

THE Grapevine

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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



THE FUTURE OF THE GRAPEVINE

This is my last issue as Editor (for the second time!). I am passing on the editorial baton to a working group, who hope to continue publication. Please be understanding if all does not run in quite the same manner as before. The Flackwell Heath Community Association (who publish The Grapevine) have decided to ask Road Reps NOT to collect annual subscriptions

in March as usual. If all continues well, subscriptions will be collected later in the year.

Contact details for The Grapevine remain the same, see back page.

Sue Arnautov

Tick Tock, New Clock



The clock on the front of the Community Centre had been slowing for some time due to wear and tear on the mechanical components, and the automatic controller was unable to make the necessary adjustments to compensate.

Since these so-called turret clocks are made to order, and parts are not therefore available off the shelf, we found that to replace or refurbish the worn parts would cost as much as a completely new clock.

Good Directions Limited of Southampton were

selected to manufacture and install a new clock. They arrived on 30 January, uninstalled the old clock and fittings, and installed a bright new clock which we hope will last for many years to come. The control mechanism, seven metres above floor level on the old clock, was brought down to a more accessible level for future servicing.

The practical need for turret clocks has virtually vanished due to easy access to accurate time, but these public clocks are regarded with affection and remain a part of our heritage and culture. It is good for a village to have a village clock.

A curious fact is that while the Roman numeral for 4 is normally shown as iv, on public clocks 4 is always shown as ii. This is a convention apparently dating back to the 14th century when numbers began to appear on clock faces. Our clock carries on the tradition..

Frank Hynes

For a picture of the new clock in position see page 2.

FLACKWELL HEATH AND LOUDWATER AGE CONCERN

Please come and support your local Day Centre.

Enjoy a delicious home-cooked roast dinner, dessert and a glass of wine (or soft drink).

Sunday 29th March, 12 for 12.30pm

Tickets £12.50 available from Day Centre, Common Road, Flackwell Heath HP10 9NS. 01628 526113.

£5 deposit required when booking. Please also state any dietary requirements then.



**FLACKWELL HEATH
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Flackwell Heath Residents Association
AGM

Tuesday 10 March

7.30pm

Royal British Legion

Open to All

(only members can vote; non-members can subscribe (£5 per adult per year) at the AGM)

Flackwild Heath

Spring is just around the corner, which means we are keeping a careful eye on the FlackWild Heath plots that were sown last September. As well as wildflowers, a few of the plot holders also planted some bulbs on their plots to give the village an early display of colour! You can see a sweep of daffodils at the Buckingham Way plot (FWH22 - see list right) and the plot sponsored by Daisy Gift shop (FWH16). There are also a few winter acconites peeking through on the original Bracken Way plot (FWH1, 2 and 3), with a promise of crocuses and grape muscari to come.

The main display should start in May, when we are expecting wildflowers to start blooming across the village, so do keep a look-out! A total of 27 plots were planted in September and can be found in the listed locations.

Good news - it isn't too late to get involved in FlackWild Heath this year! The FlackWild team will be running a spring sow-down in late March/early April (depending upon weather forecasts).

If you have a patch near you that you would like to sow with wildflower seeds, then please email Larisa Townsend (northernwoodsfarm@icloud.com) for more information and planting advice. She can also arrange for your patch to go on the Council's 'no-mow' list.

Photography Competition

However, if planting isn't your thing, there is another way you can get involved. The Grapevine are running a photography competition. Pictures will be judged on 'technical merit' and 'artistic impression'. Photo-shopped or otherwise edited images may be entered, and winning entries will be published in the Grapevine later in the year. Email your hi-res photo to grapevine@flackwellheathcommunitycentre.org.uk together with the location of the site where it was taken. Closing date: 30 June. Full terms and conditions may be obtained from the Grapevine address above.

(Tips: pictures for print are better if they are light and contrast-y. To be sure of emailing hi-res images it is best to send them as attachments, or via a file transfer site such as WeTransfer.)

The Flackwild Sites

- FWH1 Top of Bracken Way
- FWH2 Top of Bracken Way
- FWH3 Green Dragon Lane, near top of Bracken Way
- FWH4 Top of Churchill Close at junction with Green Dragon Lane
- FHW5 Junction between Beckings Way and Northern Woods
- FWH6 Junction between Beckings Way and Northern Woods
- FWH7 Outside 24 Northern Woods
- FWH8 Adjacent to bus stop at junction between Northern Woods / Straight Bit
- FWH9 Junction between Green Dragon Lane and Chapman Lane
- FWH10 Junction between Green Dragon Lane and Chapman Lane
- FHW11 Cherry Tree Close parking and turning area
- FWH12 Cherry Tree Close parking and turning area
- FWH13 Junction between Highlands and Chapman Lane
- FWH14 Junction between Highlands and Greenlands
- FWH15 Junction between Highlands and Greenlands
- FWH16 Junction between Chapman Lane and Straight Bit
- FWH17 Junction between Greenlands and Straight Bit
- FHW18 Junction between Greenlands and Straight Bit
- FWH19 Outside 122 Straight Bit
- FWH20 Old Kiln Road, outside Potters and Foxwoods
- FWH21 Junction between Swains Lane and Fennel's Farm Road
- FWH22 27/28 Buckingham Way
- FWH23 Junction between Woodlane Close and Heath End Road
- FWH24 Flackwell Heath Scout Hut, Chapel Lane
- FWH25 (Private land on Blind Lane)
- FWH26 Flackwell Heath Methodist Church
- FWH27 (Private land on Oakwood)

Easter Bonnet Parade

Carrington Infant School and Pre-School will be holding their traditional Easter Bonnet Parade on 31 March this year. At about 9.30am they will be walking from school, through the alleyway to Old Kiln Road and then round in a loop and back by Sainsbury's. Come and see their exotic creations!

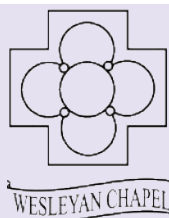
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FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 1 March, 11am – FAMILY SERVICE led by **Deacon Richard Goldstraw**, followed by our monthly **FAMILY LUNCH**. Everyone is welcome – please sign the sheet in the church if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers.

Tuesday 10 March, 9.15 - 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 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 10 March, 12.30 - 2.30pm – CRAFTERNOON AT CRUMB'S CORNER. 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 10 March, 8 - 10pm – TIME OUT FOR MUMS. A place for mums to catch their breath in the evenings.

Saturday 21 March, 10 - 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 22 March, 11am – MOTHERING SUNDAY. A service for all the family celebrating and thanking our mums for all they have done for us.

Sunday 29 March, 6.30pm – CELEBRATE! A lively music-based service for all, in a joint service with Christ Church. Led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson.

Friday 3 April, 1.30 - 3.30pm – EASTER MESSY CHURCH! For all ages from 1 – 100! There will be a selection of activities in the main hall, a brief celebration in the church followed by food.



There is **something for everyone** at Christ Church, with 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.

Our **Parenting Courses** this term focus on ADHD, with future courses on ASD (summer term) and 'Handling Anger (autumn term)'. More details from parenting@ccfh.org.uk. Spaces are limited. Christ Church also hosts 'You-nique', a regular monthly support group for parents of children with additional needs, every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9.30 to 11.30am.

You are invited to the **Spring Term Alpha Course**, ten thought-provoking interactive sessions on Monday mornings or Tuesday evenings that explore the Christian faith, starting week beginning Monday 2 March. It's low-key, friendly and fun! There is no pressure and no charge. Come and explore the important question of life. Try Alpha. More information from alpha@ccfh.org.uk

The **'Coffee Stop 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 3 March.**

Hot Potatoes! CU@the Pub, a lively discussion group debating topical issues with a Christian perspective, meets on the 1st Friday evening of each month at The Crooked Billet Pub in Sheepridge Lane. If you fancy a great discussion then this is the place for you! The next date is **6 March.**

Mothering Sunday 22 March: At both 9am and 10.30am morning services we shall be presenting mums with flowers to say 'thank you'.

Children's parties? Birthdays? Celebrations? Dinners? Business meetings? Exhibitions? Training? Conferences? With bright, modern facilities the Christ Church Centre can accommodate most needs! We have a large main hall plus a small meeting room, all with good disabled access, and an easily accessible, well-equipped kitchen and toilets. We also have a large carpeted Upper Room. Tables and chairs are available. We provide off-road parking for 27 vehicles.

More details for the above are available from the Church website (www.ccfh.org.uk) and the Church Office in Chapel Road on admin@ccfh.org.uk and 01628 533004 (9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday)



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Suzanne Soper on 01494 673403, or our minister Rev Nick Thompson on 01628 483985.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

COLD CALLING – A Local Case History

At the beginning of February, an elderly resident – living on her own – was approached by two male callers, offering to clean her front drive and rear patio, for the not inconsiderable sum of £750!! They claimed to have carried out similar job for a nearby resident who was happy with their work. Despite her initial refusal, they pestered her to the extent that she reluctantly agreed to have the work done. When it came to paying, she realised that she did not have sufficient cash to hand, and contacted a local friend and neighbour to see if they could help.

The situation became clear during conversation with the lady, so the neighbour approached the two men and drew their attention to the regulations relating to 'No Cold Calling', especially in the context of single, vulnerable residents. Eventually they agreed a significantly reduced sum and left.

This is only one account of residents being over-charged for generally unsolicited work, of dubious quality with nothing in writing to support the claimed 5-year guarantee and no details for the cleaners! During the next few days, a number of residents were affected and the police were informed.

Whilst 'Cold Calling' is NOT an offence in itself, if you ask the caller to leave and they do not promptly accede, then they are committing a crime and you can feel free to report them on 101 or 999 if they should become aggressive.

CYBER SECURITY – The Internet of Things (IoT)

The number of Internet-connected devices which now embellish our lives and homes continues to grow. In addition to PC's, laptops, tablets (eg. iPad, etc.), mobile smart phones, etc. we now have reading devices (eg. Kindle), WiFi routers and extenders, Smart TV's, Home Assistants (eg. Alexa, Siri, etc.), Smart Heating Controls (eg. Hive), Smart Doorbells (eg. Nest), etc., etc. Whilst each of these devices has a unique IP address they are usually - but not always - provided with a default 'User Name' such as 'admin', and a default password which may be 'blank', 1234, 0000, or some other simple default. Such devices are potentially subject to 'hacking' for a number of reasons, so it is important to update these default settings, where possible, to something which is known only to you.

Passwords should be 'strong', utilising at least eight (ideally more) mixed characters – UPPER and lower case letters, numbers and symbols such as @ & %. Letters can be substituted by lookalike symbols, or a unique 'pass phrase' employed. Three random words from a random page in one of your favourite books does the trick – provided that **YOU** remember what they are! Never use things like names, DoFB, dates, or words that can be easily predicted by the 'hackers'.

For further information about this topic or about Neighbourhood Watch in general, contact:

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Flackwell Heath

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Police Non-emergency number: 101
Community Safety Team (Anti-social behaviour): 01494 421 087

Crimestoppers (Anonymous):
0800 555 111

NEW: Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline: 03454 040 506 (Prev: Trading Standards)

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Flackwell Local Area History Group

The next talk, by Sarah Charlton, will be on **Monday 20 April 2020 from 7:30pm** at the Flackwell Heath Community Library:



The Carringtons

The Carringtons came to High Wycombe when Robert Smith, the first Lord Carrington, purchased Lord Shelburne's estate in 1799. Over the next 120 years he added to this basic estate and became the largest and most influential landowner in the parish and was intimately involved in the development of High Wycombe as we know it today. Property at Flackwell Heath formed part of this estate and, like most of the rest of it, was sold off piecemeal from the 1920s onwards. Sarah catalogued the historical records of the Carrington family. Using these records the talk will aim to chart the growth of the estate and how this ties in with the development of the town with particular reference to Flackwell Heath.

Carrington or Carrington? No, we haven't made a spelling mistake. Come and find out the whys and wherefores at Sarah's informative talk about this prestigious local family.

About the speaker

Sarah started her career as an archivist at Buckinghamshire County Record Office in 1985 and worked there on and off for 30 years. She has also been heavily involved with the National Archives' revision of the Manorial Documents Register and has completed the sections for five counties. She currently works as a free-lance archivist for two London estates, Stowe School and Carington Estates at Bledlow.

This is a ticketed event. The tickets will be available from the library on Tuesday 17th March and are £5 (£3 to friends of FHCL). Please note that tickets will not be available on the night.

Appeal Corner

We would love to hear of your local Home Front memories and/or local Home Front stories passed down from parents or relatives. If you have any information please email us on info@localhistorygroup.org.uk or please write the information down (plus your contact details) and pop it into the Flackwell Heath Library. Thank you

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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Loudwater & Wooburn Local History Group
www.localhistorygroup.org.uk

Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Morning WI

We had an interesting illustrated talk from Teresa Hehir, who is a very enthusiastic and skilled photographer of wildlife. She told us about many trips to India, Africa and other destinations with some excellent close up photos. Her favourites are the big cats.

Next month our speaker is Denise Beddows, who has a wide range of talks connected with Buckinghamshire, and this time it will be about Bulstrode House.

Evening WI

One of our own members, Barbara Dickinson, recalled a trip to Nepal for us, with many photos of the people, buildings (post-earthquake), scenery, sunsets and the wild life. She saw an amazing amount in two weeks, and gave us all a chance to forget the cold damp weather here!

Next month, we are back home, when Alan Copeland will tell us about 'Curiosities in the Chilterns'.

Brenda Aldridge and Sue Arnautov

Road Reps

Tricia Philips has very kindly agreed to add Carol Swadling's former round in Oakwood and nearby to her own round. Thank you very much, Tricia.

Vivienne Brown is retiring after many years as a Road Rep. Thank you very much, Vivienne, for all your help. Would anyone be able to take over her round of about 14 houses, in Links Way and Links Approach? Please apply to George Boffin, details on back page.

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Crumbs Corner

Crumbs Corner is a new coffee and sandwich bar which opened in November 2019 at 6 Swains Market in the village. It is the shop which used to be Rounds Sandwiches, and it is amazing how much bigger it looks inside than its predecessor. There are tables seating up to 22 people and a clean and bright atmosphere.

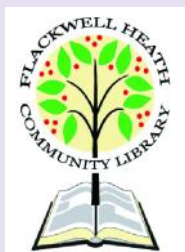


It is a family business, run by Seda and Riz. They gained experience working in the family business in Princes Risborough and then felt ready to branch out into running a shop themselves. Seda's father owns the kebab shop in the village, so when they saw their current premises available, they were immediately interested. They have a young family and so share the work and child care between them.

For a relatively small outlet, it has an extensive range of both hot and cold sandwiches, jacket potatoes and a variety of cakes and a breakfast menu – all reasonably priced. However, the breakfasts (while sounding great), may not be suited to those wishing to slim!

For those in a hurry, food can be pre-ordered ready to collect, and they can also supply lunches for businesses or any celebrations. Contact them on 01628 532118 or crumbstoo@gmail.com

A new project in connection with the Methodist Church is that they are hosting a Crafternoon. This is an opportunity for those of all ages and abilities to come together to chat over coffee while working on their own project or even learning a new skill. This is on the second



FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

How to Use Video Calling apps – a NEW, free online training course

This NEW free online training course helps people get to grips with Facetime, Skype, Messenger and WhatsApp, video calling software, and teaches you how you can see people when chatting to them on the internet. The course explains what you need to make video calls, helps you choose the best method for you, then how to download, register and use it.

Being able to see who you are talking to makes communicating easier. You can use video calling to keep in touch with friends and family all over the world. Some companies even do job interviews by video call.

This is one of a large number of free internet related courses provided by Learn My Way. To access these courses go to: <https://www.learnmyway.com/>



Book this Date – Easter Crafts: Saturday 4th April

All young children are welcome to make Easter cards and decorations from 10.15am -12.30pm. FREE, no need to book.

Our regular activities

Yoga sessions – Sundays 10am-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.

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web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries



Tuesday each month from 12.30 to 2.30pm. – the next one will be on 10 March.

Seda and Riz welcome people to leave reviews and give feedback after their visit so that they can continually be improving their service. Mid-morning and lunch times tend to be the busiest, and it is certainly worth a visit. My latte and toasted scone were delicious!

Alison Peach

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Wycombe Orpheus Concert

Despite Storm Dennis, Saturday 15 February saw Christ Church filled with an expectant audience for the third Len Dandridge memorial concert. This was the brainchild of the Dandridge family who wanted to ensure that Len's love of music would live on when he died. Len was a member of the Orpheus choir and lived in Highlea Avenue with his wife Freda – who is a member of the Oasis Bereavement Group – one of the charities to whom money raised from the evening will go. (The other is Rennie Grove).

The Orpheus have recently appointed a new musical director, Stephen Mitchell, after the retirement of Louise Langley and this was his first concert. They also have a new accompanist, Becky Holt, helped by her guest Megan Cave (who came through the choir's Festival of Young Musicians). With some new singers recently as well, there has been plenty of change on the Orpheus front!



The programme reflected the wide-ranging skills of the choir, with songs from the musicals (Bring Him Home from Les Misérables), and classical numbers, to Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody – a challenge for the pianist - to which she rose brilliantly, and Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines.

There was an amusing rendition of Always Look on the Bright Side of Life – apparently the most popular song played at funerals! The professionalism of the choir across such a variety of songs is amazing. We ended with rousing choruses from choir and audience of Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory.

The evening was compered by the choir's secretary, Flackwell Heath resident Craig Lewis. Craig always manages to cause laughs and a number of groans (!) with his jokes and quips, as he introduces each section of songs.

The choir has an annual Festival of Young Musicians (which this year takes place on 7 and 14 March at Wesley Methodist Church in High Wycombe). Between choir items we were entertained by Vivek Dinesh, one of the Young Musicians, playing the violin. At only 14 the quality of his playing was astounding. He also plays the piano. It is wonderful to see the commitment and high standard of youngsters such as Vivek. I am sure we will be seeing his name in lights in the years to come.

For those who would like to hear more from the Orpheus choir, they have their annual concert at The Swan on Sat. 20 June.

Alison Peach

'Flackwell Festival'

It is always affirming when it transpires that other people have had similar thoughts to you about something, and this has certainly been the case with the Activity/Holiday week, spearheaded by the Methodist Church and supported by Christ Church.

The Residents' Association are looking to build upon the success of their 'Christmas on the Green' event and hold a week-long event, culminating in the Village Picnic. The aim is to celebrate the local community and be inclusive and appealing to a wide cross-section of the village and include a range of events going on around the village.

These two ideas are so closely linked in what they are setting out to achieve that we feel they can be linked as Flackwell Festival Part 1 and Part 2.

Following on from my appeal in November, there have been lots of suggestions of things that we COULD do, so now we need to assign tasks to people to see what we actually CAN do, and the more who help, the more we can achieve, and as always, the less each any individual will have to do. With this in mind I have set aside three meetings, across a mix of days and times to try and make them as accessible as possible, to which I would like to invite you to come along and find out more. These are:

Wednesday 25 March 12.30pm

Friday 27 March 7.30pm

Saturday 28 March 10am

All at the Flackwell Heath Methodist Church, tea, and coffee provided, looking forward to seeing you there.

Vicky Everitt

Martin Adams

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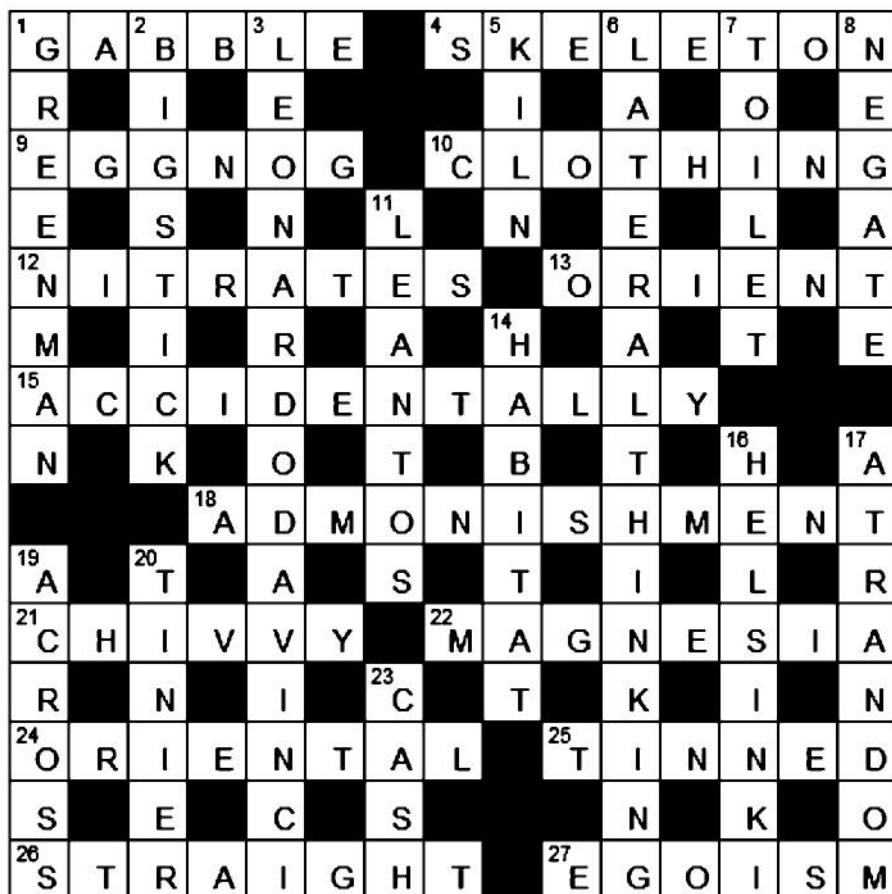
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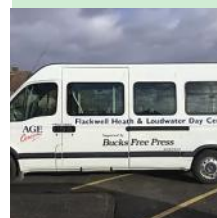


YOUR DAY CENTRE

26 April 1990 was a special day for Flackwell Heath and Loudwater Age Concern Day Centre, as that was when The Duchess of Kent officially opened our purpose built centre. The Day Centre had already been running in the Community Centre for five years but had outgrown the room they used.

Thanks to Nancie Ross, her fund raising team and the Flackwell Heath Community Centre, we now had a place to call home.

The Day Centre is open Monday - Thursday each week 9am - 3pm, supplying transport locally from home, to and from the Day Centre. It offers companionship, a variety of activities and a freshly-cooked two course meal. Each afternoon there is bingo, tea and cake before going home.



We are looking for volunteers either to help in the Day Centre or to drive our minibus.

For further information please contact the Day Centre on 01628 526113 or fh.l.daycentre@gmail.com

Dates for Diary

March

Tuesday 10 – Residents' Assoc AGM at British Legion, 7.30pm, see page 1

Exploratory meetings re 'Holiday at Home' week in August, all at the Flackwell Heath Methodist Church:

Wednesday 25 – 2.30pm, Friday 27 – 7.30pm, Saturday 28 – 10am, see page 7

Sunday 29 – Day Centre Sunday Lunch (fundraiser) £12.50, see page 1

Tuesday 31 – Carrington Easter Bonnet Parade, from 9.30am see page 2

April

Saturday 4 – Children's Crafts at Library, 10.15am – 12.30pm.

Monday 20 – Local History Group Talk at Library at 7.30pm: 'The Carringtons' by Sarah Charlton

May

Saturday 2 – HW Chrysanthemum Soc Sale at Community Centre car park, 9am – 12 noon.

Saturday 16 – 'Call My Wine Bluff' at the Day Centre

Flackwell Heath Community Association

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Secretary: Chris Thomas
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Treasurer: Barrie Walmsley
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Centre Bookings

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