

Which Social Club?

Flackwell Heath has a wealth of clubs – Scouts, guides and youth clubs, sports clubs, church groups, painting groups and writers. We also have five clubs whose main objective is social contact for adults. They all welcome new members. In addition the Royal British Legion is open to everyone – including young people and Christ Church runs its Coffee Stop during the term which is open to anyone who wants to stop by and have a cup of coffee with whoever else is there. For business and professional women there is the Soroptimists – see the article in the Grapevine of April 2005 or contact Jane Herrick on 01494 449243 and for men there is Rotary – see article inside.

Silver Circle

Meets in the Community Centre on 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays in the month from 2pm-4

Contacts: Joan Brookes 01628 522514 or Mary Herring 01628 520546

Membership; 20+ members, men and women at the silver age

Cost: Membership is free. The meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits

Meetings: The Circle has just been re-started after a couple of years. At the first proper meeting on the first Wednesday in September members will be asked what they want to do at meetings. It is an informal social club and it is certain that whatever format members choose “a cuppa and a chat” will be an important part of it.

Flackwell Ladies Club

Meets in the Community Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month at 8pm

Contact: Barbara Grierson 01628 522514

Membership: 30+ Women only. Mainly but not exclusively over 50. Women from outside Flackwell welcome. Being in the evening, Club meetings attract women who work.

Cost: Small joining fee plus about £10 each term. No meeting fee

Meetings: Primarily a social club with a variety of activities at meetings including speakers, games evenings, competitions, plant sales, annual fish and chip supper and a club birthday dinner in the Spring.

Good Companions

Meets in the Community Centre on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm.

Contacts: Chairwoman Mrs Elsie Twitchen 01628 520827 and Secretary Miss Daphne Hole 01628 522514

Membership: 20+ retired women and men.

Cost: Affiliation fee of £1 when joining and then £1 per meeting.

Meetings: As the name suggests, the main aim of meetings is social contact and companionship. Meetings may include speakers, quizzes, competitions, raffles, games and puzzles. Coach trips are organised from time to time to places of interest and, later in the year, to Millet Farm near Oxford for Christmas shopping.

Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

Both the village's branches of the WI are affiliated to the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI), the largest organisation for women in the UK with 215,000 members in England, Wales and the Islands. See womens-institute.org.uk

Members are also able to participate in events organised at local, district or County level. FH members have recently attended courses run by Buckinghamshire WI on computing, crafts, clay pigeon shooting and gliding. And they sing Jerusalem.

Morning WI

Meets in the Community Centre on the 1st Wednesday in the month from 10am to 12 noon.

Contacts: Jane Wybrow 01628 523813 and Brenda Aldridge 01628 525249

Membership: About 50 women members. Mainly but not exclusively retired.

Cost: Annual WI membership £22. There is no meeting fee.

Meetings: Meetings provide tea and coffee, social contact and friendship. There is usually a speaker, a competition and sometimes discussion of issues affecting the village or women and their families generally. Some trips out are also organised.

Evening WI

Meets in the Community Centre on the 3rd Thursday in the month at 7.45pm

Contact Mrs Pauline Tournier, tel 07854 641540

Membership: About 40 women members mainly over 50

Cost of annual membership : for 2006, £22. Membership of both morning and evening WI groups £10.60 extra. There is no additional fee for attending meetings.

Meeting: Meetings provide tea and coffee, social contact and friendship. There is usually have a speaker. There is always a competition, and refreshments, news of WI activities, and sometimes entertainment.

Additionally there is a craft group and Scrabble sessions, which meet separately.