

# THE Grapevine



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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## The Brilliant Cherry Fayre

Georgia Dean Photo Tim Kendall



The day started with a parade through the village including Tonto and the Lone Ranger, cowboys and cowgirls, Brownies, Beavers, Majorettes and a band - it was fantastic!

I really enjoyed the fancy dress competition - there were lots of cowboys and cowgirls and some other outfits - everyone tried really hard.

There was a rope spinning artist called Alex Laredos - he was great. He fitted 23 children into his lasso which broke his world record!

I enjoyed looking at all of the stalls. There was everything from bric-à-brac, to organic vegetables to pick-a-bag to fairground rides - my favourite stall was the fudge one!

At the end of the day, my school, Juniper Hill, played football against Carrington School. There was a boys and a girls match - we won both games! The boys won 2-1 and the girls 1-0.

It was a lovely warm sunny day and I really enjoyed myself.

*Georgia Dean*



Juniper Hill Girls Football Team Photo Meg Scullion



Carrington Boys Football Team Photo Meg Scullion



Photo Lesley Blowes



Fancy Dress winners Alex Fletcher, Andrea Whichelow, Katie Ling and Louis Parker Steele  
Photo Meg Scullion



Photo Lesley Blowes



Watching Punch and Judy Photo Meg Scullion

# Cherry Fayre

In terms of the number of stalls on the site, the variety of the events in the arena and the choice of things to eat and do, this was the best Cherry Fayre yet. We do not yet know how much the Residents' Association will make from it and there is no way of telling how many people came along – but I would guess it was the most popular yet.

There are scores of people who deserve our gratitude for putting on this event but I am specially asked to mention Ashley Hopkins who unbidden and almost unnoticed spent three hours mowing the arena / football pitch. It is the people who get on and do the unnoticed essentials who make possible the success of an event like the Cherry Fayre.

Residents' Association Chairman, Grant Foster, told the Grapevine. "This year much of the run up to the Cherry Fayre was taken up with concern about the weather. A lot was at stake as this year's event was as big as any before, costing somewhere £8 – 9k to stage. Our prayers were answered as the sun shone and the crowds poured in. We were thrilled that everyone seemed happy to be there, and having lots of fun! All the stallholders seemed constantly busy, and hats off particularly (yee-hah!) to staff on the bar, refreshments and Wild West BBQ, who served magnificently, keeping the queues to a minimum. Rope spinning and Wild West coach and horses battling with the Lone Ranger, entertained the arena spectators.

"The event is expected to be in profit but the final amount is as yet unknown.

"This year we sadly say goodbye to Mike and Meg Scullion, who are retiring from the organising Committee. They have put so much into the event for the last few years and will be sorely missed."



Mike Scullion by Tim Kendall.

October's Grapevine will have a piece about Mike Scullion's contribution not only to Flackwell Heath but also as Treasurer to many charities and community projects. It is rumoured that Mike only got involved in running the Cherry Fayre because Treasurers hardly ever get a chance to bang in tent pegs or dress up as Sheriffs with six-shooters.

Tim Kendall

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**Community Association**  
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Community Association Chair, John Sweetman, would like to thank everyone who helped make the Association's stall at the Cherry Fayre so successful. He particularly wished to thank Mrs Joan Sweetman who he described as the most

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During the school holidays Sunday services continue as normal. The main service at 10.00am each week will be an all-age service for the whole family with the theme "An Invitation to a Meal with Jesus".

Can 1½ million people be wrong? This is the number of people who attended an Alpha course last year, some of whom were here in Flackwell Heath. Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is low-key, friendly and fun – and supported by all the main Christian denominations. There will daytime and evening courses at Christ Church this autumn. Why not come along to the free supper evening on Friday 27 September where the theme is "Christianity – Boring, Irrelevant and Untrue?" and take this opportunity to explore the meaning of life?

Coffee Stop will open on Wednesday mornings only during the school holidays beginning Wednesday 30 July. Located at the Church Centre, it serves fantastic fairly-traded tea and coffee with daily newspapers, and provides a warm and friendly place to meet old friends and make new ones. From Wednesday 3 September it will again run every weekday morning. Coffee Stop is open from 9.00am to 11.30am.

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## Neighbourhood Watch News Aug/Sept 2008



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### Neighbourhood Policing Update Priority 1 - Speeding

At the May meeting of the NAG, all the data relating to speeding was reviewed and the No.1 priority area in each of the three parishes identified. For Flackwell Heath this is Treadaway Hill. However, it was recognised that the top end of Blind Lane is another 'hotspot' and it is intended to gather further data in support of police action. Chapman Lane is also high on our list of concerns, but there are currently no resources available to do anything about this.

### Northern Woods second NHWatch Scheme

To compliment the existing scheme in Northern Woods, Irene Turnbull has set up a second scheme towards the Blind Lane/Beckings Way end of the road. A start-up meeting was held in early July, attended by a number of local residents, and the value of Neighbourhood Watch was discussed. It is now planned to extend the scope

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## Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

### Morning WI

The meeting was well attended with 42 members and two visitors. There was a report about the AGM in Liverpool. The resolution urging the Government to provide treatment and therapy for prisoners with severe mental health problems in a more appropriate environment than prison was passed unanimously. The resolution calling on the Government to urge the EU to ban destructive fishing known as bottom trawling caused some lively debate and was narrowly defeated – 52% of votes were against the motion.

May Jones, with the help of some members had filled and sent 12 welfare boxes to troops in Afghanistan. She read two 'thank you' letters she had received. Members were asked to bring more items for boxes in September.

The competition table looked very colourful with beautiful roses. The winners were 1st Elizabeth Roberts, 2nd Lesley Hainsby and 3rd equal Jacqui Veitch and Jean Stevens.

The speaker Neil Stewart gave an

interesting talk entitled 'Swimming with Sharks'. He had dived and swum in shark inhabited waters and showed slides he had taken under water. He told us that many sharks are being killed just for their fins. These are used for shark fin soup. The rest of the fish is dumped back into the sea. Shark numbers have fallen and he said there was a danger they would eventually disappear.

There will be no meeting in August. We shall be visiting Hatfield House.

*Jean Worth*

### Evening WI

The July speaker was Edwin Rye, BBC Gardener of the Year in 2002. He described the progress of the competition, and the design and construction of his show garden, which had the theme 'The Magic of Moonlight'. Afterwards he bought back the garden, which can be visited in Wendover under the National Gardens Scheme. His wife also spoke briefly about how they raise money for projects in squatter camps in South Africa.

Pam Francis won the competition for a miniature posy and Dorothy Attwood won the Bloom of the Month.

We all enjoyed the BBQ at Orchard Farm; once again we had fine weather, and great food. No monthly meeting in August, but there is a pot-luck supper instead, in the President's garden or indoors if wet.

The next monthly meeting is on September 11th, when Kate Miller will tell us about Nepal.

*Sue Arnautov*

### Correction

Badminton Doubles

In last month's article about Abby Kumar we suggested that Badminton was 'played as an individual sport with no doubles competition.' Abby has asked me to point out the Badminton competition at the Olympics does include both singles and doubles events. England's strength is in the mixed doubles in which event we won the silver medal in Athens in 2004.

# Summer Serenade

FLACKWELL HEATH  
LIBRARY



It is a very busy summer at the library. The Summer Reading scheme for juniors is now well under way. If you have not joined up yet please come into the library for your pack and be part of the Reading Olympics and Go for Gold!

We are holding a "Superheroes" craft session on Monday 4th August 9.30 -12.30. This is a family activity - parents/ carers can work with the children. Make your own superhero, using clay and other materials. This event is free but you must book a place at the library.

On Monday 18th August there will be a "Jo Jingles" session starting at 10.00. Again places are limited so make sure you put your name down soon.

September is Local History month in the library. We will be having displays of local photographs provided by the local history section of Wycombe Library. Mike Dewey will be coming in to give a talk on the subject on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm. More details of this event will be available nearer the time.

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The Summer Serenade has proved a great success. Not only did it sell out a week before the concert but the audience applause and the thanks and congratulations afterwards were most gratifying to the Orchestra, their conductor, John Timewell, the Leader, Muriel Carpenter, and to the Community Association members who worked on the unglamorous jobs, setting up the hall, organising the bar and doing the publicity. The Treasurer was particularly pleased when she was able to bank a net £1 000 from ticket sales, bar, raffle and the programmes.

This was a particularly difficult concert to arrange. The owners of the copyright for popular film music are aware of the demand and so their prices were high and the sheet music is sometimes hard to get. For concerts offering the classic standards it is often possible to pay a small fee and borrow thirty copies of the music from a library. Some scores were so difficult to get that John had to leave some pieces out but he still managed to put together an interesting and well balanced programme.

The Heath Light Orchestra exists for only one day a year. Which is fine except that someone has to have

a thick address book and plenty of time to book all the musicians the music requires. And for some reason Sunday 29 June was a day when there was a plethora of musical events who were also booking local freelance professional musicians.

John has to find good players and cannot afford to drop his standards – he also runs the annual concert of the Bourne End Concert Orchestra and the last thing he needs is a reputation for using players who are not quite up to the mark. Quality players would start to find them selves engaged to play elsewhere when John rings them.

But by the day of the concert John was confident he had a good programme and good players to play it. The orchestra had had their music for a week or two and had been able to practice at home. They came together on Sunday to practice together for the morning and afternoon and then they played the concert in the evening.

Asked how he felt after the concert John said, 'I am delighted. In spite of the challenges presented by the theme, the final programme was most enjoyable to rehearse and perform. It was also exciting to play once again to a full and obviously appreciative audience. It was an exhausting but most rewarding day, and also huge fun!'

Tim Kendell

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## Diary of events

### August

**Wednesday 6**     **Jigsaw and Paperback Library** Community Centre 1.30 to 3.30  
**Sunday 17**        **Flackwell Amblers Thames Walk.** 10 am from Budgens car park

### September

**Wednesday 3**     **Jigsaw and Paperback Library** Community Centre 1.30 to 3.30  
**Sunday 28**        **Flackwell Amblers Walk** at Great Missenden. 10 am from Budgens car park

### October

**Sunday 5**         **Bourne End Concert Orchestra** 7.45 at BE Community Centre  
 Tickets £10 from 01628 522854  
**Saturday 11**      **Village Quiz night**

### November

**Saturday 1**        **Residents Association Craft Fair**  
**Saturday 15**      **Residents Association Race Night**  
**Saturday 22**      **Community Association Wine Tasting**  
**Saturday 29**      **Christmas carols and lights**

### December

**Thursday 11**      **Heath Singers Christmas Concert**  
**Wednesday 17**   **Heath Singers Christmas Concert**  
**Thursday 18**      **Heath Singers Christmas Concert**



Photo of Peggy Woolhouse by Tim Kendall

## The Heath Singers

How lucky we are to live in Flackwell Heath and have such good quality music on our doorstep. I knew I was in for a treat when I saw the stream of people heading for Christ Church on Thursday evening and I was not disappointed. This was my first visit to one of the Heath Singers' concerts and I was delighted by the variety of the programme and the clarity of the voices.

The commentary from the Music Director was informative and witty and immediately we were drawn into the programme which had a very exciting and well chosen content. The concert opened with a selection of very traditional English melodies but each one had its own special point of interest to keep the audience on its toes – voices were used to resemble the sound of trumpets, instruments were added to create the atmosphere of the court of Henry V111. Some pieces were very evocative (Adiemus and Scottish Songs), others were extremely clever and amusing (Little Miss Muffet in the style of Rossini and This Old Man). The section of spirituals was just perfect and you could sense the enthusiasm of the choir. The members are so comfortable together and were enjoying entertaining the audience. The concert concluded with a selection of songs from the movies – beginning with Zip-a-dee-doo-dah – and that's what we were treated to – "a wonderful feeling and a wonderful day", (well, evening).

Extra interest was provided by excellent music from the Grosvenor Clarinet Quartet and by an extremely funny anecdote from one of the choir members about "ladies of a certain age" buying swimming costumes!

Such a good evening out was a delight! Book as soon as you can for the Christmas Concerts.

*Sheila Davies*

## Good News for Walkers and Drinkers

A new footpath is to be constructed along part of Sheepridge Lane. It will enable walkers to go from Chapel Road (OS ref 891897), through the allotments and down to Sheepridge Lane. They will then be able to turn north and walk safely on the new path to the Crooked Billet with access to Bloom Wood or continue to the next eastbound footpath which will take them back up the hill to the Scout Hut and Chapel Road.

As I understand it, the new path will be away from the narrow, busy road and will be 'paved' with wood chippings. On Friday 27 June a group of 15 walkers from the Flackwell Amblers, the Grapevine and Christ Church Walking Group assembled to lend their support to the Councillors who conceived the plan and Bucks County Council staff

who are charged with implementing it.

Bucks County Council have a local area initiatives fund, £125 000 last year for Wycombe District. Little Marlow and Chepping Wycombe parish councils bid together – for the first time ever – for funding to create a path for walkers along Sheepridge which runs through both parishes. Jeff Herschel, Chairman of the committee who sponsored the bid, told me. "We want to improve the country paths that start in Flackwell Heath to encourage everyone to get out and use them more."

The project is being led by Local Area Coordinator, Saiqa Khan. She told me "We are aiming for the works to be completed by the end of this year."

*Tim Kendall*



Clr Mike Appleyard makes them smile     Photo Tim Kendall

## Flackwell Heath Now and Then

'Flackwell Heath Now and Then' was written in 1970 by Reg Wilks, with poems by his daughter Pat Townsend. Reg was born in 1902 and knew Flackwell both before and after the big expansion in the 1960s. It is not a history; rather it is Reg's memories of people, places, and events of the first 60 years of the last century. As such it compliments Gwenda Grange's later "Flackwell Heath"

It has been out of print for years. But now Brian Moulson of Right Click Designs, who also runs the Village Website, has made it electronically available. His original intention was to dictate the text to a voice-recognition program, but this proved unable to cope with the vocabulary. Scanning the whole thing would have produced an enormous file, too big for readers to download. So he used an OCR (optical character recognition) program called OmniPage for the 30,000 word text. The photographs were scanned and added to the text. He maintained, as far as possible, the original punctuation, spelling and page breaks. It took him about 5 hours, but now you can find the results on the Village Website - [www.flackwellheath.net](http://www.flackwellheath.net)

Sue Arnautov

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The fixture list for the First XI's Sport Italia Hellenic League is expected to be published by mid-August. Ticket prices for this season are £6, OAPs £3. People under 16 get in free.

On Friday 11 July Flackwell lost 0-3 to Wycombe Wanderers in a close and well attended match that marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Club. The crowd included old team members who stayed on to enjoy the hospitality of the club house afterwards. The Flackwell lads acquitted themselves well – which

may bring difficulties for Manager Terry Glynn and his Assistant, Geoff Turner, if the Wanderers seek to boost their own team by recruiting some of our bright youngsters.

The Committee has recognised that if the Club recruited local players they were more likely to be seen as part of the village and draw in more spectators. So, unlike the teams of a few years ago, the current First XI has six players who came up through the Flackwell Heath Minors. Alan Akerman, Sam Druce, Richard Glynn, John Montgomery, Matthew Rolfe and Adam Sharp. Adam and Richard have even stronger ties with the Club as their fathers, Clive and Terry, are themselves former players. Richard is even closer – his dad is the Manager.

Tim Kendell

## Longforgan Bed and Breakfast

In the February 2007 issue of the Grapevine I reported that Carol Lawrence was awaiting a "mystery guest" from VisitBritain who would be assessing her new B&B service so that the local Tourist Boards could recommend her to business visitors and tourists.

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## Grapevine



This is the August / September issue of the Grapevine. The October issue will come through your door at the end of September or early October. The deadline for copy to go in that issue will be 13 September.

In the meantime, have a good summer break.

Tim Kendell Editor

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# Betty & Edna

## – Our London Guests

On 3 September 1939 Flackwell families gathered around their wireless sets and listened in horror to Neville Chamberlain's grim announcement that our nation had declared war against Germany. Plans for night-watches were immediately implemented and the Auxiliary Fire Service and Air Raid Wardens manned their three posts – the Green Man hut, the Recreation Ground Pavilion and the Old Green Dragon at Northern Woods.

A few weeks later, two members of the newly formed Home Guard also joined the night-watchers at their HQ in Mr E Gomme's outbuildings overlooking the golf links. For many weeks the two-man shifts at every post had peaceful nights with no incidents to report.

In the meantime, Uncle Arthur's plans for the placement of London evacuees went ahead and Mum said I could walk with her and Dad to 'choose' our little guests from London.

"Like we chose our "Terry" from all those little puppies?"

My question seemed to make Dad angry and when we were near enough to hear the babble of many voices from inside the village hall, he groaned.

"I realise it wasn't possible to allocate children to families and we're lucky to have several teachers willing to stay to teach the Ealing Modern pupils but it sounds like a cattle market in there. The poor kids must be terrified!"

It was then that he saw an Ealing student comforting a girl who was sobbing her heart out. Dad asked if he could help.

"I hope so. Betty isn't from our school but she got lost and travelled with us but now she's forgotten the name of the village where she is supposed to go and keeps crying."

Dad stared at Edna's name label which hung from her school satchel. "Welcome to our village, Edna. As Betty is so upset, shall we take her to see if your teachers can help?"

Edna sighed. "They don't seem to know what to do."

"Well I know the boss-man. He'll help us."

Uncle Arthur came to the rescue and

asked my parents to look after both girls for the night. The next evening he called to tell us that he had found Betty's name on the Tylers Green list and he had travelled to London to explain the situation to Betty's mother and she had agreed to that Betty could stay with us and her new friend Edna 'for the duration', which Dad explained meant 'as long as the war lasted.'

The next week Uncle Artur visited us again and he gave us three girls a shilling each and sent us out to play as he wanted to talk to my father.

It was years later that Dad told me about that conversation. Apparently, at that time Arthur had been worried that the 'phoney war' was Hitler's cunning tactic to make us English feel unsettled and Uncle's next project was to drum up entertainment that would cheer everybody up and also raise money for War Charities and parcels for the troops.

He had enlisted volunteers. The WI ladies held bottled fruit and jam sales, Billy and Maggie Carter were organising Whist and Beetle Drives and Miss Stone-Wooton had written two pantomimes and comedy sketches for child performers and would be looking for young actors soon.

The Uncle pointed to our ancient piano ... "As you can tinkle the ivories, Reg, I'm hoping to persuade you to form a band so we can have Saturday dances again."

Dad protested he only played by ear and 'vamped' with his left hand but Arthur was very persuasive and, later, we noticed Dad flexing his fingers ready to join the rest of the morale-boosting Flackwell Entertainers.

*Pat Townsend*

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