

Chailey News

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December 2009

The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

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

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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

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December Services 2009



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

Sunday 6th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christingle Service

Sunday 13th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist with Children's Church

Sunday 20th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

5pm Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 24th December ***Christmas Eve***

3.30pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27th December

First Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 3rd January

Second Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Family Service

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

all other Eucharistic Services are from Common Worship: Order One

We hope to welcome everyone warmly

and families and children are welcome at all our services

From the Rectory



Dear Friends,

During December we journey through Advent, which, for Christians, is a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation. We then come to the heart of what we are anticipating, the heart of the hopeful story.

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light', Isaiah promises. What brought on the light in darkness? The answer comes in those immortal words: 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And the government (the authority) will be upon his shoulders.'

What startling and wondrous images these are! First, we are given the image of the deep darkness of ignorance; then we are given the image of the great light of an announcement. St Luke imbues his story with light. 'The glory of the Lord shone round about them', he says, and surely the only way we can picture glory is through light. 'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying. Glory to God in the highest'. Is there a more beautiful picture painted in so few words?

Imagine being one of the shepherds, trembling with fear. This fear is the awe we feel in the presence of something that is beyond our senses and our capacity for understanding. This awe should fill us in our Advent preparations and throughout our celebrations. For what happened in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago was then and remains now beyond our understanding. 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'.

A child, a little baby? Who can explain the Incarnation of God? Enter into this realm of awe; you are in great company. You are in the company of the angels and of all the saints and of the souls who have gone before us. We welcome the awe with the humility of poor shepherds being confronted with glory. We hear the great announcement and ask for grace to believe. We fall on our knees with gratitude. Let us together go and look for the child Jesus, God become man, and worship him.

Richard

News from Chailey Free Church



Sunday Services :-

10.30 am

6th David Muzzel
13th Derek Heyman

20th Tim Hill
27th TBA

6th Christing service begins at 6pm. December 25th 10.30 Les Griffins

6.15 pm

Susannah Griffin
Derek Martin includes
communion
Tim Hill Carol Service
John Eastwood

We hold Discovers and God Squad during our 10.30 service, if you would like your young to attend please contact Janice on 01273 890114 or better still bring them along.

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.

Wednesday 7 th 3.00pm

Wednesday 21st 3.00pm

Thursdays 7.30 Bible study and prayer.

Wednesday 10 am Coffee stop

Our monthly family service, which is led by our own team and is always a special occasion, this month is the 18th and you are invited to come along, after the service we plan to have a pumpkin pie available to everyone.

As already mentioned you are welcome to any of our services and you may even get a cup of tea afterwards. Why not give us a try. If you would like more details call 01444 471600

On a different note- Do you enjoy playing the piano, organ, guitar or other instrument. If you do would you consider helping out with music at the church? If you are interested in putting your talent to a much appreciated use, or would like to talk about it – call Charlie on 01444 471600.

NADFAS Newick Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 Tuesday 8th
December

THE FINE ART OF CRIME Come and listen to a really intriguing lecture by Malcolm Kenwood, ex detective in the Art Squad of the Sussex Police. Malcolm now works with the Art Loss Register, the world's largest database on stolen art. He has lectured to New Scotland Yard, Interpol and the FBI.



This fascinating illustrated lecture reveals actual case studies demonstrating the extreme lengths to which forgers and criminals will go in order to pass off fraudulent works as legitimate. Edvard Munch's 'The Scream' has now been stolen and recovered several times. Why are such famous works of art stolen? Where do they go? How are they recovered? Do come and find out the answers to these questions. £5 on the door for non members and as it is the festive season, mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards. Please ring either Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250 or Carole Burgon 01273 890301 if you need any further details.

Happy Christmas everybody from your local NADFAS group!

Annette Shelford.

The Kit Wilson Trust For Animal Welfare



The Christmas food appeal is upon us once again! There are collecting boxes at South Chailey Post Office and Scaynes Hill Garden Centre.

The Trust cares for many animals from horses to hamsters! So if you would like to donate some pet food the Trust would be very grateful.

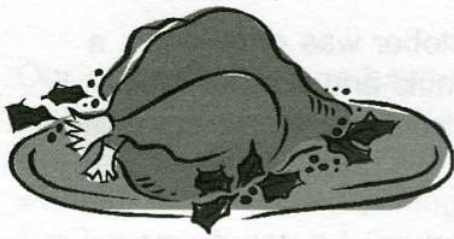
If you can help us or if you wish to leave food with us please phone 01825 830444

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre and made it such an enjoyable afternoon. We made a profit of £1164.77 also Barclays Bank matched the amount up to £750 so we are very grateful to them!

We wish all our supporters a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Joyce & Tony Comber

Chailey W.I.



Our next meeting on Tuesday 1st December will have Mr Jack Sammons giving us 'A Foretaste of Christmas', which as the title implies, will get us in the mood for the festivities ahead. We will have a Christmas Lunch at the Kings Head for members on 4th December and on 12th will be holding our annual Whist Drive in the Village Hall.

Our November speaker was Mr Billy Martin whose highly entertaining talk was entitled The Life and Times of a Punch & Judy Showman. Mr Martin's career started when, as a teenager, he entertained the troops here and abroad as part of ENSA. He then went on to appear in Variety Shows until the early 1950's when the closing of so many theatres followed the rise in popularity of TV. However, this gave him the opportunity to diversify into becoming a children's entertainer with Punch & Judy and he has never looked back. The very enjoyable evening brought back many memories.

If you would like to come along as a guest or a prospective member, we would be delighted to welcome you. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

Margaret Smith (01825 723519)

CHAILEY EVENING W.I.



WHIST DRIVE

Chailey Village Hall



**Saturday 12th December 2009
at 7.30 pm**

Excellent Prizes

Raffle

Refreshments

Newick Twinning Association



Our Salsa Evening on 17th October was once again a success, and thanks go to Paula and Ann for their excellent organisation. Thanks also to all of our committee who helped out on the evening.

A number of our friends from Itteville came over for the weekend of Newick Bonfire and joined in the celebrations. Unfortunately, the Mayor of Itteville and some of his colleagues were unable to come, because the French government had instructed them not to leave the environs of Itteville because of swine flu. However, those that did make the trip had an enjoyable time and we were also able to have a joint meeting with them on the Sunday morning. The highlight was a presentation by the two primary school teachers, Dave Evans of Newick and Thierry Pilia of Itteville, describing the joint project that they have worked on with the schoolchildren over the last three years. It is so good to see that the links between our schools are working well, and it gives us hope that strong Twinning bonds between our two communities will pass down to the younger generation.

Apparently, M. Pilia went home with two bonfire torches, so if we hear that the Itteville *Pompiers* have been called out, we will know who to blame!

Our next two events are the AGM and our annual Quiz. Details below:

AGM. Friday 4th December 2009, Newick Community Centre, 8 p.m.

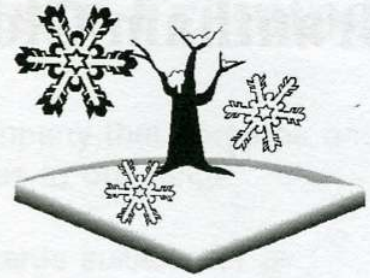
Our AGM is open to all members to elect a new committee and hear about what we have done this year and our plans for next year. As usual, after the formalities are over, we will provide a light supper of cheese, pâté, etc., with wine and soft drinks. All members and potential new members are very welcome.

Wine and Wisdom Quiz. Saturday 30th January 2010, Newick Village Hall, 7:30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

The Quiz will be in the usual format with the traditional *Trivial Pursuits* categories of questions. As Quizmaster, I promise to make you scratch your heads, but won't make the questions too difficult! Supper and nibbles will be included in the ticket price and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year, but please make a note of the date now for your 2010 diary.

John Lucas

Chailey Commons Society



Our outdoor meetings have continued with a very well attended Fungi Foray on Wednesday 28th October led by Rosalie Sinclair-Smith. Over 30 adults and 12 children were shown a display of fungi to look out for and then a two hour walk around Pound Common revealed how much had grown through the leaf litter and bracken following the recent rains.

We were entertained to a marvellous illustrated talk by David Lang about his travels in South America when he told us about 'A long Thin Journey' through Chile. His slides were excellent and members found themselves wishing they could visit that very interesting country.

The commons have been looking a real picture now that autumn has taken hold and the spell of fine warm weather allowed the leaves to stay on the trees creating many beautiful scenes.

Our associate group, Friends of Markstakes Common, held a successful Open Day on Sunday 18th October and a working party, under the guidance of the Ranger, Thyone Outram, cleared some more of the mire and had a large bonfire. It is hoped that regular Sunday sessions will be held on the third Sunday monthly, in addition to the Monday ones .

There is no indoor meeting in December, and our next one will be on Thursday, 21st January when we shall have results of the ecological surveys of Pound Common.

A Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year

Look out for the forthcoming meetings and events. There are details on posters on the commons, in the Members Newsletter and on our website.

William Coleman
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www.chaileycommons.org.uk

Royal British Legion Chailey sub branch



Clement weather for the Poppy Day collection and a good congregation for the Remembrance Sunday service mean that the total sum counted is already in excess of £3500, with some contributions still to come. Debbie Freeland's sponsored walk accounts for £1100 of this sum, a great gesture. Thanks are again due to all collectors, door to door and static venues.

Grantham Close



Grantham Close, South Chailey, is a group of almshouses, which provide warden assisted, sheltered housing to people over 60, with little capital and low income. We have 35 flats, double and single. At the moment we have a one bedroom flat available. If you know of any person in need of this type of housing, please contact us.

Elizabeth Gould
Teresa Wenban

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Friends Of Newick Health Centre

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (which includes the Princess Royal Hospital) is planning to become a foundation trust by October 2010.

Local people are needed, who care about our hospitals to get involved and shape the future by becoming members. By building a membership, made up of people who know and care about our hospitals will influence their future plans and will ensure that all the hospitals have the brightest of futures. It will be the members who elect the Governors, and therefore we need many mem-

bers to come from around the Princess Royal Hospital, so that at the time of the election we will have sufficient support to ensure that one of the governors comes from the Haywards Heath area in order that we have a say on the future of the PRH. To get more information and/or a membership form you can telephone 01273 523000 or email ft@bsuh.nhs.uk. There is also a web site www.bsuh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust where you can get more information. I have a small quantity of membership leaflets.

Peter Todd Hon. Sec. 01825 722660



Local Greetings Cards and Picture Framing

Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre, the local charitable company that compiles and prints Chailey News, has now added two brand new services to our range.

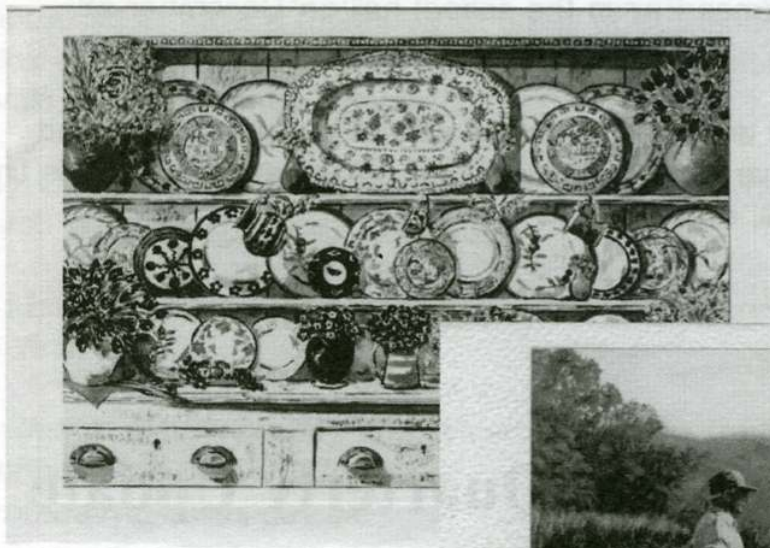
First of all the Centre now stocks a selection of greetings cards suitable for all occasions which all the work of local artists. In addition we have added a range of our own designs entitled 'The Vicious Vintage' range, a collection based on Victorian and Edwardian postcards with humorous modern captions. These cards are unique to CHEC and designed by members of the team. The majority of the cards are priced at £1.20 with a portion of each sale going towards the Centre, that offers work opportunities to severely physically disabled people. Why not stop in and see what's available and don't forget that CHEC also offers a vast range of personalised gift and promotional productions.

Also if you are a local artist who would like an outlet for your own cards, or you would like to have cards produced from your artistic endeavours please do contact us 01825 724376 or by e mail at chec@chec.co.uk.

Finally CHEC is now offering a picture frame service. For details please use the same contact details as quoted above

Please remember support of the centre maintains our provision to provide and develop work opportunities for adults with severe physical disabilities

Holly Williams CHEC Media Assistant 01825 724376



St Peter's



School

Children and their families celebrated the harvest home at school at the end of last term. Each class demonstrated an aspect of harvest. Frog Class told the story of the Little Red Hen, who couldn't get any help to plant her corn nor with the reaping, grinding or baking the bread so she denied her unwilling neighbours the results of her hard work. This story's moral is directed at the work-shy but our children are made of different stuff because they willingly shared the bread they had made, under instruction from our super chef, Heather Rowe, with all and sundry.

During the half term break, the general office has been re-arranged for greater efficiency

, an enlarged and secure outdoor play area has been built for the foundation stage children, some scruffy carpet in the entrance lobby has been replaced and the County Council has repaired the roadway through the car park.

I was born too soon to avail myself of an 18-30 holiday but last week I went to Greece with a 25-90 singles group. A break from school, I thought, but to my chagrin, eight members of the party turned out to be teachers, however, during dinner on the first day I appraised them of my theories on modern education. After that, none of them sat at my table again. On the last day of the holiday, at breakfast, on the next table, I overheard three of them, who seemed to have formed a committee, discussing the layout of the luggage labels the company had given us and expressing reservations about their colour. Fortunately we only came together as a group for meals and I was lucky enough to pair up with a respectable lady who hails from Shoreham. An enjoyable holiday.

The Friends are holding a Christmas Fair in the school hall on December 5th. Everybody welcome.

On behalf of the governors, staff and children may I wish all our readers joy and happiness over the coming festive season and as Tiny Tim always says at this time of the year, may God bless us all, everyone.

Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131.

Local Property Market Quarterly Update

Some objective analysis of key data on the local housing market. If interested please view www.ashdownproperty.com/blog or email enquiries@ashdownproperty.com to be added to the mailing list.

James Parsons





COUNCILLOR'S CORNER *By Sharon Davy*

VALE OF SUSSEX SOCIETY

The whole of Chailey and Wivelsfield lies within the Vale of Sussex. The Vale of Sussex Society's mission is to make sure that the voices of local people concerned to preserve the rural character of the Vale are heard, loudly clearly and in good time in the corridors of power, nationally and locally.

Where exactly is the Vale of Sussex? It is a name that for decades has been given to the rolling lands that lie between the South Downs and the High Weald. They contain many areas of outstanding natural beauty and many features of historic and scientific interest, especially for us in Chailey. Chailey Common, recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 is a Site of Special Scientific Interest as well as being one of the largest heathland commons in the South of England.

Much of the unique beauty of the South Downs themselves derives from the unspoilt views north across the Vale with its fields, woods, meadows and streams. The essential character of both the Downs and the Vale must be preserved and protected against creeping suburbanisation and road development, whilst supporting sustainable development, provided that it does not degrade our treasured countryside.

Although much beautiful countryside lies within the boundary of the National Park, it cannot claim to have a monopoly of areas of outstanding natural beauty. The Vale of Sussex aims to protect and promote the rural character of Chailey and other villages of the Vale. I support their campaign.

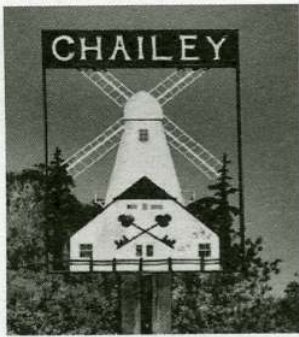
If any Chailey residents are interested in learning more about this Society, please contact: www.valeofsussex.society.org.

May I take the opportunity of wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

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Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk



**CHAILEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Chairman: Cllr Peter Olbrich (Tel. 01825 723438)
Clerk: Mrs Rachel Seccombe (Tel. 01825 724413)
For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Chailey Parish Council wishes residents seasonal greetings and a happy and healthy new year.

Search for land The council is interested in acquiring a plot of land in South Chailey, for sale or long term lease. The land is needed for sports facilities for the 12 to 16 year olds who reside in Chailey. Land is also sought for the provision of allotments in this area of Chailey. If you own any suitable land and wish to discuss this with the council, please contact the

Clerk.

Budget and Precept for 2010-2011 The council is currently in the process of forecasting net expenditure and hence the Precept (local council tax charge) for the forthcoming financial year. Details of the Precept set and the revised Village Action Plan will follow in the New Year editions of Chailey News. The council is currently preparing a Village Design Statement which will be lodged with the district planning authorities as a reference source for planning case officers to guide the assessment of future development in the village.

Chailey Common Grazing & Fencing Scheme Due to the number of representations, both for and against, the Planning Inspectorate has decided to hold a public inquiry, which will be held in January 2010. For further details see the ESCC website : <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk> and search 'Chailey Common'.

Parish allotments Tenants are notified that the annual rental for 2010-2011 has been set at £30 per plot to bring the charge closer to, but still below, the current Lewes District Council 'villages' allotment charge of £4 per square rod. Invitations to renew will be issued next Spring. There are currently 14 names on the allotment waiting list.

Small grants scheme The council has received various messages of thanks from recipients of funding under the council's 'small grants scheme' and is pleased to receive feedback about the events and activities which have been supported. The next grant round has a deadline of 30th June 2010. Details will be publicised next Spring. Congratulations to Chailey Bonfire Society for arranging yet another impressive procession and display.

BT phone boxes Councillors have discussed the BT consultation on the future of low usage red telephone boxes in the parish. Councillors have requested that Lewes District Council exercises its right of veto to the cessation of telephone services at the payphone outside the old post office on Haywards Heath Road since it may be required for emergency calls arising from road accidents and accidents on the common and sports ground. The parish council has decided to 'adopt' the payphone outside Swan House in South Chailey. The box will be retained as an item of street furniture for display of information. The Chailey Green box, with its status as a listed

telephone box, will be retained but without a telephone service. The council decided not to subsidise the services at Chailey Green and South Road in view of the cost relative to the low annual number of calls made.

Chailey Parish Council

Website: www.chailey.org

E-mail: chailey.parishcouncil@btinternet.com



December 2009

Wow! What an evening we had on the 7th November! The weather was fine, the field was firm under foot and the fine people of Chailey turned out in such numbers to join our celebration. We hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did, and of course the story line, it just wouldn't be Bonfire Night without 'The Voice of Chailey

Bonfire'. Even our friends from the Police, who worked with us on the evening commented on what a cheerful, easy going, co-operative community we have in Chailey! There are too many people to thank, but those who worked tirelessly to get things ready, those who built and entered floats, and those who helped keep everybody safe on the night know who they are and have our gratitude. We look forward to more success next year.

Future Events –

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 5th December

Invites to all of our regulars have gone out, but there is always room for more! This has to be one the absolute highlights of our year. We bring all of our guests to the Village Hall, lay on a full Turkey dinner, entertainment, bingo, Christmas Pud and tea, then let off some fireworks and deliver them all home again. It is just the most suburb fun to be involved with!

Scalextric Race Day 20th December

The Horns Lodge will be hosting the event again from 12.00 Noon onwards, or as long as my back will hold out. Please try and put in some practice this year, as fishing the cars out from under the billiards table does me in after a couple of hours! Great fun for all the family in a cracking atmosphere, why not have some food while your there?

Membership

Whilst the Bonfire Society has always had members, and a great number of people who consider themselves friends of bonfire, next year we wish develop a greater 'community of membership' to give people a sense of belonging without too much weight of commitment. So, young or old, if you have been involved before or not, if you would like to be associated with this much fun please do get in touch.

I hope that this Christmas 'sparkles' for all of our friends in Chailey, and that the new year brings you everything that you wish for.

Trevor Smith

01273 891008 contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk www.chaileybonfire.co.uk

Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre Grand Opening

The 12th November saw the official opening of CHEC'S new offices by Radio 2 DJ and TV presenter Zoe Ball. Friends, supporters and customers turned out for wine and nibbles to celebrate the move by CHEC into its larger, newly refurbished centre of operation which includes separate design and manufacturing rooms and can offer space to three more physically disabled people, supporting them as part of their design and print based company. CHEC has been working in their new space since June of this year but this was an opportunity to celebrate this milestone in the Centre's development.

For those local's not in the know, the Enterprise Centre, a charitable company, provides opportunities for severely physically disabled young adults to use and develop their skills in the context of an operating business, and opportunity that would otherwise not be available to them.

Zoe, who is the daughter of CHEC Trustee Julia Peckham, was thrilled to meet the staff and greatly impressed by the range of products and services provided by the Centre. She chatted to Centre members before cutting the ribbon and declaring the CHEC 'Open for Business!' It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and a fitting start to this new period in CHEC's development.

Holly Williams – CHEC Media Assistant 01825 724376



Cutting the ribbon in CHEC. l to r. Jo Jones, Liam Wright, Chris Jones, Zoe Ball, Holly Williams, Charlotte Pope, and Nathan Wakeford

Chailey News -January Issue

The deadline for the January issue of Chailey News is Tuesday, 8th December. Please remember, to avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e mails for spam please:

1. Send to ***chaileynews@chec.co.uk***
2. Include “**Chailey News**” in **Subject** section of the e mail.
3. If a new subscriber or sending from an e mail address for the first time please phone us on 01825 724376 so we are aware and able to look out for it.

Photographs must be sent in JPEG format (minimum resolution 200dpi) and included as attachments to your e mail and not included in the body of your submission. If you require confirmation of the receipt of you e mail please use the “Receipt Required” tool to be found within your e mail software. (Usually under “Tools” in the menu.



Best wishes from all in CHEC