

THE Grapevine

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Right Royal Coincidence

The Benwell family had every reason to cheer on Prince Harry's wedding last month since they feel more than a passing connection with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

In a remarkable stroke of luck, the three Benwell children are named George, Charlotte and Louise. Mum is called Catherine and dad's middle name is William.

"Our friends and George and Charlotte's teachers at Juniper Hill all think it's an amazing coincidence," says Cathy, who lives with her family at Northern Woods.

And what do the children think of their royal connection?

"They have been thrilled by the whole thing." Cathy adds: "As soon as the latest pregnancy was reported, my husband placed a bet that the new royal baby would be called either Louis or Louise. When the name Louis was announced we won



£255. The children just hope they can be treated like royalty now!"

The family splashed out on a new gaming console with their winnings and gave the rest to the charity Centrepont, whose patron is Prince William. How fitting!

A few words from the editor...

Welcome to the June issue. It's very exciting to take on the role of editor. Having lived in Flackwell Heath since 2002, I have always found The Grapevine a vital source of information for what is going on in and around the village.

Stepping into Sue Arnautov's shoes after her seven year stint as editor is quite a challenge. I would like to thank Sue for her outstanding work - this is only my first issue, but it has already become clear that the editor's lot is not an easy one. I hope to continue to make The Grapevine a "must-read" for all those who live in Flackwell Heath, but please remember it is your newsletter. If you wish to make suggestions of topics to cover, or if you have an article to submit, please get in touch with me, Julie Dickenson, via the email address

grapevine@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk.

Happy reading!

The HEATH SINGERS IN CONCERT



FRIDAY, 29 JUNE 2018

Christ Church, Chapel Road, at 8pm.

Donation £10 to include interval refreshments

Popular music from show tunes to folk and spiritual numbers too

Tickets from Peggy Woolhouse, Tel 01628 523464, Church Office and Choir members



Christ Church has **three services every Sunday**: a 9.00am 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 3 June** there will be an all-age look at the 'birth of the Church' from Acts 2: the 'No Strings Attached' Puppeteers will be helping us with the story.

Christ Church is collecting for **One Can Trust**, the High Wycombe based food bank, from **10 to 25 June**. One Can Trust provides food parcels to local people in need. You can help by donating gifts of non-perishable food and goods via Christ Church any morning during that fortnight. A 'shopping list' is available from the One Can Trust website.

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

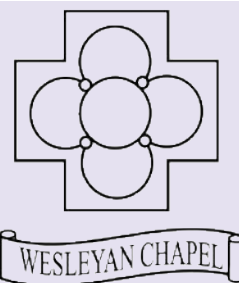
of the month for coffee, from 9.30am to 11.30am. This month it will be **13 June**.

Father's Day is Sunday 17 June and Bacon Butties will be served between services by Fellowship, the Men's Group at Christ Church... at around 10.00am.

'**Prayer for Healing**' is offered regularly every 3rd Sunday morning as part of our 9.00am service of Holy Communion. The next date is **Sunday 17 June**. Healing Prayer is also offered every Sunday after the 10.30am service.

Coffee Stop is open for everyone in Flackwell Heath, and serves fantastic fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers, providing a warm and 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.

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 METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 12 June, 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 enjoying such activities as adult colouring, pancakes and a recipe swap. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

Tuesday 12 June, 12.30 to 2.30pm – **CRAFTERNOON**. An opportunity for crafters of all ages and abilities to come together to chat while working on your own projects or learning a new skill.

Saturday 16 June, 10.00 to 12 noon – **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 17 June, 11am – **FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY LIVE!** with food from 10.15. A service for young families and the young-at heart, led by Rev. Nick Thompson.

Sunday 24 June, 6.30pm – **CELEBRATE!** A lively music-based service for all the family, led by Rev. Nick Thompson.

All weekday groups meet at their usual times, with Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., 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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Grapevine Subscriptions

The collection of Grapevine subscriptions in June has been postponed so that a data protection policy that encompasses the whole of the Flackwell Heath Community Association can be put in place. We will keep you posted as to when the collection will be.



WELCOME BOOST FOR FHCA

The future is bright for the Flackwell Heath Community Association (FHCA) after it received a welcome boost in support from the community at its AGM.

The FHCA, a registered charity, was struggling to continue with a number of positions vacant and its small team of volunteers hard pressed to manage everything. Its responsibilities include the day to day running of the Community Centre, The Grapevine newsletter, plus organising a number of fundraising village events.

But following a rallying call for help in The Grapevine and through word of mouth, the Association has welcomed a number of new faces.

Chairman Chris Cramer was delighted with the AGM's turnout. "About a third of the people at the meeting were

newcomers and their response to our need for support was fantastic. It almost felt like a party by the end of the evening and a great relief that we have more help to rely upon."

The Committee heard that despite a lack of members, the Community Centre had run smoothly in the past year with regular bookings remaining constant in both the Main Hall and smaller Sarney Room. Fees have remained largely unchanged since 2004, with just a minor increase of £1 on the weekend rates for both halls last year. All income collected from the booking fees goes towards the upkeep of the Community Centre and the Day Centre next door.

New appointments included Barrie Walmsley as the new Treasurer who will be shadowing current treasurer Alison

Harvey for the first few weeks and Bill Austin and Irina Woodford, who offered to take over the bookings. This has come as a great relief to the Chairman who had been juggling the bookings alongside her other work. A good number of attendees indicated that they would be willing to help with the running of the Centre and Chris Cramer will be reaching out to them soon. Since there were no volunteers to take over the Chairman's position, Chris Cramer kindly agreed to continue in her role for another year. Chris Thomas will continue as the Association's Secretary.

Enormous thanks were extended to Sue Arnautov for her hard work as editor of *The Grapevine* and who has announced her intention to step down. The publication will continue under the new editorship of Julie Dickenson.

What a blooming lovely garden!



Enthusiastic gardeners Trevor and Janet Jones are preparing to share the wonders of their delightful garden by opening it to visitors this summer.

The garden at the back of their home in Whitepit Lane is packed full of pretty plants, shrubs and flowers. Many of them are rare and unusual for a British climate, but are thriving under Trevor's expert care.

The couple have invited the public to view their garden before, but this year, for the first time, the garden has been included in The National

Garden Scheme Yellow Book. A handbook to various private gardens that are deemed special enough to welcome visitors.

Small groups and families are welcome to view the garden - which also features a 00 model railway - by prior arrangement. The £7 entrance fee, which includes refreshments, will be going to charity.

Contact Trevor or Janet on 01628 524876 to arrange a visit.

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Flackwell Local Area History Group



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Dates for your diary:

After the summer break the next talk at the Flackwell Heath Library will be on **Monday 17 September 2018, from 7:30pm.**

Luca Webb is a student at John Hamden School in High Wycombe. Luca will be talking about Benjamin Disraeli.

More details to follow.

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 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.

Fact Finding Forum

Next date is on **10 September at the Flackwell Heath Library, from 7.15 – 9.00pm**

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.

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 £2.00 for 50 minutes plus the cost of any photocopying.



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Loudwater & Wooburn Local History Group

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Does anybody recognise this cottage in Flackwell Heath?

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



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Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 17 June The Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk in Langley Park, Iver. 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. New walkers always welcome - just turn up on the day.

The next date for your diary will be Sunday 22 July, 2018.

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Neighbourhood Watch News

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Mobile Phones & Driving Safety. Signal Blocker

Despite a £200 fine and 6-points on your driving licence if caught, it is still commonplace to see drivers holding a mobile phone whilst driving. Statistics show that the physical use of a mobile phone whilst driving increases the risk of having an accident four-fold. Not only is your attention distracted but your control of the vehicle is significantly reduced with only one hand on the steering wheel. Remember what your driving instructor told you – both hands on the wheel at a quarter to three or ten to two! Even holding a conversation using the 'hands-free' facility fitted to many cars these days is a distraction.

SIGNAL BLOCKER available through WDNHWA is a special pouch made from RFID material that will block all incoming calls and notifications to your phone when stored in the pouch whilst driving. Visit the WDNHWA web-site for details of how to obtain:

<https://neighbourhoodwatchwycombe.org/security-products-for-sale/>

Phishing & Vishing, Cons & Scams

Several Phishing emails have been received over the last month. Examples are: Package delivery claiming to be from Morrison's, requiring 'missing personal details'; Reward|Tesco – thank you for your loyalty, again requiring personal details; Tesco Voucher – share your opinion and claim your gift; - all came from false email addresses. The latest one from 'TSB' attempted to cash-in on the recent TSB problem, and looked quite convincing but was full of links to a non-TSB web address.

A 'popular' Vishing call claimed to be from HMRC threatening all sorts of dire consequences if you failed to respond - or offering you a refund! This sort of call can be stopped in its tracks by

employing one of the various call-blocking services offered by phone providers. I personally use TalkTalk's 'Call Safe' (dial 1472) and it has proved to be very effective.

WDNHWA have also been awarded 'Organisation Status' by 'Friends against Scams' a national Trading Standards initiative, for their work against 'Cons & Scams'. Well done Geoff Pegg!

<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

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

David Gresswell

Scheme 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

Get Involved

Remember that the deadline for all editorial and advertising in The Grapevine is the 15th of the previous month.

Email your contributions to the editor
grapevine@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk

CARRINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

From Pebbles to Pathways ...

Last term years 5 and 6 had great fun working with local artist, Nick Cooke. Nick helped our children to create some beautiful pebbles, some of which have been deposited around the local area – perhaps you have been lucky enough to find one.

The point of the artwork was very simple – to make someone smile by leaving the pebbles somewhere to be found.

Firstly the children were asked to bring in a pebble. Then each pebble was painted white as an undercoat. Now the fun really starts. The children were asked to paint on the pebbles. Some chose designs others pictures, we had so many great individual designs.

As a school we decided to display all the beautiful pebbles in our front entrance. This meant that any visitors were instantly drawn to look at the pebbles. Everyone was truly amazed at the bright and colourful spectacle. Some children were so keen to leave them about the area, that they took them home just before Easter.

Nick then returned to talk to the school about how he became an artist. The children were very interested to hear his story.

Not to be left out, years 3 and 4 visited Shortenhills and Wycombe Museum respectively. Year 3 were truly amazed at how some substances never seem to decay whilst others do very quickly. They all thought about their own carbon footprint and how they can help to recycle. Year 4 on the other hand, designed some amazing chairs.

We finished the term by visiting Christ Church for an Easter Eggtrevaganza and learning more about Easter. It was a very busy term!

Mrs Majcher
Head Teacher



Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Bucks Federation is celebrating its Centenary in 2020, and is planning, amongst other things, to have published a new Book of Bucks Villages. The original is long out of print. The Institutes have therefore been asked to submit entries, describing their village and its activities etc.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes holds its Annual Meeting next month (in Cardiff, this time). A resolution selected from suggestions by members and Institutes will be discussed and voted upon. The topic this year is Mental Health. As you can see below, Flackwell's two Institutes did not agree! Both votes will go to Cardiff.

Morning WI

We were pleased to welcome three

visitors, hopefully potential new members.

We had a lively discussion about the Resolution on Mental Health Matters, which would be submitted to the National AGM in June. Our members voted in Favour.

Next month our speaker is Colin Oakes, his topic being the Swinging 60s.

Evening WI

We were happy to have a visitor at our meeting. Liz Payne presented the background and arguments for and against the resolution. Although sympathetic to the idea of improving Mental Health and its treatment, members expressed a lack of enthusiasm for the resolution before them, and they voted Against.

Liz Payne also reported on the BFWI Annual Meeting, which had excellent invited speakers:

Prof. Ruth Farwell, High Sheriff, once the Head of Bucks New University, Dr Natalie Welden of Portsmouth University on microplastics in the oceans (on which the NFWI had a resolution in 2017), Christine Walkden, a gardener and broadcaster who took a degree at age 47, and a team from Wheelpower, a charity supporting wheelchair sport connected with Stoke Mandeville.

The June speaker will be Jeff Rozelaar on 'Bagels & Bacon'. A trip to the National Arboretum in August is planned.



Carrington Schools PTA

Sunday 8 July, 2018

Summer Fayre

12 noon - 3pm



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So, if you have a specific book title, or author or subject area, that you would like us to order for Flackwell Heath Community Library, then please let us know. Call into the library and give the de-tails to one of our volunteers. This is in addition to the stock of new books that we receive every month.

Our regular activities

Yoga sessions - Sundays 10.00am-11.15am. Meditation & Yoga Nidra - last Thursday of the month 8.30pm -9.30pm. Contact Alexandra Alves 07786 332695

Coffee & Craft Group - Every Friday between 10.00 and 12.00noon. 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 11.00am. No need to book, just turn up.

Sewing Bee - Held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, between 7.00 and 9.0pm. 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

Gazebo for Hire

We have a large gazebo (used at the Village Pic-nic and other library functions) which is available for hire at £25 for a weekend. It measures 3m by 4m and has



four separate side curtains. The photo shows it in use with just two sides.

Contact the library if interested.

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.

Flackwell Heath Community Library,
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email: fhcl@flackwellheath.net

web: www.bucksc.gov.uk/libraries



Planter installed at the Community Centre

Visitors to the Community Centre may have noticed that the old bottle bank area has been replaced by a most impressive wooden planter. The first few shrubs have been planted in it and more will follow, with the aim of complementing the existing trees and shrubs found in the Jubilee Garden.

The old bottle banks were one of many waste centres to be taken away by Wycombe District Council as the majority of recyclable items are now collected directly from households.

Flackwell Ward Councillors John Savage, David Watson and David Johncock donated their annual ward budget to the project, together with donations from the Residents Association and the CWPC.



Dates for your Diary

June

Saturday 2 FH Minors Football Club Grand Tournament

Sunday 3:

Friday 8: Local History Group visit to Frogmore paper mill in Hemel Hempstead

Friday 29: Heath Singers' concert at Christ Church, see page 1

July

Sunday 8: Carrington Schools Fayre, see page 6

Sunday 15: Village picnic, see page 8

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Tuning in to Good News

Sharp eared listeners may have recognised a couple of local voices on Wycombe Sound radio the other Friday afternoon. Alison and Jeff Harvey, who manage the village Jigsaw and Paperback Library, were invited on to the airwaves to discuss the group's growing success.

The library, which was started in the 1970s, has been growing from strength to strength with supporters travelling from across the county and further afield to visit on the first Wednesday of every month at the Community Centre from 1.30-3.30pm.

The Stag PH

Don't give up hope all those who miss enjoying a drink at The Stag Public House on Heath End Road. Despite being empty for many months, the owners, Ei group plc have stated that they are undergoing property work at the premises. Regional Manager, Colin Hardy, told us: "We have now begun actively recruiting for The Stag and are looking to have a suitable publican in situ as soon as possible to re-open the site. We are using this time to complete essential works and currently have contractors on site getting the pub ready to trade."



Flackwell Heath Residents' Association

Roll up, Roll up

Once again Flackwell Heath Residents' Association is hosting a fun afternoon on the Recreation Ground, Straight Bit when they host the village fete and picnic. Mark your diary for Sunday 15 July from 12 noon until 4pm.



There will be music, a BBQ, low cost children's activities, and the chance to relax with your own picnic while enjoying a demonstration by the local dance school.

The Bowls Club will be open for tea and a bar, plus the opportunity to try your hand at bowls. A local microbrewery will be selling their wares and many village groups and organisations will have stalls to display the diverse range of activities that are available in our community. The local school football

tournament will be a prelude to the evening's World Cup Final.

There promises to be some amazing prizes for the raffle so come along and try your luck.

As a small group, the Residents' Association would greatly welcome some help with setting up and dismantling, they will be kicking off at the Rec from 9am.

Flackwell Heath Community Association

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Secretary:	Chris Thomas
	01628 520361
Treasurer:	Alison Harvey
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