deposited in the bins and new bags collected. Thank you Andy and Simply Waste, who not only provided the bins and bags but also helped us with the advertising and disposed of all the rubbish for us. Thank you too to the Joint Waste Team who loaned litter pickers again and to the Methodist Church and Minors who provided refreshments throughout the morning. We had a massive number of people taking part, so many that we dispensed well over 300 pairs of disposable gloves. The turn-out included a number of people who have helped us before and lots of new people, including families who took the opportunity to have a family outing, and also Flackwell Heath Minors together with Declan, the

coaches and parents who also joined in. A huge thank you to everyone who came and picked up litter or gardened as it really does make a difference to the look of the village. We hope to have our next 'Clean Up' in the Autumn (Hopefully Saturday 20 October 20) so please join us whether or not you have before as we would love to see you then.

Planning

BT are proposing to remove the public pay phone from Common Road (18/05650/CONBT). We ourselves, the Parish Council and our District Councillors have objected to this and we are pleased to report that WDC have issued a Draft Decision to object to this action.

Village Picnic

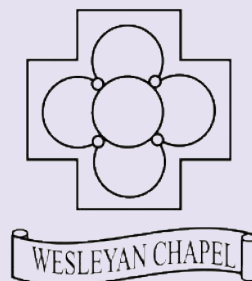
...is on Saturday 15 July at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground. Anyone who would like to get involved please email us on info@flackwellresidents.news

Carolyn Leonard

Chair of Planning and Environment
Group

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FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 8 May, 9.15 to 11.45am – **TIME OUT FOR BUSY MUMS.** 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. Come and enjoy coffee, chat and support while participating in such activities as adult colouring, pancakes and a recipe swap. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

Saturday 19 May, 10am to 12noon – **WHO LET THE DADS OUT???** 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 20 May, 11am – **LOVE WYCOMBE ON THE RYE.** We are joining the open-air service for Pentecost in High Wycombe.

Sunday 27 May, 6.30pm – **CELEBRATE!** A lively music-based service for all the family, led by Rev John Richey.

All weekday groups meet at their usual times, with Sunday services at 11am. and 6.30pm, except where specified above. 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; or email us at info@fhmc.org.uk

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Christ Church has **three services every Sunday**: a 9am traditional Holy Communion service; a 10.30am more contemporary service with children's and youth groups, and a 6.30pm quieter evening service to end the day. There is something for everyone!

First Sundays at 10.30am are 'Worship for Everyone'. It is what it says... worship for everyone... for all ages and all-stages! On Sunday 6 May there will be an all-age look at **'Jesus the Good Shepherd'**.

This term we are running the course: **'Parenting a child with additional needs - ADHD'**. It runs for 3 sessions on Friday mornings (9.30am to 11.45am) starting on 11 May. More details are available from parenting@ccfh.org.uk. Space is limited so please book as soon as possible.

Christ Church hosts **'You-nique'**, a regular monthly support group for parents of children with additional needs. It meets every 2nd Wednesday



of the month for coffee, from 9.30am to 11.30am. This month it will be 9 May.

Ascension Day Quiet Morning and Holy Communion:

Remember when you used to get the day off school for Ascension Day? Sadly... no more... but you can still remember Ascension Day. A 'Quiet Morning' on Thursday 10 May offers quiet space for personal reflection with two short guided talks (9.30am to 12.30pm), followed by a short service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm. All welcome.

For more than 70 years, **Christian Aid** has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world. From **May 13 – 19** you can play your part and truly make a difference! Money raised is sent through partner organisations that are best placed to make sure it goes to those who need it most. To find out more visit: www.christianaid.org.uk. Apart from the village door-to-door collection we are holding two fund-

raising events:

- **A Bread & Cheese lunch** on Tuesday 15 May 12noon – 1.30pm (please book so we can cater for you)
- **A Plant Sale with Car Wash, Cake Stall & Refreshments** on Saturday 19 May 10am – 12.30pm. (The Royal Wedding will be shown on a large screen).

On **Pentecost Sunday (20 May)** Christians from across the Wycombe area will gather on The Rye for **Love Wycombe 2018**. The Celebration will be from 11.30am to 12.30pm, and then people are invited to stay for a picnic, or buy food from the food stalls. There will be stalls, and lots for children to do with activities including inflatables and The Rye playground. There will be a Pentecost Sunday Service at Christ Church 9am but no service at 10.30am.

Please contact the Church Office for further information on any of the above (Phone 01628 533004: 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday or email admin@ccfh.org.uk) or visit www.ccfh.org.uk



Flackwell Heath Community Library

Easter Crafts at the Library

The Easter Crafts morning on 24 March was a great success with around 15 children busy making various forms of Easter cards and decorations, assisted and supervised by parents and helpers.

FREE Blood Pressure Check by the Stroke Association – 3 May

Somebody is hit by a stroke every five minutes in the UK, and over half of all strokes are caused by high blood pressure. The Stroke Association are offering free blood pressure checks in the library on Thursday 3 May 10am – 5pm. Just turn up – no need to book, it only take a few minutes, and it could help you reduce your risk of a stroke.

Our regular activities

Yoga sessions – Sundays 10 -11.15am, Meditation & Yoga Nidra – last Thursday of the month 8.30 - 9.30pm. Contact Alexandra Alves 07786 332695.

Coffee & Craft Group – Every Friday between 10am and 12noon. 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 from 10.30 to 11am. No need to book, just turn up.

Sewing Bee – Held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, between 7 and 9pm. To find out more please call Alison on 0780 3044 298.

Family History Research using the internet, with Gill Kyle. Individual 50 minute sessions. Cost £2 plus any photocopying charges. Please contact Gill to arrange a session at the library, telephone 01494 436314 or email donkyle@btinternet.com

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

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Neighbourhood Watch News

May 2018

Cons, Scams and Cybercrime

Crime statistics suggest that this is the most rapidly growing type of crime that is likely to affect the general population. It is also significantly under-reported, perhaps because the victims feel too embarrassed to admit that they 'have been taken for a ride'. So, we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg?

This was the topic of a recent presentation at Christ Church, given by Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association (WDNHW). The event was supported by Sgt. James Benfield, our local Neighbourhood Sergeant, and Chris Holden from Trading Standards, who both emphasised the significant impact that this type of crime can have on the victim and their family.

Geoff Pegg gave a presentation on Cons and Scams, ranging from doorstep 'cold-callers', though postal frauds to telephone scams (Vishing). He described a number of local incidents where residents had been 'conned' into parting with significant sums of money. Sadly, the perpetrators target the vulnerable members of our community. He specifically mentioned the case of an elderly lady who over a number of months sent money to the criminals in the belief that she had 'won' a significant prize, and this money was to pay for 'administration'. Her family started the campaign 'Think Jessica' in an attempt to publicise this type of nefarious activity, which continues today.

Yours truly concluded the meeting with an illustrated presentation on 'Cybercrime'. The exponential growth in computer technology over the last 40-odd years, coupled with the global coverage of the internet and access to high-speed broadband connectivity, has seen a tremendous growth in cybercrime – that is crime which utilises these features of our every day lives. Daily we are bombarded with scam emails pretending to be from our Bank, Credit Card provider, HMRC, Microsoft, etc., all trying to persuade us to reveal personal information that can compromise our financial situation. Social media is also used to facilitate

some most unpleasant forms of crime, often aimed at our children and young folk who seem to be permanently 'attached' to their smart phones these days. In conclusion, I offered some advice as to how to avoid becoming a 'victim' to the many forms of cyber crime, drawing on recommendations from 'Action Fraud'.

Remember **A, B, C**.

A – Assume nothing. Just because an email 'appears' to be genuine, don't assume that it is!

B – Believe no-one. The person who tells you they are from your Bank may be a criminal.

C – Check everything. Trust your own instincts, and if the situation seems a bit unusual, check!

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

David Gresswell - retiring Area Co-ordinator, Flackwell Heath:

Tel: 525019

e-mail: flackwell-nhwatch@talktalk.net

Police General & Non-emergency number: 101

Community Safety Team (Anti-social behaviour): 01494 421 087

Crimestoppers (Anonymous): 0800 555 111

Trading Standards (Consumer Direct): 0345 4 04 05 06

Cyberaware – <http://cyberaware.gov.uk>

ACTION FRAUD: 0300 123 2040 (<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>)

The Information Commissioner's Office:

0303 123 1113

NHS: 111

The Village Barber



This establishment opened over a year ago in the premises vacated by the Midland Bank. It is now under the management of Chiro, an Italian who used to work at Nick G's. He serves men (and boys) and besides haircuts offers shaves and beard grooming, also 'skin fades' (those designs in close cut hair). They are happy to welcome customers old and new and are open 6 days a week.

Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

In May, both Institutes will be discussing the resolution to be presented at the National Federation's AGM in Cardiff in June; the subject is 'Mental Health Matters'.

Morning WI

The speaker at our April birthday meeting was Bill Hamilton, journalist and former BBC reporter. Born in Dundee, famous for jam, jute and journalism, he regaled us with tales of his rise from cub reporter to visiting many of the world's sites of disaster or violence. One which stood out in his memory was arriving at the Aberfan school disaster. He illustrated his talk with many pictures.

Afterwards we all enjoyed a bring and share buffet, and as always we did not run short of food.

Evening WI

Denise Beddows spoke on 'Bucks Spies and Subversives'. Our County has been home, sometimes temporarily, to some surprising characters! Our team at the WI Quiz did well, but did not quite make the top four (who go on to the Inter-County Quiz with Herts. and Beds.)

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Flackwell Local Area History Group

An illustrated **Talk** by Mike Dewey: **'Rations to Fashions, Shopping in Wycombe 1945-70'** is on Monday 21 May 2018, from 7.30pm at the Flackwell Heath Library. Mike will present a history of the shopping experience in High Wycombe spanning 25 years, including the ever-popular Murray's. This is a ticketed event. The tickets will be available at the library from Tuesday 17 April and are £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL). Please note that tickets will not be available on the night.

Fact Finding Forum

The next one is on 14 May at the Flackwell Heath Library, from 7.15 – 9pm. There is no subject for this evening but just a general chat about the local villages. If you would like to bring along photos or anything else you think may be of interest, like maps of the villages or house deeds mentioned in our appeal section, then please feel free to do so. We look forward to seeing you.

Group Visit - 8 June 2018

A visit has been arranged to the Frogmore Paper Mill in Hemel Hempstead. Making paper was originally a completely manual process until in 1803 the world's first commercial paper-making machine was installed at Frogmore. Thus began paper's industrial revolution which resulted in the world we know today – mass communication and universal education. Over 200 years later the Frogmore Mill is still making paper. It is operated by a charitable trust and is open for visits by the public.

This Group Visit is only open to members of the Friends of Flackwell Heath Library and is being organised as a non-profit making venture. For further information please call into the library.

Date - 11 November 2018

This year November 11th is not only Remembrance Sunday but is also the centenary of the Armistice which ended the fighting in the Great War, WWI. The Local History Group is working with other organisations in the

Dates for your Diary

May

- Saturday 5: Oasis Afternoon Tea at Christ Church, see page 8
- Saturday 12: Concert with Fiona Harrison, see page 1.
- Monday 14: Local History Group Fact Finding Forum
- Friday 18: Diabetes Day at 227 Blind Lane, games, tombola, refreshments, see page 8
- Monday 21: Local History Talk 'Rations to Fashions', see page 5

June

- Saturday 2 & Sunday 3: FH Minors Football Club Grand Tournament, see page 1.
- Friday 8: Local History Group visit to Frogmore paper mill in Hemel see page 5
- Friday 28: Heath Singers' concert at Christ Church, see page 8

July

- Sunday 8: Carrington Schools Fête
- Sunday 15: Village Picnic

village to commemorate this centenary. If there are other village organisations who have not been approached and who wish to participate, they are invited to contact Mike Dewey on 01628 525207 or by email deweymiked@aol.com.

Appeal Corner

We are interested to know if anyone has old maps of the villages, as we would like to build a picture of how they have changed and grown over the years. We would also be interested in copies of house deeds. We recently were able to copy deeds from an old house that detailed who owned land/house over the last couple of hundred years.

If you do have any information, photos etc please feel free to contact Pat Trotter on 01628 524332 or email pattrotter@talktalk.net

Family History Research - To arrange a research session at the library please contact Gill Kyle on 01494 436314 or by email donkyle@btinternet.com The sessions cost £2 for 50 minutes plus the cost of any photocopying.



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HIGH WYCOMBE'S AVIATION HISTORY

The March FH Local Area History Group lecture was given by Dave Scott on the contribution that High Wycombe and surrounding area gave to aviation.

Two notable flying aviators who visited HW were Sir Alan Cobham with his Flying Circus and Col Sam Cody, the first recorded person to fly in this country. The most famous person who lived in this area was Amy Johnson, who took the world by storm when she flew single-handed from England to Australia in 1930. In WWII she became a ferry pilot in the Air Transport Auxiliary and lost her life in the Thames estuary in 1941.

There were a number of airfields in the region: the Royal Flying Corps Aviation Station at Saunderton was the first one in the area. Other landing grounds were Whincups Field at the top of Marlow Hill, Cock Marsh at Bourne End and Lacy Green and Nap Hill north west of HW. The principal landing ground was Booker which started life as a private airfield in 1939, was taken over and became RAF Booker in 1941 and was relinquished in 1965, when it became Wycombe Air Park, the only airfield remaining. The films 'Aces High' and 'Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines' were filmed there.

Because of the many skilled carpenters, HW became a centre of aircraft production in both wars. In WWII, 70% of the de Havilland Mosquito aircraft were built here in various carpentry factories, including F Parker (now Parker Knoll) and Davenport Vernon in the High St (now Argos).

For a detailed history of the subject of 'High Wycombe Aviation History', David Scott and Ian Simmons have written 'High Wycombe's Contribution to Aviation', published in 2007, revised in 2008. (ISBN 978-0-9558241-1-1) priced at £10, profits from this publication going to The Air Ambulance.

Bernard Oring



Walking the Ridgeway for Mongolia

On 5 days 'holiday' after Easter, Chris Bull (Vicar of Flackwell Heath) and Wendy Bull (Vicar of Wycombe Marsh and Mickelfield) walked the 87 miles of the Ridgeway footpath, from Overton Hill in Wiltshire, through Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and into Bedfordshire, to Ivinghoe Beacon.



Ivinghoe Beacon at Last!
Photo: Peter Smither (father of Wendy Bull)

to Ivinghoe Beacon. The walk has raised over £2700 for 'The Jubilee Society of Mongolia', a charity serving the poorest of the poor in Mongolia, which has its origins in Christ Church Flackwell Heath.

Contributors please note: the deadline for a particular issue of The Grapevine is the 15th of the previous month.

The Editor

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100 YEARS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



On Monday 1st of April 1918 the Royal Air Force was formed from the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service to make one flying force, the first such service in the world and not affiliated to either the Navy or Army and the only service to be officially granted a 'Royal' prefix. The 100th

Anniversary of this event was celebrated in Flackwell Heath by a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 1st April at the village War Memorial, organised by the local branch of The British Legion. The weather held dry and seats were provided for the elderly, which included at least one WWII veteran. The RAF was represented by the Station Warrant Officer from RAF High Wycombe.

The service was conducted by the Reverend Christopher Bull, Vicar of Christchurch and the Honorary British Legion Branch Chaplain, to a congregation of about 60 that was made up of Legion members, including Mr George O'Leary (Chairman of the Branch), committee members of the branch, their families, invited guest and villagers.

Before the service commenced there was the parading of the Standards, including the British Legion's, around the War Memorial. After the introduction, Psalm 46 was sung to the tune of the Dam Busters March followed by the reading of High Flight by John Gillespie Magee, a pilot in the early 40's. Following the Exhortation and Last Post there was 2 Minutes Silence and the Reveille. Wreaths were laid for the Royal British Legion, Royal Air Force, Battle of Britain & Bomber Command. The service closed with prayers, the National Anthem and the Blessing.

After the service the congregation was invited to the Legion's HQ for a cold buffet followed by musical entertainment and a raffle with many prizes which raised over £150 for charity.

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FLACKWELL....The Name

It is interesting to trace in historical archives the name Flackwell, which was already in use 800 years ago.

1227 The Eyre Roll records a court case before travelling justices. Alice prioress of Little Marlow Priory accused Richard de Flacwell of raising a dyke and damaging her land. In a separate case Richard de Flakewell was accused of robbery, but the jury found him not guilty.

1537 State Papers show Henry VIII granted to Elizabeth Restwold a house and site with lands belonging to the dissolved priory of Little Marlow. Field names in this grant include Grete Flakwell, Flackman, Blakwell and Welfield.

1682 Chepping Wycombe parish registers include the burial of John, son of John Silby of Flackwell Heath. John Silby, bargeman of Flackwell Heath was buried in 1690.

1821 Little Marlow Enclosure Awards. Includes fields named Great Flackmans and Flackmans Close, adjacent to Sheepridge Lane. Ray Smith of Pigeon House Farm recognises some of the fields named in 1537 and 1821 that are on his farm. He confirms the site where Thames Water has the borehole at Well End is that shown on the 1821 map as Well Field. They pump water from there to our water tower.

It does appear the name Flackwell relates to a very productive well or spring, within the area from Sheepridge to the site of the Priory, which is now the Abbotsbrook Estate in Bourne End.

Possible ancient origins of the name Flackwell are investigated by Gwenda Grange in her book 'Flackwell Heath The Making of a Chiltern Village'. This was published by the Millennium Celebration Committee. I assisted in the historical research and we were both members of the committee. It is now out of print, but I believe there is a copy in the village library.

Denis Barber

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 20 May 2018 The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk in Rickmansworth. 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. New walkers always welcome - just turn up on the day. The next date for your diary will be Sunday 17 June, 2018.

C. Barker

Diabetes Fun Day

We are again holding a fund raising day for 'Diabetes UK' at my house 227 Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath, on Friday 18 May.

There will be tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits from 9am – 5pm then turning into a cheese and wine party until 10pm. There will be a table top sale outside and inside lots of competitions, tombola and our 'famous' Grand Draw.

We will also have jewellery, Tupperware and gifts for sale. In the last nine years we have raised £21,442.24.

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