

# Chailey News

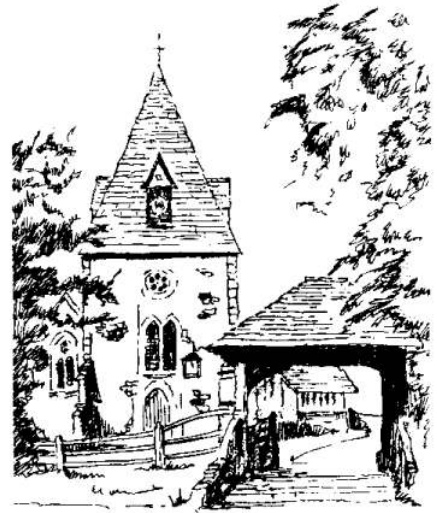
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**February 2009**

# The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



## SUNDAY SERVICES

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## WEEKDAYS

Monday	8pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday	7pm	Holy Communion
Friday	6.45pm	Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

Transport to services can be arranged: please contact the churchwardens

The Church is open during daylight hours.

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Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

**Pastor:** Mr Basil Bigg 01825 723305  
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## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Herons Ghyll:	Wednesday 9.30am	Sunday 11.30am	Holy Days 12 noon
Haywards Heath:		Sunday 8.30am	10.30am 5pm
Uckfield:	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am	
Lewes:		Sunday 9am	10.30am

For further information about Roman Catholic services and activities, please contact Mrs Mary Butterfield, Shephards Wood, Sheffield Park, Uckfield, East Sussex 01825 790370

# St Peter's Church, Chailey

## February 2009 Services

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.** - ***Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
(Candlemas)***  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All Age Family Service
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent***  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Sung Eucharist
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent***  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Sung Eucharist
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.** - ***Sunday before Lent***  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Sung Eucharist
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - ***Ash Wednesday***  
8pm Ash Wednesday Service  
at St Mary's Barcombe
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent***  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All Age Family Service

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer (1662)  
all other Eucharist Services are from Common Worship: Order One

We hope to welcome everyone warmly  
and families and children are welcome at all our services

## *Dear Friends*

The last person who saw the green shoots of recovery in the economy was vilified by the press for making such an obvious gaffe. So I will be careful and just say that I hope by the time you read this there will be signs of the first shoots of Spring about our gardens and the countryside. We have just come through one of the coldest periods for ten years and I hope there were not too many frozen pipes in Chailey. We are just not well prepared enough for -10C and therefore let's treat it as a narrow escape and get lagging because probably with global warming we will see other unexpected weather occurrences.

At the end of January we are going to Spring Clean the Church and thanks to all who volunteered particularly Jo Hands for organizing the cleaning party. If you are a regular dog walker on the Commons you may have noticed a small group of senior citizens attacking that great weed the silver birch. Due in part to their voluntary hard work combined with the work of the contractor much better views have been opened up, I'm sure, to everyone's delight.

The coming of Spring is a time for getting on and doing things and there are many local volunteers who unheralded get on and do things for all our benefit and they should be praised. I know the Heritage would have huge problems functioning without its small army of volunteers.

Unfortunately some people within our community will have recently have been made redundant and they have our great sympathy but could I suggest that whilst between jobs they may like to reassess their lives and possibly think that instead of working virtually every hour of the week they step back and ask themselves what they could give to the local community, join one of the many clubs and societies and get involved. The modern jargon is getting their work/life balance in order I don't know of any club that is not worried about its future because the number of volunteers is a reducing figure and the workload with regulations becoming ever more complex falls upon a few willing hands who can't go on for ever.

So the theme is what can you do for Chailey, the financial rewards may be nil but there are much greater rewards to be had in the friendship, fellowship and general well being generated from helping others.

Ash Wednesday is February 25<sup>th</sup> and this year, you will see from our list of services, we have been invited to join with Barcombe at St Mary's at 8pm and there will therefore be no service at St Peter's. We will also join Barcombe for their Lent Course which will be in their Church on Mondays March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9.000pm. The Revd Robin Moore will be talking on Green Christianity and it will be both spiritually profound and uplifting and yet also helpful and practical. Do put the dates in your diaries.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been booked for SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> immediately after the 10am service. By giving you notice now, I hope all electoral roll members will put the date in their diaries and so be sure of being present.

I would like to conclude with a confession. Whilst I am temporarily 'in the Editorial

chair' and have been for the past year readers may have noticed an uncharacteristic erudition in the Christian message given on this page. My confession is, that as I have access to many, many years of Chailey News, I have often used the words of far more skilful people than me and the really astute will recognise the hand of Eddie Matthias appearing. I'm sure he would be amused and approve the fact that he was still being read, after all he made a huge impression on life in Chailey for over 27 years.

*Chris Jones*  
*Churchwarden*

## **News from Chailey Free Church**

### **Sunday Services**

10.30 am (including children's groups )

6.15 pm

1st Basil Bigg

NO SERVICE

8th Peter Markby

Basil Bigg(includes communion)

15th Family Service

Julian Rebera

22nd Basil Bigg (includes communion)

Mike McNally

All welcome to stay for tea and coffee after services

Tuesdays 10 am Hoppers

(term time only)

6.30 Boy Discoverers age 7 - 11

(term time only)

Wednesdays 9.30 Prayer meeting

4th at 3.00 First Wednesday fellowship

18th at 3.00 Meeting Point

Thursdays 7.30 Bible Study and Prayer.

**As you may have noticed, we do not have an evening service on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. This is because that afternoon the whole church will be attending the induction of John Goodway as the new pastor at Forest Row Baptist Church. John and his wife Avril have been called by the Lord to minister there. Since he joined us in 2000 John has been very active in Chailey, first as our evangelist and subsequently as our assistant pastor. All these years, John has been hard at work in Chailey and more widely in East Sussex, bringing many people to faith in Jesus Christ. God has been doing amazing things! We pray that He will go on blessing John in his ministry. We at the Free Church will greatly miss him.**

# Chailey Youth Group 2009!

As we look forward to a fun filled 2009 we say goodbye to 2008. The year 2008 held lots of different opportunities for the young people to get involved in a wide range of outings, different activities and competitions.



This year with further development of our young peoples youth committee we hope to gain even more insight into the kinds of activities that the young people would like to participate in and help to organise.

Please see our website for up and coming events and activities  
[www.chaileyyouthgroup.co.uk](http://www.chaileyyouthgroup.co.uk)

We would like to say thank you to the following people-

Lisa-Jane and Mark Sayers, Lewis and Dan Hollings for kindly donating a football table and air hockey table to our youth group - which has already been well used!!!

Thank you to Sarah Page, Gemma Kybert and Daniel Hollings for taking time out to go to London to train as BOOM! activity leaders and for achieving a keystone silver award in film making and creative media skills. ([www.boomnation.net](http://www.boomnation.net))

A big thank you to Southern FM and help a local child's grant. Our small grant was approved and will help us to offer more exciting activities up to summer 2009.

A huge thank you to Ken Furnedge, Sarah Page, Tracey Gunes, Mary Fitzsimons, John Meredith, Gordon Slack and all of the young people who make Chailey youth group what it has become.

*Gemma Kybert*

## Newick Twinning Association



Our next event is the **Progressive Dinner**, which will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Details will be sent out to members shortly.

This will be followed by a repeat of our **Salsa Evening** on Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> March**. This was very popular event last October, and this time all proceeds will be in aid of Newick Village Hall, so please make a note of this date in your diary. More details will be publicised soon.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please make a note of the dates of our **Official Visit to Itteville**, which will take place over the weekend of **May 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**. We are already taking bookings for the coach, so please contact our Secretary, **Andy Wilson**, on **724223** or our Treasurer, **Ian Reekie**, on **722957** for more details and to reserve your place(s).

# Newick Day Centre



## Vacancies For New Members

We currently have a few vacancies for new members at Newick Day Centre and would like to welcome senior citizens from Newick and the surrounding villages who would enjoy the opportunity to meet in a social setting.

The Day Centre is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.30am until 3.30pm at Newick Community Centre and offers refreshments, a cooked lunch and various activities, ranging from games and quizzes to exercises and musical entertainment arranged by our team of staff and volunteers.

For further information, please contact Nita Watson on 01825 722909 or call at the Day Centre on Tuesdays or Fridays to speak to Julian Silva, the Co-Ordinator

## NADFAS The Newick Decorative and Fine Arts Society

February can be a dull and cold month so why not come along and enjoy one of our lectures? On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be looking at the paintings of Robert Bevan, a local man born in Hove and a friend of Gauguin and Sickert. He was quite a character enjoying hunting to such an extent that when in Spain and supposedly to be studying Velázquez and Goya at first hand he instead used to disappear of with the Tangier hunt. However it was not to his disadvantage, his drawings and paintings of horses are quite superb. We look forward to seeing you, £5 at the door or we now have a reduced rate for membership as we are of course half way through our season. Ring Kate Evans on 01825 722554 for details



Plumpton Village Hall, 2.15, February 10<sup>th</sup> Tea and biscuits after the lecture!

*Annette Shelford*



## Open Days

We are having open days on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March with session times at 10.30 and 1.30.

Please make an appointment to visit our setting with the opportunity to meet our four members of staff and to see

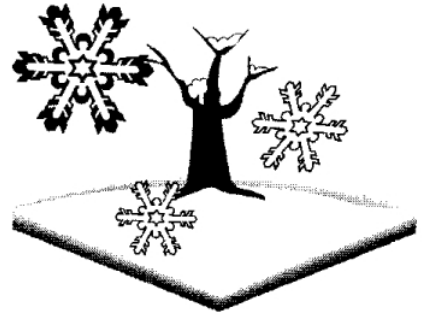
the children at play in our structured stimulating environment. You will be able to view their work, review our activity planning and pick up a prospectus.

We have spaces available for both morning and afternoons or full day care.

If you would like to come along then please contact Fay on 07732714424.

# Chailey Commons Society

The commons at this time of year are looking really quiet, and we are looking forward to the first buds bursting open. The Honeysuckle is making an early showing, with those little groups of leaves braving the winter weather. The early frosts of December really put things to sleep and then we had those heavy rains in mid December, followed by a mild Christmas.



The winter work is proceeding on the North Commons with our contractor clearing some more areas ready for the heather to regrow. The Ants Nests have been cordoned off on Lane End Common to protect them from any damage.

Markstakes Common is also receiving attention with the volunteer team having cleared an area of birch saplings making a lovely glade for the new year's fresh growth. Clearance of more substantial birch trees has started in the Mire area, and also the brambles have been trimmed back to allow the Purple Moor grass (*Molinia*) and the Sphagnum Moss to grow.

There was no meeting in December, and these restarted with a gathering on **Jan 22nd** to hear the reports of the 2008 survey on Memorial Common.

There is a change of speaker at our February meeting on **Thursday, 19th February** at 7.30.p.m. as the Bird Atlas Speaker is not now available. We shall be hearing from Alan Malpass with a presentation on Sussex Wildlife with special reference to the rich habitats which surround us.

Our AGM will be on **Thursday, 11th March** in the Chailey Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. and, after the formal business, the speakwill be Caspar Johnson, the County Archaeologist, who, I am sure, will give a most interesting talk.

The 2009 Survey is on Pound Common and we shall be having a familiarisation walk on April 11th starting at 2.00.p.m. from the Pound Common Car Park.

Look out for our forthcoming events and meetings - details on posters on the Commons, in the Newsletter or on the website - [www.chaileycommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileycommons.org.uk).

*William Coleman*

01444 831923



Well, where did Christmas and the New Year go? All of a sudden it's February and the Bonfire Society did not get an entry in the Chailey News for January!

Thanks to all those who responded to my request for new members, we had 3 potential additions to the team attend our January meeting

and they were most welcome. We could still do with more new blood, so if you have a glimmer of interest in getting involved, our next meeting is Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and my contact details are listed below.

Here is what we getting up to in the near future –



### Scalextric Race Day

The Bonfire Scalextric track is coming out of the loft again and the cars are being serviced as we speak. This time we are holding the event at the Horns Lodge on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm onwards. Children will be welcome as part of a family group (well at least they can drink and drive, in a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale sort of way).

### St Georges Day

Our Village of Chailey has more than a passing connection to St. George and it seems that every year when we get towards the end of April there's a Newspaper article or piece on the local radio asking if anybody actually celebrates our country's patron saint. We are trying to organise an event, maybe a spot of dragon hunting, so please look out for news and keep they weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April free.

### 100 Club

January's winner of the £50 Draw was number 63, Mrs J Black.

*Trevor Smith*

*01273 891008*

*trevandmo@btinternet.com*

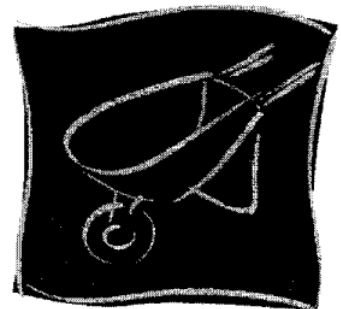
## Chailey Evening WI

Our meeting on Tuesday 3rd February brings the welcome return of Harry Townsend whose talk is entitled Harry the Wheelbarrow Man. He will describe his walk (800 miles in 68 days) through New Zealand to raise a "wheelbarrow full of money" for the charity he set up in his wife's name, the Myfanwy Townsend Melanoma Research Fund. New Zealand has the highest incidence of the disease. His exploits have included climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, completing the 100 km of the Sahara race and many others. With his photographic expertise to illustrate the talk we are looking forward to a very entertaining evening.

At the beginning of January Michael Mason gave us a history of the Bluebell Railway in this, its 50th anniversary year. We followed the venture from its initial humble beginnings to the major tourist attraction of today and recognised many familiar and famous faces in the various slides taken over the years.

If you would like to come along as either a guest or prospective member we would be delighted to see you.

*Margaret Smith (01825 723519)*



St Peter's



School

The new term started with a big freeze but the school was warm and I had a good stock of rock salt to keep the grounds ice free.

For a period last year Turtle Class had a small fish tank in their class room and this led to some interest throughout the school. The School Council, the committee of pupils, two from each class, suggested that it would be good to have a larger aquarium that all the children could enjoy. So now we have one in the reception lobby and it has proved to be popular both with pupils and adults alike.

Currently every pupil in the school is engaged in a literacy project. It centres around Carol Ann Duffy's book "Lost Happy Endings" and will end after two weeks with the children writing new endings to the story.

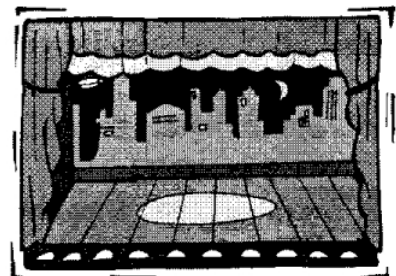
The school continues to attract new pupils, one class is now full. Our open days will have come and gone by the time you read this so if you have children due to start school this year please telephone 01825 722939 for an appointment.

A visit to Wakehurst Place by the whole school is being planned but I was sad to hear that the Environment Agency is going to abandon two other National Trust sites to the ravages of nature, Birling Gap, where I've taken several prize winning photographs and Studland Beach in Dorset, where I've ridden horses through the surf. Mind you, when I was there last year I was charged £7 to park my car, rather more than when we lived in Poole in the sixties.

Did you hear me singing on the wireless on Christmas Eve? I spent the holiday with my daughter in Cambridge and we went to Kings College Chapel for the annual carol service which was broadcast live. We were asked not to talk or cough and we were also asked not to sit down from time to time in case we made a noise. Singing with six hundred and fifty other people was an amazing experience. Kings was started by Henry V1 but he was long gone before it was completed 70 years later. The chapel has the largest fan vaulted ceiling in the world.

*Bill Clarke*

## Friday Night is Variety Night



On the evening of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Marilyn Hill Smith and Adam Daye will entertain us at Newick Village Hall. Marilyn Hill Smith is a most versatile soprano. Her work encompasses a varied repertoire and she is in constant demand for concert engagements at home and abroad. She broadcasts regularly, being a particular favourite with listeners to BBC's Friday Night is Music Night, and has made many television appearances. Adam Daye is best known as a comedian / impressionist. Earlier in his career he performed with Freddie Starr, Frankie Howerd, Larry Grayson, Bob Monkhouse and Ken Dodd. His first love is theatre and he toured recently for two years in the wartime-based variety show We'll Meet Again.

All profits from this event will go to the Newick Village Hall Appeal Fund. Licensed bar available. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets only purchasable in advance at £12.50 each. Please ring 01825 723607.

# Chailey and District Horticultural Society



**A**s I type this, it is snowing outside, not laying I hope! But we shall see!!

The following is the Society's Chairman's message;

Our annual round of three shows is now complete. Despite a pretty awful Summer, all three shows went well and returned a small profit. All were well attended and some new exhibitors were most welcome,

Overall the Society makes a small loss every year and so we are going to introduce some ideas to raise money.

Plants will be on sale at all shows, together with secondhand books and local produce. In the Autumn show an apple press will be available to press apples for juice in return for a small contribution. There will then be a tasting to determine the nicest, which will win a money prize!

There will be a new cup in the Summer show, for baking, as shown in the schedule.

We are sorry that Jenny Brumell and Ron Pateman are temporarily unable to play their full part in the workings of the committee but hope that they will back with us soon. We have been joined by Linda Blaker and Duncan Clarke and they are most welcome. If anyone would like to join us please contact one of the committee.

Now is the time to look through the catalogue and plan for 2009. So on behalf of the Society may I wish you a productive and successful year in the garden.

Peter Escourt

There are eight classes for novices including classes for daffodils, hyacinth and polyanthus. Please enter these classes if you feel a bit intimidated as a new exhibitor. We are there to help! Please approach one of the committee - they will be pleased to assist.

For those of you who have a pot plant that you are proud of, why not bring it along and show it in one of the pot plant classes.

There are many more classes, please ring me and ask. This is a village show kept alive by interested people, some of us are not experts (me, for example) but we are all enthusiastic and keen to keep the Society going.

For those interested in Handicrafts I have listed some of the classes below;

43 A mobile phone holder

- 44 A driftwood sculpture
- 45 A painted egg
- 46 'Climate Change' a photograph max 180 x 130mm

We would welcome ideas - if you have a skill that you would like to see represented in a class please let us know and we will put it forward at our schedule meeting for next year.

We would still like to see you at the shows even if you don't enter any classes. Come and join us for a cup of something and cake. The Spring show is particularly attractive with the Narcissi scent in the air and is a welcome start to the garden calendar.

Please contact me for information on membership or any questions on the classes - if I don't know the answer I will know a man or woman who does.

*Linda Keet-Harris*  
01825 723817



### **DANGER OF NEW BIN TAXES**

At the end of last year, laws which allow the Government to impose new charges for household rubbish collections received Royal Assent and it is disturbing and surprising to learn that the Government has support from the Liberal Democrats. Two out

of three homes could face the new taxes. It is a stealth tax, on top of council tax and indeed the Office of National Statistics will classify these new charges as a tax. Councils will be enticed into signing up to so-called – 'bin tax pilot schemes'. In this awful financial crisis, I hardly think councils can afford to employ yet more council staff for bin 'big brother' duties.

I have never, and shall never support or vote for any more unpopular stealth taxes. Families are struggling to keep their jobs and pay their mortgages and rents. There are many in Chailey and indeed the entire country that having worked all their life and paid full taxes are struggling to make ends meet. It is the silent majority that deserve being rewarded, not punished for their prudence and careful financial management.

### **HOUSING – AGAIN**

Before the contract was signed with the Housing Association and Developer, the 14 new 3-bedroom houses at the New Heritage Site had already been allocated. The new Housing Association Allocations were: 4 Chailey people/families with some form of local connection: 9 with no local connections at all and 1 who had previously lived in Chailey.

There are still many people living in Chailey/Wivelsfield and Newick on the Housing Register wanting to live locally. I hope I have replied or spoken to those that have contacted me. I champion local subsidised housing for local people, but it is the Council Housing Department that make the final decision.

## SHARED OWNERSHIP – 2-BEDROOM FLATS NEW HERITAGE SITE

As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 there are still 3 2-bedroom flats available for shared ownership. The price has come down to £180,000, from £195,000. To be eligible, it is the same story, you must be on the Lewes District Housing List, and also contact MOAT/HOME BUY, a charitable housing association. [WWW.MOAT.CO.UK](http://WWW.MOAT.CO.UK), [WWW.HOMEBUY.CO.UK](http://WWW.HOMEBUY.CO.UK). Telephone: 07002 662846. You would need to have £4,500 cash for a 25% share plus £3,500 to cover legal costs. For a single person, your wage/salary would have to be minimum £20,000, for a couple, a joint income of £24,000. We have young people in Chailey that have been saving for a long time and this might give a chance to achieve their dream of having their own home near their families.

*Cllr. Sharon Davy*

*e-mail [Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk) Telephone: 01444 831 336*

## Chailey News -March Issue

The deadline for the March issue of Chailey News is Tuesday, 10th February. As usual please send any articles to [chaileynews@chec.co.uk](mailto:chaileynews@chec.co.uk). If you wish to include a photograph or other image please attach this separately as a JPEG with a resolution of no less than 200dpi.

*Best wishes from all in CHEC*

