

THE Grapevine

August/September 2019

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



POST OFFICE TO CLOSE

As the Grapevine was going to press we heard the unsettling news that the village Post Office in Common Road is set to close temporarily at the end of July following the resignation of the postmaster.

PO spokeswoman, Antionette Chitty, says they are working to keep closure time to a minimum while they investigate ways to "reinstate a Post Office service to the local community". Comments/questions you wish to direct to the PO may be done via the websitecomments@postoffice.co.uk

Read more details at www.postofficeviews.co.uk (key Flackwell Heath in description box).

Reminder...



This issue of the Grapevine covers both August and September. As it is holiday season there will be NO Grapevine now until October. The deadline for October's contributions is 15 September.

Enjoy the summer!



**FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN
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present a

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

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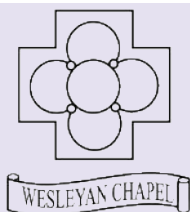


*MacIntyre's The Cherries, is a house which supports local people in Flackwell Heath with learning disabilities

Miles of sunny smiles



Mia and Lylia were among those enjoying the annual Village Fete & Picnic. See more pictures from the fabulous day on page 5.



FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 25 August, 3pm at WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE – WELCOME SERVICE for Rev Georgina Simpson.

Tuesday 10 September, 9.15 to 11.30am – TIME OUT FOR 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 10 September, 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 21 September, 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 22 September, 6.30pm – CELEBRATE! Lively music-based worship for all.

Sunday 29 September, 6.30pm – Joint service at Christ Church on the theme of THANKSGIVING led by Rev Chris Bull and Rev Nick Thompson. Tea and cakes before the service from 5pm.

THE BIBLE COURSE: New to the Bible or want to go deeper? **The Bible Course** is for you. It shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the Bible to everyday life. The eight-session course includes video content, discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings. Explore the big story and discover its relevance for today. Starting **Saturday 14 September at 12 noon**, beginning with a light lunch. For more information and to book a place, contact Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403.



• During the school holidays **Sunday Services** continue as normal, with services at 9am (traditional Holy Communion), 10.30am (Worship for Everyone or Holy Communion for Everyone on the theme of 'Life Lessons from King David' – both suitable for all the family) and an evening service at 6.30pm. **Coffee Stop** opens on Wednesday mornings only, from 9am to 11.30am. Located at the Church Centre, it serves fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers, and provides a comfortable and friendly place for everyone to meet old friends and make new ones. From **Thursday 5 September** it will run every weekday morning.

• **'Prayer for Healing'** is offered regularly every 3rd Sunday morning at the 9am Holy Communion service. The next dates are **Sundays 18 August & 15 September**. Healing Prayer is also offered every Sunday after the 10.30am service.

• **Sunday 1 September is Ice Cream Sundae:** Get your autumn term off to a flying start at 9am traditional Holy Communion / 10.30am all-age 'Worship for Everyone' at Christ Church. Oh... and there's ice cream!

• Our new **Junior Church** starts on **Sunday 8 September**, 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 kidz@ccfh.org.uk for more detail. We also have Sunday and midweek groups for those ages 12+.

• Autumn Term **Parenting Course - 'Handling Anger'**: Do you know someone for whom this might be a lifeline? More details are available from the Church Office.

• **You are invited to the Autumn Alpha Course**, ten thought-provoking interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith. Morning & evening courses start week beginning **Monday 30 September**. It's low-key, friendly

All weekday groups meet at their usual times, with Sunday services at 11am. 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.
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and fun! There is no pressure and no charge. Come and explore Life. Try Alpha.

• And you are invited to a 'taster' evening on **Saturday 21 September** as Christ Church hosts a café-style Supper Evening with a difference (6.45pm). The two-course supper evening with special **guest speaker** will also introduce our Autumn ALPHA Courses. Booking is essential to help with catering.

• On **Sunday 29 September "No Strings Attached"**, the Christ Church Puppeteers, will be helping us in the 10.30am 'Holy Communion for Everyone' service. Come and enjoy!

• Planning a **Wedding** for 2020 or thinking about having your child **christened** or **baptism** for yourself? Christ Church would be delighted to assist you in your thinking. There is information and other helpful advice on our website.

Please contact the **Church Office** for further information on any of the above (Phone 01628 533004: 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday or email admin@ccfh.org.uk) or visit www.ccfh.org.uk

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Lessons in having fun at the fair



There were more attractions than ever at the Carrington Schools & PTA Summer Fair. Whether you were fascinated by vintage cars, jumped at the chance to trial the army assault course or fancied a chance to 'beat the goalie', there was something to spark interest everywhere you looked. But if relaxation was more your style there were cream teas, barbecue treats and a bar to while away the afternoon on 6 July.



Wildflowers received the chop

Unfortunately, just as last month's Grapevine went to press we learnt that the pretty wildflower verge at the corner of Bracken Way and Green Dragon Lane was mown down by Bucks County Council's grass-cutting team. The area had received widespread support from villagers who delighted in seeing the flowers and wildlife they attracted. The Council has issued an apology to the Flackwildheath residents who had planted the border and admitted there had been a mis-communication. The Council has offered to supply new seeds for next year along with some railings to protect the verge further.

Read more about the growing popularity of Flackwildheath in October's Grapevine.



Comings and Goings at Christ Church

There is a new face at Christ Church. Rev Isaac Knight who was Ordained Deacon at the end of June at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, has joined the Christ Church Leadership Team as Curate. Isaac studied at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford and is married to Ruth, a Medical Statistician at Oxford University. Isaac is particularly interested in the relationship between faith and sport and as a Leicester City fan for many years, is certain that miracles do happen!

In August Christ Church is saying a sad goodbye to Rev Margot Suter. Margot is leaving Christ Church to join the St Mary's Beaconsfield as Associate Minister.



Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Morning WI

In July we had a very interesting speaker, Denise Beddows, who talked about her 37 year career in the Immigration Service, starting as the first woman officer in the Northwest at Manchester Airport, with qualifications in French and German. She subsequently served in India and Pakistan, learning Urdu and some Hindi along the way while checking for forged passports or issuing visas, also at Nairobi Airport. She spoke of the corruption and lack of security in African airports in the West and East which was borne out by the recent incident of a stowaway falling from a plane over London! She had some fascinating tales to tell. We do not hold a meeting in August but have an outing planned to Tiptree Jam Factory and farm in Essex.

Brenda Aldridge

Evening WI

At the July Meeting, the speaker was Rosemary Hillyard who told us about Type 1 diabetes and her diabetic grandsons. Even with modern advances, they have a regime of carefully monitored carbohydrate intake, frequent finger-prick tests for blood sugar and insulin injections. The draw was made for the annual bursary to attend a course at Denman, the WI College. This year's winner was Pat Kendell, with Jackey Hill as Reserve. The August Meeting is replaced by a coach trip to Kew Gardens. As well as the plants, this summer the glass artist Chihuly is displaying a large number of works, in the open air and in the glasshouses and the gallery. In September we are back in the Sarney Room, where David Dennis will tell us about 'Butterflies of the Chilterns'.

Sue Arnautov

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Thank You and Welcome!

At the AGM of the Flackwell Heath Residents' Association in April, a new Chairman was voted in – Lenny White, who had been on the committee as Treasurer. He took over from Chloe Andrews-Jones, who retired as Chairman as she is moving away from the area. Grateful thanks go to Chloe for all her hard work, both on the committee and more recently as Chairman and we wish her well in her house move.



Lenny is married to Joh and has twin girls, Holly and Becky, and they have lived in the village since 2012, and in Wooburn Green before then. Lenny says one of the main reasons for wanting to move to Flackwell Heath was the schools – his girls attend Carrington Junior School.

Lenny sees the main job of the Residents' Association as being to provide events for the community, to help improve the community and

encourage all ages to enjoy the area in which they live. He enjoys working with the current committee, who have a range of ages and skill sets, and are well-motivated, with the young learning from those who have years of experience working on similar committees.

He would like to see a big drive for more membership, as numbers have fallen in recent years and subscriptions have been a major source of income. This drive will be achieved through publicity at the village fete, (and other village events such as school fetes), online and through social media (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/flackwellresidentsnews/>)

To those reading this – being a member does not involve you having to do anything other than pay a subscription as a way of providing funds. If you would like to find out more, go to <http://www.flackwellresidents.news/> or <http://www.flackwellresidents.news/>

The main events the FHRA put on are the Village Fete and Picnic in July, the Christmas Lights and Carols in December, and the Litter Pick in April (in which an increasing number of village groups are being involved). They work with the Community Centre on the Village Quiz. The village fete and picnic on 14 July this year was testament to the committee's hard work – it was an excellent day, a great village event and was extremely well-attended – particularly considering the competition of the World Cup Cricket Final, Wimbledon Men's Final and the British Grand Prix!

Projects Lenny would like to see in the near future are the fencing round the playground area on the Recreation Ground, two new tables and benches there as well, and the purchase of new and replacement of old Christmas lights.

Design OUR new badge

Flackwell Heath FC – one club... one identity... one badge



Fancy creating a small piece of history? In what promises to be the biggest change since the Flackwell Heath FC was formed in 1907, Flackwell Heath FC and Flackwell Heath Minors FC are merging at the start of the new season 2019/2020 to form 'one club' and are on the lookout for a new and inspiring badge design.

Entries are invited from all ages. The winner will receive a framed Flackwell Heath FC shirt featuring their new badge design, as well as the very proud and unique opportunity to see their badge design printed and worn by the players of Flackwell Heath FC and Flackwell Heath FC Minors.

Some rules and tips to consider when designing your badge:

To consider the club colours of red shirts/shorts/socks

Use big, bold and colourful designs, so you can use pencil, crayons or pens

Simple and clear designs work best

Be capable of reducing to 75mm square or a circle of 75mm diameter;

Be able to be digitally printed (minor adjustments may be made to the winning design to facilitate this).

The entries will be judged by a committee of representatives from both Flackwell Heath FC and Flackwell Heath Minors FC and their decision will be final.

If there are no suitable or winning entries the clubs reserve the right to cancel the badge design competition. Flackwell Heath FC will own and retain all copyright to the winning entry.

Please send your entries via;

Post: Flackwell Heath FC, Wilks Park, Heath End Rd, Flackwell Heath, HP10 9EA
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Deadline for entries is 31 August, 2019

Good Luck!



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DIDN'T WE HAVE A BALL?!



It was a bumper bundle of fun at the Village Fete and Picnic in July. People flocked to the recreation ground and were rewarded with a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.

There was plenty for everyone to enjoy from a Punch and Judy show to live music, displays from Anna Rose Dance School, face painting and football matches between Juniper and Carrington Schools. Revellers could choose whether to snack on candy floss, ice creams or barbecue delights, all washed down with various refreshments including cold beer on tap.

Stalls and attractions dotted around the ground ranged from the unusual, like the Metal Detecting Club and local Beekeeping Society, to the newly formed Flackwildheath supporters who are encouraging more residents to adopt a grass verge as a wildflower area. There were raffles galore and charity books and toys.

Crowds thronged into the park throughout the afternoon dispelling any

fears that the super sporting Sunday with its Wimbledon final, World Cup Cricket and the British Grand Prix may tempt families to stay at home.

A place for everyone to meet and reconnect with family, good friends and neighbours, the fete once again established itself as the key summer date in the village diary.

Thanks to the organisers, the Flackwell Heath Residents' Association, supported by the Flackwell Heath Community Association, and to the many volunteers without whom the event could not happen.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Marauding vehicles...!

There have been frequent reports about strange vehicles driving up and down various roads in the village. The vehicles are generally pick-up trucks or 'white vans'. They normally carry no markings and often the rear number plate is obscured or is illegible.

The police are very keen to receive reports of such vehicle activity, as whilst individual events may not necessarily be investigated immediately, reports help to build up a picture of such activity in the area. If a police vehicle happens to be in the vicinity when a report is received, they will try to stop the vehicle and question the driver regarding his activities.

Should you witness this sort of vehicle behaviour, try to record as much identifying information regarding the vehicle and its occupant(s), and pass the information to the police using the 101 non-emergency number.

If there are any topics regarding security or crime prevention that you would like to see mentioned in this column for further information about Neighbourhood Watch, contact:

David Gresswell – Scheme Co-ordinator, Flackwell Heath

(Tel: 525019 e-mail: flackwell-nhwatch@talktalk.net)

Your Day Centre Needs You!

The Flackwell Heath and Loudwater Day Centre is looking for kind volunteers to collect clients in their minibus. The key hours are between 9-10.30am and/or 3-4.30pm and all that is required is a clean driver's licence. Volunteers do not need to do both morning and afternoon sessions, or commit to a particular day. You can do as many or as few hours as you like. An escort from the Day Centre will always travel with you. The Day Centre will be 35 years old in September and was recently inspected and retained its 5* food hygiene rating. Without the minibus to provide transport, many of the clients would be unable to attend the Centre and enjoy the companionship and hot meals it offers.

If you are able to help, please contact the Day Centre on 01628 526113 or go along to the Day Centre and have a chat with Jackie, the Manager.

Flackwell Local Area History Group

The next talk at the Flackwell Heath Community Library will be on **Monday 2 September 2019, at 7.30pm: Secrets of Bucks in WWII with John Gurney**

The talk will explain how secretive establishments in the High Wycombe area helped shorten the war by their interpretation of air reconnaissance for passing on to the military. The main topics covered will be the aerial photograph interpreters of RAF Medmenham at Danesfield House, the map makers of 'Operation Hillside' at Hughenden Manor and their links to Daws Hill USAF base and RAF Bomber Command at Walters Ash. Several secretive units, including Operation Hillside Hughenden Manor, laid claim to their contributions significantly shortening the war. Hopefully this talk will prove that the UK's superior use of air reconnaissance did just that.

The tickets are available at the library, and are £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL). Please note that tickets will not be available on the night.

Date for your diary: Monday 7 October 2019 from 7:30pm

Back by popular demand is a repeat of the talk about Cliveden's 350 year history. Starting with the Duke of Buckingham who built the first house in 1666 you'll meet all the key owners who helped shape the house and its gardens including the Orkney, Sutherland and Astor families. The talk, accompanied by an illustrated presentation, will show how their influence at Cliveden continues to this day.



The tickets are available at the Library from Tuesday 27 August, and are £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL). Please note that tickets will not be available on the night.

Walks around the local area – booklets available from the Flackwell Heath Library.

A Walk Through Fennels Wood. The history of the wood and the flora/fauna. £2.00

The Machine Breakers. The footsteps of the papermaker's riot of 1830. Price £1.00

Three summer walks, 50p each: Down on the Farm, Golf Links Loop, Fennels Wood



Also available from the library are local area Greeting Cards. They are blank inside and cost £2.50 each. There are 7 different cards in the series:

Our bit of the Chilterns, Around Loudwater, Around Wooburn, Flackwell Paths, Flackwell Heath, Flackwell Blossom, Local Scenes.

Appeal Corner

Our thanks to Pam Darvill who contacted us about the wedding photograph taken at what we believed was a chapel in the grounds of the White House along Heath End Road. Pam tells us that this was the 1926 wedding of her parents, Hilda Cork and Percy Ball, and that the 'chapel' was actually called the Oratory and was used as a registry office at that time. In the photo they are talking to the vicar's wife. Hilda and Percy ran The Stag for a while, which was termed as a beer house back then, and they owned the adjacent field which Percy farmed for a time. Many locals remember The Stag when it was much smaller than it is today. If anyone has photos of the compact but cosy drinking area then the local history group would very much like to see them.



Please email Sally on info@localhistorygroup.org.uk

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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FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Beavers visit the library

We were very pleased to welcome the Flackwell Heath Beavers group to the library in mid-July, as part of the 'Book Readers Badge'. The objectives of the visit were: to talk about Libraries in general, what you can find and do in libraries and why our library is different and special. Library volunteers were on hand to explain everything about the library and to encourage the youngsters to enjoy reading and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. We are passionate about encouraging all activities that get more young people into reading for pleasure, and would be happy to host similar visits for other groups.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, which started on 13 July, continues throughout the school summer break. There's still time to sign up and read 6 books to get your medal, while exploring space, planets and aliens along the way. Pop into the library to enter and receive your starter pack.

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 12 noon. 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

Tel: 01296 382415 email: fhcl@flackwellheath.net web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries

Ruby fields of joy



How many of you have spotted the stunning carpet of Poppy flowers as you travel along Sheepridge Road in recent weeks. But was it intentional, or a happy coincidence that the Poppies sprang forth in the year we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings? A quick call to Carington Estates Ltd, who own the land, solved the conundrum. The fields are currently being left fallow for the next two years by Farm Manager Chris Singer and have not been sprayed with any pesticides. Grass, clover and flower seeds are planted during this time to help nature flourish and allow wildlife, including bees and butterflies, to benefit from the natural pastureland. Catherine Drummond from Carington Estates added: "The fact that there are lots of poppies is actually a fluke as they thrive in bad soil. The seeds of the poppies are always there but obviously they are now out in abundance as they have not been sprayed. This will be a lovely site for passers-by for the next couple of years before it is returned to crop status." *Editor's note:* Many thanks to Tony Selman for suggesting this article and for providing us with the stunning photograph.



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We salute you Peggy!

Longstanding village resident and Heath Singers founder Peggy Woolhouse has received her prestigious British Citizen Award at a special awards ceremony held at the Palace of Westminster.

The formal occasion began at the House of Lords on 4 July with tea and champagne followed by a presentation of the medals. This was followed by a sightseeing tour on an open-top bus, to Church House, Westminster. There all 24 recipients received certificates which said 'in recognition of exceptional positive impact on society and as an inspiration to others'. Peggy says she appreciated the honour and that it was a very humbling experience, especially as the other BCA recipients had done a variety of amazing things, often under extreme difficulties. Entertainment from a guitarist and a childrens' soul singing group completed the day.



Peggy was nominated for the award because of her long association with community life in Flackwell. She is the founder of the Heath Singers, whose 50th Anniversary Concert was held in June. Originating in 1969 as a Women's Institute singing group, they expanded beyond the WI, and beyond Flackwell Heath, to become an independent choir in 1972. The Heath Singers began a tradition of bi-annual concerts, raising money for many charities.

Always encouraging of young talent within the concerts with solo spots and instrumentalists, Peggy says she has been blessed by good pianists and by support from both the Methodists and Christ Church. Although not a professional musician herself, she has for many years been to courses and conventions to develop her skills.

In addition to the choir, Peggy has been very active in the local church and community. Generations of small girls in Flackwell have danced to Peggy's tunes, in Mrs Rita Trigger's dancing classes, where she played the piano for 46 years.

Peggy has now retired from leading the Singers, but they will continue under the direction of Jan and Paul Churchouse.

Sue Arnautov

Dates for your Diary

August

Saturday 3: 30th Anniversary tea party at The Cherries care home, Heath End Road from 11am-4pm. See front page.

Wednesday 7: Paperback and Jigsaw Library at Community Centre 1.30-3.15pm.

September

Monday 2: Secrets of Bucks in WW11 with John Gurney a talk at the Community Library at 7.30pm. Tickets available from 23 July at the library. See p. 6

Saturday 28: Quiz Night at the Community Centre at 7pm. Reserve a £12 ticket (to include supper) by calling 01628 525317. See front page.

October

Monday 7: Cliveden: Passion, Pleasure and Politics. Talk at the library from 7.30pm. Tickets available at the library from 27 August. See p. 6.

Flackwell Amblers

It is the last chance to join the Flackwell Amblers on a walk from Bourne End to Cookham on Sunday 18 August. Other commitments and dwindling numbers have led the group to hang up their boots.

They will be meeting for the final time at the ex Budgen's car park at 10am. The walk takes around 2 hours and you are advised to wear walking boots or strong shoes.

The walk is undertaken at your own risk and may change at short notice due to prevailing weather conditions.

Thanks to Celia Barker and her team and we wish them well.

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