

THE Grapevine

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



BARCLAYS BANK SET TO CLOSE

Barclays Bank in Common Road has announced it will be closing its doors to customers for the final time at the end of this year.

In a move that has seen nearly 2,000 local branch closures of banks and building societies since 2015, Flackwell Heath seemed destined to be on the hit list, but still the news has shocked the community.

A Barclays spokesperson at Flackwell Heath admitted: "We know this has upset a number of our customers and we are sorry. One lady told us she has used the branch for 50 years.

"Sadly, it is a fact that fewer customers are visiting the branch, instead favouring online, mobile or telephone banking for their day-to-day business. Our records found that only 97 customers use this branch exclusively for their banking needs."

The bank, which will close on 14 December, sent its customers letters regarding the closure at the end of August. Personal and business customers were also advised that they can pay in cash and cheques, check their balance or withdraw cash from their account at the Post Office. Alternative Barclays banks can be found in High Wycombe town centre, Booker, Marlow and Beaconsfield.

Barclays is supporting those customers who may wish to become more confident in online banking with a couple of Tea and Teach sessions being held at the branch on 16 and 18 October. Call in at the Common Road branch to register interest.



Grapevine



Grapevine Request

Grapevine has lost three long-serving reps. Hilda Ball, Maureen Foster and Gerry Miles had each given many years' service to distributing the newsletter and we are very grateful to them all.

Claire Carter, Richard Wilkinson and Leah Raper have kindly taken over most of the addresses. However, we need someone to deliver to about 12 people altogether in Glenmore Close, Hawthorne Gardens and part of St Hilda's Way.

Any offers? Please email grapevine@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk

FLACKWELL HEATH VILLAGE BONFIRE ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FIREWORK & BONFIRE EVENT

SAT 3rd NOV 2018

Sports field at Lawrence Way (end of Chapel Rd)

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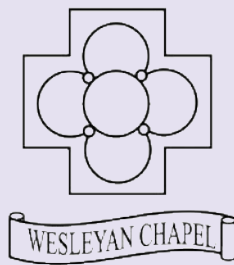
Daisy's, Unit 4, Flackwell News, Express Video and
the Post Office; and Carrington and Juniper Schools

In the interest of safety, no fireworks or sparklers of any kind to be brought onto the display site.

Please walk to the event as PARKING nearby is very limited

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FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday 6 October, 3.30 to 5.30pm – HARVEST MESSY CHURCH! For all the family. There will be a selection of activities in the main hall, a celebration in the church followed by a meal.

Sunday 7 October, 11am – HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL-AGE WORSHIP. Come and celebrate God's harvest gifts with all the family. Led by Rev Nick Thompson. Followed by a church family lunch from around 12.45; all welcome – please put your name on the list in the church so we have an idea of numbers.

Tuesday 9 October, 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 with such activities as adult colouring, pancakes and a recipe swap. To book a place in the crèche, please contact Vicky on 07979 541874.

Tuesday 9 October, 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.

Tuesday 9 October, 5.45 for 6pm – GIRLS' BRIGADE HARVEST SERVICE. Come and support our girls as we celebrate harvest together.

Saturday 20 October, 10am 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 28 October, 6.30 to 7.30pm – CELEBRATE! A lively music-based service for all the family, with Rev Singa Vunipola.

Saturday 3 November – DAY OF PRAYER. We will be holding our annual prayer day when the church will be open all day from 10am to 5pm, and there will be various activities to help us pray for the needs of our village, our world and for those people known to us who need our prayers. Please just drop in at any time even if you can only spare a few minutes.

Sunday 4 November, 11am – CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY. All-age worship to celebrate the anniversary of our chapel, led by Rev David Miller and followed by a family lunch from around 12.45. All welcome – please put your name on the list in the church so we have an idea of numbers.

Sunday services are normally at 11am and 6.30pm. Other activities and information can be found on our website www.fhmc.org.uk; or please contact our senior steward Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403, or our minister Rev Nick Thompson on 01628 483985. www.fhmc.org.uk www.facebook.com/FlackwellHeathMC prayer.requests@fhmc.org.uk



• Our all-new **Junior Church** has started, and is open to all children ages 3 to 11 years. Each week is full of stories, games and crafts around a Bible theme. Email the Church Office or children@ccfh.org.uk for more detail. We also have Sunday and midweek groups for those aged 12+.

• The **'Tuesday Lunch Club'** meets at the Church Centre every first Tuesday of the month. Open to everyone, it serves 'Soup of the Day' and a roll from 12noon in the Church Foyer. You don't need to book... just turn up and enjoy good company and conversation while you eat. The next occasion is **Tuesday 2 October**.

• **From 23 September to 7 October**, as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, Christ Church hosts a collection for **'One Can Trust'**. Gifts of food can be brought to make up parcels for this essential local food bank. A shopping list of suitable items is available from the Church Office.

• **"Taste the Goodness"** – You are invited to celebrate **Harvest** on **Sunday 7 October**: At 9am (traditional Harvest Holy Communion), 10.30am (Worship for Everyone) and 6.30pm (Harvest Evening Service). Harvest gifts – fresh produce, tins & packets – will be received and given to 'One Can Trust', the High Wycombe Emergency Food Bank.

• **Wednesday 31 October** is **'Fabulous Family Movie Night'** at Christ Church - for all families and their 5-11 years olds. The film is the latest Disney/Pixar production **'Incredibles 2'**. Doors open at 5.45pm; the main feature is at 6pm. Cost is £1 to cover the cost of popcorn and a drink, with prizes for those who come in a superhero costume. Book early as this will be popular!

• 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, 9.30am to 11.30am in the Upper Room.

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

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WELCOME END IS IN SIGHT

There's good news at last for shop owners in the village, with confirmation that work on infilling the sinkhole is due to commence early this month.

Contractors Forkers have been instructed to complete the work outside Aries House in Straight Bit. It marks the final stage in repairing the pavement that started collapsing more than a year ago.

Despite months passing since the water leaks that caused the sinkhole were fixed, the delay in finishing the repairs was down to insurers needing to complete their own detailed examinations before agreeing to meet the cost of the reinstatement work. It proved a slow process and cost at least £20,000.



Lamberts Chartered Surveyors, management company for Aries House, admits that it has been a lengthy and costly process. Stephanie Tarrant, from their Residential Management team, said:

"There have been so many elements in getting this case settled. We have seen various parties involved and tests needed before we could push ahead to

completion. We fully understand how frustrating it has been for the local shop owners and residents, but the sinkhole needs to be repaired properly, with specialist contractors in place."

Stephanie added that her company had been made aware of the humorous protest outside the shops in August when a sign 'the land the council forgot' was displayed with inflatable dinosaurs and balloons tied to the railings. But she added that it had not quickened the date for the completion work.

Siva Nadarajah from Unit 4 News, directly behind the sinkhole, said: "The work is long overdue. It has been a dreadful year for our business."

Beauty from top to toe

Charlotte Emery's childhood dream of owning her own beauty salon has been realised with the recent opening of her business in the village where she grew up.

Situated in the old Brian's hairdressers' premises on Heath End Road, Charlotte heard that the shop was available after Brian announced his retirement following 30 years at the salon.

"A client suggested I take a look at Brian's place and we thought the position was perfect. I could see immediately how we could make it work for us. The fact that it is just a few minutes' walk from home is a bonus," says Charlotte, who still lives in the family home just around the corner from the salon, and who was a Carrington School pupil.

It will also be very much a family concern as mum, Julie, is co-partner in the business and sisters Megan, Tasha and Cerys will all be helping out at times. Keeping the family link, Charlotte's dad Mark, a well-known local builder, carried out the refurbishment work.

Charlotte previously worked in a salon in Marlow and latterly from a beauty room at home. Meanwhile Julie, a professionally trained hairstylist of over



Charlotte & Julie outside the salon

30 years, had also been working as deputy head of Carrington preschool, until the opportunity to work with her daughter tempted her away. A wall at the salon is covered with their professional certificates.

Charlotte and Julie are offering a full range of beauty treatments from all types of mani- and pedicures, to massage, waxing, eyelash and eyebrow treatments including threading and microblading. Julie's specialities are hair extensions, spray tanning and ear piercing.

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Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Morning WI

There was no meeting in August, but 22 members enjoyed an outing to Henley for coffee, a carvery lunch in Reading and a river trip.

After the WI business, concern was expressed at the proposed closure of Barclays Bank and it was felt the WI should protest at the loss of this amenity.

Our speaker, Cally Foster, gave an amusing talk on her early interest in acting and drama, which lasted through school and university, leading her to drama school and a professional career.

She is now a LAMDA judge (London

Academy of Music and Dramatic Art).

Brenda Aldridge

Evening WI

Our August Outing was to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield. It was a beautiful day, but the downside of the dry summer was visible in the grass and some of the trees. Great imagination and ingenuity has been shown in the different memorials. It was striking that some remembered a whole service (eg RNLI) and some just one unit (eg a ship) or experience (eg imprisonment in one particular camp).

September's speaker, Paul Rabbitts, told us the story of Cassiobury Park (in

Watford) and the Earls of Essex whose home it was.

Our group entry for the Bucks County Show, on the theme of recycling, did not win, but we had fun preparing it. Included were a teddy bear made from old denim, piccalilli from home-grown vegetables, a poster and a floral arrangement.

Sue Arnautov

Next meeting the WI groups will hold their Annual Meeting when reports on the past year will be made and new officers elected.

Open garden nets £400 for good causes



Talented gardeners Trevor and Janet Jones have seen their green fingers raise an impressive £401 for charity. The Whitepit Lane couple opened their delightful garden to visitors during the summer as part of the National Open Garden Scheme. The entrance fee included a guided tour and finished with refreshments.

"We had a very good summer despite the exceptionally hot weather," said Trevor. "It meant I had to water the garden early in the morning to keep everything going, but fortunately we managed to maintain a lot of colourful flowers."

"Among the most unusual plants in flower this year has been the *Albizia julibrissin* a small tree known among others as Silk Plants, and *Lagerstroemia Indica* or Crepe Myrtle. Both have bloomed exceptionally well."

Apart from the wide selection of colourful plants and flowers, Trevor's OO model railway proved to be another popular attraction with visiting groups.

All the money raised will be donated to charities through the NGS which this year includes Muscular Sclerosis. If you missed a visit this year, there's always next summer to look forward to, as Trevor and Janet plan to repeat their fund raising show.



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Halloween Competition

Once again we shall be running our Halloween Competition for local schoolchildren. This is a great opportunity for the young ones to engage in some fantastic creativity and produce an entry which really captures all things fun, spooky, ghoulish and scary associated with Halloween.

In order to give as much scope as possible, children can produce a picture, design a book cover or write a short story all on the theme of Halloween.



There will be prizes for the best entry in two groups: Under 7 and 7-11 years old. Closing date for entries is Tuesday 30 October (We are closed on 31st). There will be a prize-giving in the library at 11am on Saturday 3 November. Full details will be available in the library from 2nd October.

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Our regular activities

Yoga sessions—Sundays 10am-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 10am and noon. 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.

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

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FLACKWELL HEATH
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dates in your diary and look out for more information about:

20 October - Autumn Litter Pick and Gardening

24 November - Children's Tea Party followed by Christmas Lights and Carols in Jubilee Gardens

Sinkhole

We really hope that by the time you read this the repairs that have finally been agreed will be complete! As you know, this matter was the landlord's responsibility, not either Councils', but thanks are due to WDC Councillor John Savage who has been pressing the owners for resolution for many months.

Membership

The FHRA team are looking at potential changes in the Membership Structure and rates to make things easier for our Members and the Team; everyone is so busy these days. Look out for more information soon.

Look out in November's issue of The Grapevine plus FHRA website/Facebook for information re-garding the **New Local Plan**.

Chloë Andrews-Jones, FHRA Chairman

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Flackwell Heath Residents News



Poppy Appeal

Volunteers are being sought to help with the distribution of this year's charity poppy collection in the Bourne End area. Further information from George O'Leary on 07549257884.

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Awash with Autumn colour

The Japanese maple is an ornamental tree, grown for its Autumn colour.

These range from deep purples through to vivid scarlets. The tree illustrated, is a smooth Japanese Maple, or *Acer palmatum* which grows in the front garden of a house in Highlands. It regularly puts on a spectacular display in late September and October.



A resplendent Japanese Maple at Highlands

Acer palmatum is native to Japan, China and Korea. Long cultivated in Japan, and now all around the world, over one thousand cultivars of the species exist, with more being registered every year. Precise identification is thus a job for an expert, but this tree may be 'Osakazuki'. Many cultivars are bushes and they are often slow growing, which makes them a popular choice for suburban gardens where space may be limited, but some grow to be small trees, to 15m or so tall.

The "palmatum" part of the scientific name comes from the leaf shape, which resembles an outstretched hand with spread fingers (although the leaves usually have seven fingers).

In Flackwell, most other autumn colour comes from the beech trees which are common everywhere and which dominate Fennels Wood, but lookout for the tulip tree on the corner of Chapman Lane and the Straight Bit, which some years turns a vivid yellow colour. Experts predict that colours will probably be early this year, as most trees have fruited early in the exceptionally hot dry summer. Usually a sunny summer is a prelude to good autumn colours, as trees build up more sugars in their leaves, but the drought conditions this year will have worked against that. An early frost or equinoctial storm can cut short any display. We will just have to wait to see.

Malcolm Wiles - words and photograph

Flackwell Amblers

If you would like to join us on Sunday 21 October, the Flackwell Amblers will be going for a walk at Mill End. 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.

N.B. This walk may be subject to change at short notice due to prevailing weather conditions. New walkers just turn up on the day.

The next date for your diary is Sunday 18 November 2018.

C. Barker

Juniper Hill School

Welcome Sir!



First time Juniper Hill pupils were not alone at the start of term. They were joined by another new face, their head teacher Andy Tagg. New to the school, but certainly not new to the school system, Andy has worked for nearly 30 years in Bucks schools, 12 of which as head teacher.

He said: "I've been impressed with the commitment and strength of the school team at Juniper Hill and look forward to working with them, the children and parents."

Andy is passionate about ensuring all children get the very best experience of primary education.

"It is down to us, their teachers, to ensure that they receive rich, diverse and challenging learning opportunities to stimulate their minds and to develop their individual talents and personalities.

"I'm a long-standing Wasps rugby supporter with a strong belief in the value of sport, music, drama, enterprise and other wider interests being key to a child's development and enjoyment of school. I hope to be able to bring my own enthusiasm and drive to school life and to nurture the pupils' own skills and interests."



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Neighbourhood Watch will be back next month!

Flackwell Local Area History Group

The next talk at the Flackwell Heath Library will be on **Monday 22 October 2018, from 7.30pm**

Dreaming of Home – the village the men left behind with Sally Scagell

A tour of Flackwell Heath which requires no walking! Sitting in the comfort of the Community Library we'll be visiting locations which were familiar to the 'men on the memorial' back in 1914. Each stop on the tour holds a WW1 story so come along to listen to the tales.

This is a ticketed event. The tickets are available at the library from 18 September, and are £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL). Please note that tickets will not be available on the night.



The Common, Flackwell Heath. Before the Memorial and after the Memorial was erected (post 1921)

Sunday 11 November 2018 – The Battle's Over, A Nation's Tribute

This year November 11th is not only Remembrance Sunday but also the centenary of the Armistice which ended the fighting in the Great War, WWI. This will be commemorated in towns and villages throughout the country by a Beacon of Light, to be lit at 7pm. The Local History Group is working with other village groups to organise the event in the Jubilee Gardens, adjacent to the Community Centre.

See adjacent panel for details of the day

List of the village organisations who are supporting the event:

Chepping Wycombe Parish Council,
David Watson, Buckinghamshire County & Wycombe District Councillor,
Christ Church, Methodist Church, Community Library,
Royal British Legion, Flackwell Heath Residents' Association,
Flackwell Heath Community Association, 1st Flackwell Heath Scouts Group,
Women's Institute, Flackwell Heath Branch

We would particularly like members of the families of the WWI men whose names are on the war memorial to be aware of The Battle's Over event in the village. We would therefore be grateful if readers know of any such people they would tell them about the event. Mike Dewey on 01628 525207 will be pleased to provide more information.

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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www.localhistorygroup.org.uk



Sweet success

Enterprising friends from Juniper Hill School School ran a stall for Macmillan at the summer picnic and raised an amazing £185. Alice Cardy and pals Sophie, Evie, May, Millie and Lauren, sold homemade cakes, cookies, jam, elderflower cordial (made by Joan Sweetman), a kids' lucky dip, hand made birthday cards and even 'make your own slime' which was a huge hit!

Picture courtesy of Helen Cardy (right)

Timetable for the 11 November Commemoration

10.45am Parade from British Legion, Common Road to Village Memorial for a service led by Rev Chris Bull. The service will be followed by a parade through the village back to the Legion where a salute will be taken. Everyone welcome to join. The 13th Legion in the Community Awards will be presented to local youth groups.

5pm The Community Centre will be open with light refreshments available. The stories of the 55 local men who gave their lives will be on display in the large hall.

5.30pm there will be five short talks, bringing alive different aspects of the war as it affected the village and the 55 local men who did not return.

6.50pm at Jubilee Gardens Rev Chris Ball from Christ Church, and Nick Thompson the Methodist Minister, will read out the names of the local men who died, before the Last Post is played.

7pm The beacon will be lit followed by a short commemoration.

The Tribute will conclude approx. **7.20pm**. People are then welcome to visit the British Legion.

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Robertsons Estate Agency has welcomed a familiar face to the growing team at their Swains Lane office.

Stephen McClughen, a former co director of the Woodman and Partners estate agency until its closure in 2008, had more recently been working in Maidenhead, but jumped at the chance to return to Flackwell when he heard there was a vacancy for an experienced negotiator at Robertsons.

He said: "It is fantastic to join such an enthusiastic and successful team. Flackwell Heath has been my home for many years and it's quite remarkable that I am back and based in the same parade of shops where I started with Woodmans in 1981."

Stephen will be working alongside owner Simon Robertson, at the office which opened in 2015.

Simon added: "We are delighted to have Steve join us. He has years of valuable experience and will be a great addition to the team."

Can you spare some time?



Flackwell Heath is in need of volunteers to help in the community. The Wye Valley Volunteers are a charitable group offering various services to local villages, including transport to medical appointments, home visiting, coffee mornings, a lunch club and access to the community minibus. There is a constant need for more volunteers, and presently, there are a number of clients in Flackwell Heath but no volunteers.

A particular requirement currently is for drivers and also home visitors, who befriend those in the community who may feel isolated. Our home visiting co-ordinator matches each client with a particular visitor, who calls in possibly a couple of times a month, maybe doing some shopping, or just having a chat.

Do please get in touch if you would be interested in volunteering, or if you need some help yourself.

Check out the website, wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk

Contacts: 01628 521027, email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk, or in person between 10am and noon each weekday (portakabin next to Bourne End Community Centre).

Get Digging!

Good to hear that there has been some interest in taking on allotments at Chapel Road.

The Grapevine recently reported that the number of gardeners with allotments had dwindled in recent months prompting a call for new owners.

There are still other plots available and anyone interested should contact Chepping Wycombe Parish Clerk at clerk@CWPC.org.uk or call on 01494 814600.

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Dates for your Diary

October

Friday 5: Poppy Appeal Dance at Royal British Legion at 8pm

Saturday 20: Village litter pick and gardening

November

Saturday 3: Family Fireworks and Bonfire, see page 1

Sunday 11: Centenary of the Armistice, see page 7

Saturday 24: Children's tea party, Christmas lights switch-on and carols at Jubilee Gardens

December

Friday 7 & Saturday 8: Heath Singers Christmas Concert at Christ Church



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