

Chailey News

November 2011

Free



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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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

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, 01825 724003

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St Peter's Church Chailey

November Services 2011

Sunday 6th November

3rd Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Family Pet Service

You are welcome to bring along well behaved pets

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.50am Service of Remembrance

Starting at the War Memorial on the Green.

Sunday 20th November

Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 27th November

Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christingle Service

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

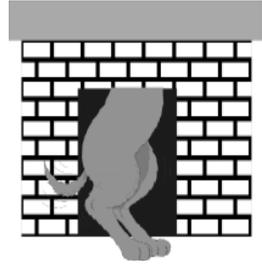
all other Eucharistic Services are from Common Worship: Order One

We hope to welcome everyone warmly

and families and children are welcome at all our services

From the Rectory,

A shriek of delight echoed around the sitting room at the Rectory as I sat planning my very best “I spy” clue to confound the Vicar, with the broken leg and ankle. Day 100 today and I am running out of clues and I’d quite like my sofa back. The shriek came from the sad granddaughter. The reason? She had finally managed to climb up onto Neds back unaided and was cantering to the edge of beyond. ‘Grandma, Grandma, I did it on my own.’ What a big girl.



The front door closed quietly behind me as I left to buy polo mints for our granddaughter to feed Ned, but for a moment he was happy to settle for imaginary carrots and a hug from a big girl.

We have an adage in our family relating to our sons which reads, “there are three ages of man.”

He believes in Santa Claus,
He doesn't believe in Santa Claus,
He is Santa Claus.

To that end I thought Christmas had arrived early last week, I heard a noise coming from the chimney in the study. Pesky crows. I was right to rush in. The black and white dog had walked into the large open fire place, it is easily accessible as there is no fire basket or grate. She was standing on her back legs, up the chimney trying to find a ledge for her back legs to push her up inside the chimney even further. Why Betty? Are you waiting to give Santa a hand? We don't send loved ones up there to sweep any more. As she came down she was covered in soot. Does my black bum look big in this? Everything looks big Betty, you are a Great Dane. Oh black Betty, pass the shake and vac. Recently I met a charming lady on the Common who believed that Betty was the stone Great Dane that sits by the front door of the Rectory and that the stories were made up for the Parish Magazine. If only that were the case! I spy with my little eye something beginning with B.B.B. Answer at the end.

So here we are heading swiftly towards Christmas. St Peters has had a busy and successful year. We have worked hard fundraising, the various events have been fun and exciting and have strengthened the body of the Church. We have started a monthly All Age Family Service and are grateful for the helpers who have kick started this important ministry. Thank you to everyone who has helped, planned and given time and energy. We are trying to work out into the community and are discussing ways that we can achieve this. We hope that you enjoyed the wonderful Wedding dress Festival at St Peters that took place in October.

We believe that God brings healing and hope and rescues people trapped in their own folly and sin and straightens out the distorted pictures of reality that every age manages to produce thus enabling people to live by, and in, Gods true reality. In the Bible Jesus says, ‘I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10.

The Church exists not to rescue people from the world, but to rescue them for the world, to see lives transformed by the Gospel so that people can discover a new depth and resonance of what it means to be human, precisely by looking beyond themselves to God, to the beauties and glories of his creation and to neighbours, particularly those in need.

We are holding a Pet Service on the 6th November and we would love to see you and your well behaved pets. Come and see if Betty can redeem herself. What are the chances? Answer to the I spy? Whatever you want it to be, but S.L. knows!

Gaye at the Rectory with the shake and vac. John nearly out of sick bay and off of the sofa.

Betty looking for trouble and waiting for her beloved Julie and sausages.

Ned, Perfect and Tippy playing nicely and sharing the polo mints.

The Kit Wilson Trust For Animal Welfare

Animal Charities Christmas Fayre. 2.00pm Saturday 12th November in Newick Village Hall.

Entrance fee – tin of dog or cat food.

There will be a Kit Wilson Trust goods stall and other charities including Cat Protection, Sussex Horse Rescue, RSPB, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Safe Haven for Donkeys, ARC and Paws and Claws.



There will also be a book stall, bric-a-brac, home made cakes, raffle, tombola, Christmas food hamper raffle, tea and coffee and last but not least a teddy bear raffle!

Do come and bring your friends and relatives and buy some early Christmas presents!

Joyce & Tony Comber 01825 723433

Chailey WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st November when Mrs Anne Hardy will be coming to talk to us about Mongolia. Mrs Hardy visits Mongolia regularly, helping in a school there, and has just recently come back from another trip. In October we held our Annual Meeting when Mrs Myra Vidgen was installed as President for a further year, with Mrs Laurie Fisher as Secretary and Mrs Pat Esposti as Treasurer. After the meeting, which was attended by a member of the East Sussex Federation, members enjoyed a social get-together with a quiz.



We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm and are always pleased to welcome prospective new members or guests.

Margaret Smith
01825 723519



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

12th November 12.20 for 12.30



Good food~Good speaker~Good company
Good welcome~Donations appreciated

Please book by 9th November
07884 303725 voice or
07792 889078 text only

**Sunday
Services**
10.30am
and
6.15pm

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Tuesdays 10.00am Coffee Stop

Tuesdays 6.45pm Boy Discoverers

Wednesdays 10.00am Prayer Meeting

Thursdays 7.30pm Bible Study

& prayer

Coffee Stop

Tuesday 10.00—12.00

Everyone welcome

Bring your friends

All free

Friends of St Peter & St James Hospice

Registered Charity No 288522

Giant sale of books & bric-a-brac on Saturday 12th November
From 10-4 at the Hospice in North Common Road, North Chailey

Over the years we have received more stock than we have been able to sell. We are running out of space, and need to dispose of **books** - a library of over 5,000 in all subjects, fiction and non-fiction, sorted by subject and in good condition.

Bric-a brac - curios, jewellery, china, power tools, ornaments, electrical goods etc. in great variety

Plus - homemade produce

Light refreshments, easy parking

Dealers welcome. *Queries to Bruce Haithwaite (Chairman) – 01444 440418 or jbruce.haithwaite@tesco.net*



Volunteers Required

Chailey Heritage School is a non-maintained day and residential special school and Children's Home for pupils who have complex physical, health, communication and learning difficulties.

Mini Bus Drivers Help with Horse Riding Residential Bungalow Assistants

If you could spare a few hours a week to help, please call

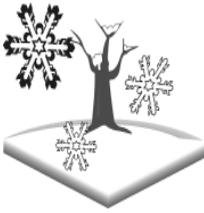
Jane Cook on 01825 724444 ext 101 or email j-cook@chs.org.uk

Chailey Heritage School is a registered charity (1075837)

St Peter & St James Hospice - Newick & Chailey Support Group

We shall be selling the excellent selection of CHRISTMAS CARDS at the Newick Health Centre during surgery hours between Monday 31st October and Friday 4th November.





Chailey Commons Society

Well the year is nearly over and despite the variable beginning there was a good show of flowers and lovely fruit on the trees. The sun did a late burst in September with some hot days. The Nature Notes in my paper were as varied as they could be with 'Wildflowers increase population of Bees', Norfolk Broads under attack by alien plants' and the one I liked the best 'Glow worms make hay in the long grass' This was certainly true of our walk on the commons in July, seeing so many glow worms, liking the long lush grass.

We attended the Newick Flower Show on Saturday 3rd September and met many people on a glorious summer's afternoon. Thanks to Tony Turk for the lovely displays of old photos of the commons.

Our first Indoor meeting of the winter season was a fantastic illustrated talk on Badgers by David Plummer which was enjoyed by everyone.

There will be an archaeology walk on Red House Common on Saturday November 5th at 10.00 with Linda Ball, and our next indoor meeting will be on Thursday November 17th when Victoria Benstead-Hume will give an illustrated talk on 'Ancient Woodlands'

For more information, have a look at our website for details of the Society and pictures from the various seasons and activities.

Membership of the Society is open to all – come along to a walk or a meeting and join us.

William Coleman

01444 831098

www.chaileycommons.org.uk

Chailey & Newick Painting Group

Chailey & Newick Painting Group's popular annual exhibition and sale of members' work will take place on Saturday & Sunday, November 19th & 20th, 10am - 5pm, at Chailey village hall (on A275, next to the Five Bells).

There will be an excitingly varied display of new framed paintings, a wide selection of unframed work and our not-to-be-missed array of greetings cards. Enjoy a hot drink and one of our celebrated home-made cakes while you watch some of our talented artists at work.



The membership of our friendly group is drawn from Chailey, Newick and surrounding villages, open to anyone with a desire to paint. You may be amazed by the previously hidden talents of your friends and neighbours, fostered by a group dedicated to helping local artists achieve what they may have thought was beyond them.

Admission is free, there is good wheel-chair access, plenty of easy parking and a warm welcome assured. What pleasanter way to spend a couple of hours on a November weekend? We look forward to seeing you there.

For further details ring Carlina Oliver on 01273 400512 or contact us via our web-site www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.org



**NEWICK
AMATEUR
DRAMATIC
SOCIETY**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

DON'T MISS NADS performance of "No Sex Please – We're British" Directed by Mike Morton-George.

'No Sex Please - We're British' is a farce by Anthony Marriott and Alistair Foot which ran in the West End from 1971 until 1987 – the longest running comedy in the U.K.

Peter, a young assistant bank manager, lives above the bank with his new bride Frances. When she innocently sends a mail order for some Scandinavian glassware (well before the days of the Internet) what comes back is Scandinavian pornography. The pair's efforts to stop it, with the help of Brian, only seem to increase the deliveries of books, films and eventually girls. Hiding and then disposing of the offending material is complicated by Peter's mother, his boss, a bank inspector, and a police superintendent.

DECEMBER 7TH - 10TH NEWICK VILLAGE HALL. Curtain up 8.00 pm - Doors open 7.15 pm. Tickets £8 (concessions Wed, £7) **Box Office now open: 01825 722359**
Or direct from Newick Butchers or at the door on performance nights.

Internet bookings: barbara@terrybone.co.uk

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Wivelfield Film Club

When: **Sunday, 6 November 2011 at 7.30pm**

What: **The Last of the Blonde Bombshells** (15) tickets £5.50

More info: Terrific entertainment - a winning comedy with a wonderful cast: Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Leslie Caron, Olympia Dukakis, Cleo Laine, Joan Sims, Billie Whitelaw, June Whitfield.

When: **Monday, 28 November 2011 at 8pm**

What: **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (15) tickets £5.50

More info: Additional Monday evening date to bring you this masterful rendering of le Carre's classic thriller Tinker Tailor Solider Spy! This international thriller is set at the height of the Cold War years of the mid-20th Century. George Smiley (Gary Oldman), a disgraced British spy, is rehired in secret by his government - which fears that the British Secret Intelligence Service, a.k.a. MI-6, has been compromised by a double agent working for the Soviets.

Where: Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG

Free, easy parking at Wivelsfield Village Hall off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green
Doors/bar open 30 mins before the film. Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval.

Tickets on the door and in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores, and the Cock Inn, or online. Follow the link from www.wivelsfield.net. Bring a friend — or come along and make a friend! A cinema experience and a friendly social atmosphere for you to enjoy locally, in Wivelsfield.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

Autumn Fayre & Coffee Morning Saturday 19th November 10.00-12.00 at Newick Community Centre. Cakes,gifts,books,tombola, bottle stall,Christmas cards. Please come along to support the British Legion Ladies. More information from Lily Holman 01825 723786

NADFAS

Newick Decorative and Fine Art Society

Tuesday November 8th 2.15 Plumpton Village Hall. Our lecture this month is entitled 'Festival of Britain.' In 1951 Britain was still recovering from the war, but people wanted to look forward and the Festival offered a tantalizing glimpse of just how wonderful this future could be. The Festival had a huge impact on modern design. The utilitarian designs so necessary during the war vanished in a riot of colour and new fantastic shapes and creations. It launched the careers of such furniture designers as Ernest Race and textile designers such as Lucienne Day (wife of Robin Day). The lecturer Sally Hoban Art, is a design and antiques consultant, writer, editor, lecturer, journalist and author of the book 'Miller's Collecting Modern Design.'



Her talk will be accompanied by an excellent digital presentation. We look forward to seeing you, £5 on the door for non-members and if any further information is required please ring Carole Burgon on 01273 890301 or Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

Annette Shelford

Burgess Hill Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 19th November 2011 at 7:30pm. Tickets are now available for our next concert at £12, Concessions £10, accompanied under 16s free. These can be purchased from members or at the door. The concert takes place at St. Andrew's Church, Junction Road, Burgess Hill. If you've not been before don't miss the treat of hearing our cello soloist Pavlos Carvalho. The programme is as follows:

WAGNER Meistersinger Overture
ELGAR 'Cello Concerto in E minor
DVORAK Symphony No.6

This should be a most enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you.
Monica Todd

ELGAR: THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS WITH SUSSEX CHORUS
Saturday, 12th November 2011, 7.30pm St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton
Tickets £15 from Dome Box Office 01273 709709 or 01444 412479

Newick Twinning Association

Future Events



Our **AGM** takes place on **25th November** at 8 pm in the Community Centre, Newick. As usual, we aim to keep the formalities to a minimum and then adjourn for a light supper with wine and other drinks. All members and prospective new members are very welcome to attend.

We are already busy arranging events for 2012. We start in early February with our annual Quiz, which is always very popular. It consists of several rounds of questions in the traditional "Trivial Pursuits" categories. Teams are up to 8 people, and we provide a supper during the interval. A licensed bar will also be available. More details will be published soon, but we are already taking advance bookings for tables. Please contact Andy Wilson (01825 724223) for more details and to reserve a table.

Following the success of our Barn Dance last spring, we have arranged a repeat performance with the same band, Square the Circle.

Here are the details of these events, at a glance. Information on more events in 2012 will be published soon.

Saturday 4th February 2012 -
7:30 for 8 pm.

Wine and Wisdom Quiz – Newick Village Hall

Saturday 10th March 2012
Village Hall - 7:30 for 8 pm.

Barn Dance with "Square the Circle" - Newick

25-28th May 2012

Itteville visit to Newick – 20th Anniversary
celebrations

Speed Limit A275 South Street



As you are aware as a result of the petition, in April 2010 East Sussex County Council agreed to extend a 40mph speed limit throughout the village. Since then there has been little to report, except to say that I have maintained contact with the Area Safety Team during the past 15 months or so.

Well, at long last there is some movement, they are continuing to proceed with the speed limit, the proposal is in the capital programme for 2011 / 2012 financial year.

It now only remains for the Safety Team to instruct the Contractors, something which I have reliably been informed should happen during the coming week.

Eddie Sheridan eddie.sheridan1@yahoo.co.uk



Newick Country Market

Newick Country Market is held every Friday from 10 am till 11 am in Newick Village Hall on the A272. We have a variety of cakes, savouries, preserves, ready meals, eggs and vegetables. Soon we will have dried Christmas arrangements. There is a selection of cards for all occasions, handicrafts and lovely beaded jewellery. If you are looking for gifts come and browse.

On Fridays 4th and 11th November we will display our Christmas Fare that can be ordered for collection either on Fridays 16th or 23rd December whichever day is most convenient for you. Our last Market day this year is Friday 23rd December and we open again in the New Year on Friday 13th January, 2012.

Have a rest- stay for coffee and a chat.

Info and Orders:- 01825 722855

Newick Film Club

Our next screening takes place on Thursday 3rd of November at 7.30 for 8.00pm and is the Coen brothers "FARGO". As usual there will be tea and coffee available and the bar. Fargo is a 1996 dark comedy crime directed and written by the Coen brothers. It stars Frances McDormand as a pregnant police chief, in the town of Fargo North Dakota, who investigates a series of homicides and William H Macy as a car salesman who hires two criminals to kidnap his wife. The film received 7 Oscar nominations, and winning two, Best Screenplay for the Coens and Best Actress in a leading role for McDormand. It also won the BAFTA – David Lean award for Direction as well



as the Award for Best Director at the 1996 Cannes Film Festival.

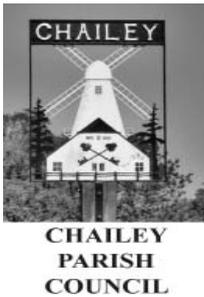
Pamper & Shopping Evening

Thursday 17 November 2011 7:30pm – 10:00pm Wivelsfield Primary School

20 local art, crafts and small business stalls selling books, jewellery, home accessories, pictures, toys, gifts, fairtrade products, cards, soaps and pamper/beauty products.

Refreshments available. Raffle. Pamper area with massage, reflexology and manicures. Tickets £2 (£3 on the door) which includes a free glass of wine. A fundraising event for Wivelsfield School PTA.

For more information contact nicky.collins@waitrose.com, 07710 086126



Chairman: Cllr. Loraine Waller (01825 722880)

Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409)

For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Tuesday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In November sessions will be held on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd November between 10.00 am and 12.00. The dates of VIP sessions to the end of the year have been posted on the Council's notice boards.

You too can become a Parish Councillor!

We should like to co-opt one person onto the Parish Council, preferably someone who lives in South Chailey, since many of the existing Councillors live near Chailey Green or in North Chailey. Parish Councillors advise on planning and development within the village; dispose of a budget of some £48,000 to maintain village facilities or to encourage voluntary activities; and represent village interests to the District and County Councils – not such dry work as it sounds? Contact the Clerk or the Chair to find out more about being a local Councillor.

Diamond Jubilee

We believe we shall have the necessary funds to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in a suitable way, and would be grateful for suggestions as to how best to do this. We are considering replacement benches at key spots in the village, but also thinking to commission an ornamental map of our village. Suggestions are needed before the end of the year so that we can set the wheels in motion.

Highways

The Parish Council meets every quarter with East Sussex County Council Highways and, on September 23rd, took the opportunity to thank Highways for the re-surfacing work on the A275 and A272. Speed limits were also discussed and Highways confirmed that the public advertisement for the proposed speed limit between the Brickworks and Markstake has now been published. Limits on the A275 and A272 are currently slated for the next Financial Year.

Design work continues on two projects: a footpath along Warrs Hill; and a pedestrian crossing at Mill Lane, South Chailey. Funding for these projects expires in July 2012; eventually, a choice will have to be made, depending on which project can be completed within the time available, unless the time-limit can be extended. Cllr. Meg Stroude kindly followed up our complaint about changes with no prior warning to the bus timetable; Countryliner have advised that they were 'behind with roadside publicity'.

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

The Boundary Commission for England is currently reviewing the Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. It is proposed to reduce the constituencies allocated for Brighton and Hove, East Sussex, Kent and Medway from a total of 25 to 24. A Lewes and Brighton East constituency ward is proposed containing eight wards from Brighton and Hove and four wards from Lewes District, including Chailey and Wivelsfield. A new Uckfield constituency is proposed including Newhaven, Seaford and Newick wards. Consultation on the proposals will end on 5th December 2011. Further details may

be viewed at: www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland. Documents may be viewed at Lewes District Council offices or at public libraries at East Grinstead and Uckfield. Responses/comments may be made in writing or on line- www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk or by email: southeast@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk.

Digital TV Switchover in Meridian

It's now less than four months to the start of the digital switchover in the Meridian TV region. When the switch happens depends on the transmitter which broadcasts a TV signal to your home. In East Sussex the switch will happen in two stages, on 30th May 2012 the BBC2 analogue will be switched off, all remaining analogue channels will be switched off on 13th June 2012. Help for older and disabled viewers is available by telephoning 07590 306930 or email caroline.byng@bbc.co.uk or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November and Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th November both meetings to be held in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chailey Parish Council

Chailey Youth Group

Want something to do every other Friday night? Looking for somewhere to go? Why not try CYG your local youth club and get involved with different activities/outings that we offer..... check out our web page- www.chaileyyouthgroup.co.uk

Have your say and be heard...Chailey Youth Group is a place where all young people are welcome- young people come from as far as Uckfield, Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath and every young person is valued and encouraged to make their voices heard, helping shape the future for young people in the village and surrounding areas. Because we have listened to what the current needs are within the area we have lowered our age group to 10 years. We felt that in order to develop and extend our membership we needed to cater for the largest age group within the village which included 10+. So why not get together with your mates and organise an event or activity for young people and we can help you organise it and may foot the bill! (Terms and conditions apply)

Volunteering is a great way to gain new skills and make new friends so if you are 16+ years and are free for a few hours on a friday night please do get in touch! We are looking for new members to join our committee, do you have some fun **and exciting** ideas that will help us shake CYG up in to 2012?

Gemma Kybert - 07843410895 - Chairperson - Volunteer Youth Worker

Chailey Bonfire Society

Bonfire & Fireworks Celebration

Sat 12th November 2011

As per our tradition of always running our event on the Saturday after the 5th, The 12th of November marks the date for this year. I would like to add that, unlike last year, there are several other Bonfire Societies having events on the same evening, so we shouldn't have the huge crowds travelling from far and wide that caused us such a headache in 2010.

Our aim since the foundation of CBS in 1966 is to provide 'a safe firework display for children and families of the area'. Here is what's on offer for the evening.

Timetable of Events –

From 5.00pm – Floats start arriving at Chailey School, Mill Lane

5.30pm – Float Judging

6.00pm – Road closures in force and the procession moves off

6.15 – 6.45pm – Well earned re-fuelling stop at the Horns Lodge

7.15-7.30pm – Gathering at the Village Hall

The Firework display and Bonfire lighting should be done by 8.00pm or soon after then it's off home to bed! (or, off up to the Pub!).

Hot Dogs and drinks will be available at the Village Hall from 7.00pm.

Please note that due to the safety requirements needed to accommodate the Traction Engines and Floats, there will be no facility for car parking at the Village Hall.

Secretary

We are always on the look out for new members for our organising committee, this year as much as ever. But we do have a specific requirement for a Secretary, so if you are the sort of person (and if you know me, I'm not!) who enjoys crossing the 'I's and dotting the 'T's and think that you might enjoy keeping our affairs in order, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Trevor Smith - 01273 891008

contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk - www.chaileybonfire.co.uk

Wedding Festival

First of all a big thank you to all who participated in this event; all the hard work proved well worthwhile. We have a fine morning suit for sale, together with the choice of different sized hats. The suit is in excellent condition size 42"/44" inch chest. Any reasonable offer and it is yours, with the proceeds adding to the grand total for the weekend. Please 'phone me if you'd like to try it on.

Monica Todd 01825 722 660

FANTASTIC NEWS – OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL – WE HAVE A LOTTERY GRANT TO TRANSFORM THE CHAILEY SCHOOL QUADRANGLE

I was visiting Chailey School around 2 or 3 years ago and was saddened to see the quadrangle in a state of neglect - a wasted space and yet it is at the very heart of the school. When the school was built in 1958, I am sure the architect designed this area to be an outdoor, attractive area for students, teachers and parents. I have checked in the archives, and I cannot find any photographs of this space in 1958, (maybe someone has a photo from 1958). And so my quest began.

It might be a well-known fact, especially with Chailey Youth Group that I have a passion for eating delicious food from many cuisines, cooking, natural gardening and healthy activities, not to mention the 2012 Olympic Games, so it seemed a wonderful opportunity to find funding for a 'make-over' of the quadrangle. To transform this wasted area into a sustainable, eco-friendly, attractive space where the school community can link gardening with physical activity and the opportunity of growing and eating healthy food – a kind of outdoor classroom that can also be used as a space for the whole school community to share, enjoy, nurture in class time, breaks and after school.

I shall not bore you with the length of time it takes filling in Lottery funding forms, but with the help of James Deacon, an inspirational teacher at Chailey School, and the enthusiasm of Mike Dodds, whose children attend Chailey School we have been successful. When I take on a challenge, it always takes too long, but if it means a successful result – for me, it's worth the effort- tenacity wins the day.

This is an exciting, fun project and one in which students, parents, grandparents and volunteers are invited to help and be part of. We do not have a work timetable as yet, but if you find this project inspiring, please contact /email Chailey School and give your details so we can contact you when we have the work programme.

I hope that past students, current students and extended families of Chailey School are as thrilled as I am.

At this time of year, a special vote of thanks to the Chailey Bonfire Society for all their hard work.

Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

Email sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk

Telephone: 01444 831 336

It has been a busy and interesting start to the new school year. Year six pupils spent four days at the Bowles Activity Centre and they took part in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, skiing, orienteering and raft building, though in the latter work some of the children experienced that old sinking feeling. Now they are off to Plumpton to train as play leaders. Later they will be joined by their Year 5 friends for a visit to Anne of Cleves House in Lewes. Years 3 and 4 have been to Fishbourne Roman Villa as part of their Roman history studies.



Four children with a marked ability for writing are going to Plumpton for some coaching by a well known author.

Both Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 achieved second place in the Chailey Cluster football tournament.

Roald Dahl's birthday was marked with a dressing-up day and each child contributed a pound towards the new library. My favourite Dahl story is Matilda because Agatha Trunchbull is my kind of teacher. Modern styles, though preclude swinging children round your head by their hair and defenestration at St. Peter's is fairly pointless as all the class rooms are on the ground floor.

My grandfather was killed in the Great War and my dad was wounded in North Africa in the second world war so I am heartened to know that the school will observe the two minute tribute on November 11th. We don't seem to have learned any lessons from history as the world is still being scarred by war. A poem from my childhood ends,

“ In how many fields, in how many lands
Will soldiers die by soldiers' hands?
Until, at long last, Mankind yields to Truth and Reason's
studied choice,
Ignoring Hatred's strident voice.
Bill Clarke.



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