

Chailey News

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January 2012

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, 01825 724003

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January Services 2012

Sunday 1st January	New Years Day <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion*
Sunday 8th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am All Age Family Service – Epiphany* <i>*Please note that the January Family service will be held on January 8th</i>
Sunday 15th January	<i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Communion
Sunday 22nd January	<i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion
Sunday 29th January	<i>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion
Sunday 5th February	<i>Third Sunday before Lent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am All age Family Service - Pancakes

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,

We knew it was right to opt for the dog whisperer. The Vicar had been to all the training classes with Betty, we had both carried bags of treats and rewards, tripe, lungs, cheese, sausages, hot dogs, cold dogs. We had taught her to sit, wait, and come in French, German and Danish (well she is a 'Great' one). All to no avail, Betty is a free spirit, headstrong and a petulant adolescent. We knew it wouldn't be long before we received a call from the management team on Brighton Pier to say that Betty and a chum were playing the slot machines and Betty was downing vodka shots and had a woodbine hanging on her bottom lip, her friend was seen sipping sweet sherry and eating a bag of pork scratchings. We always sat by the phone. Oh, chain smoking, drunk Betty.

I know that there are many Schools of thought on training collars. We agreed to test it on the Vicar first. The real dog collar replaced the fake dog collar. He agreed that the result of the pressed button was an impulse that was a distraction, nothing more. We stated to the dog whisperer that we did not want her hurt or want her spirit broken, or anyone else's leg and we all nodded in agreement. After an hour's training it worked. She responded to the whistle. It was as simple as that, she was transformed. If we were not able to get her to respond to us, we knew we would have to re-home her, she would then have been on her fourth home and that would mean someone else gone from our sad granddaughters life. More importantly what if she caused an accident running into the road? A few hours later the collar saved her life. After the training we decided to take her to the beach at Ferring, a spot that we all love. The Vicar let her off and she was away, cantering like a thoroughbred Filly, the music from Black Beauty playing across the sands. She cleared every groin, splashing in the pools as she landed. Her ears like wings of an aeroplane, held aloft by the salty spray from the waves. She jumped over rock pools and disturbed little girls with nets, trying to catch shrimps. She grabbed at seaweed and leap frogged over windswept men digging for lug worms, she raced towards sea gulls every time totally convinced she would catch one for her supper. Then when she could run no more and with her tongue hanging from her mouth like a piece of ham, the Vicar took her up onto a grassy promenade where all the genteel dogs trot and owners smile at each other. Alas from behind the poodles and labradors and friendly smiles appeared Fritz, a four legged asylum seeker from North Rhine, Westphalia whose only mission in life was to rip Betty's throat out. Snarling and barking in a language foreign to sweet Betty, he went under head and locked onto her throat, shaking her head until she thought she'd definitely had too many vodka shots. What stopped him killing her? The box attached to her collar, which has turned Betty into a Saint and that she will always wear as a reminder, but hopefully not to be used again. Close shave Betty, she still loves the beach and so do I. I hope Fritz will get repatriated to Germany, in the meantime, 'note to self.' when there are no more coffee and walnut cakes to be made and no more monies to be raised to keep the Church roof on, please scatter me at Ferring. Oh Black Beauty Betty.

Since then she has only had one slight blip. Picture the scene, it is Sunday November 13th 2011 and it is almost eleven o'clock and the venue is Chailey War Memorial, just outside the Rectory. The whole country silent, even the birds are showing respect. The two retired military Vicars stand shoulder to shoulder best friends for thirty years. The men surrounding the war memorial wearing poppies, medals and berets with pride. The bugler, fingers hovering over the instrument hoping to hit the

right notes, the Land Army gal wearing her hat at a jaunty angle. Our son James, a retired Sapper Officer, holding the standard proud to be back doing what he did best, until illness overtook him. Children wearing long white socks holding hands with Daddy, smart in his City suit and wearing expensive leather shoes, fortunate not to be wearing scarves and gloves this year. Then Betty spotted everyone. She was in the bedroom and she was standing on the bed. She didn't need the bed because she was tall enough without it, it just made her feel more daring. She realised she couldn't get to where the silent non-action was and started barking her protest. She barked in little morse code messages 'If you let me out I will be good, you let me go to the Pet Service and I just want to help James with the flag.' Her voice was the only sound in Great Britain and from where I was standing, make that 'the World.' I didn't look at either of the Vicars, apart from Easter and Christmas this is the most important date in their year. Our other son is still serving in the military and we did 30 years, we have W.D. running through our veins. From the war memorial I looked back towards the Rectory and then did my 'wait till your father gets home' walk, Oh Betty its jankers for you my girl, you will be stripped of your rank and pension. Oh, reprimanded Betty, who has no respect for the war dead.

To end a perfect day, when all old friends had left, I heard her creeping up to the Princess bedroom looking for sad children. She always rubs her face along the side of the bed and on the Egyptian cotton sheets and counterpane, she needed to sooth her reprimanded troubled brow. As I looked around the door she had rubbed her face and come out of the covers with them over her head leaving just her face showing. It was a bit Ave Maria Betty, but mostly Grandma what big teeth you have! Oh, Virgin Mary Betty. Probably the best reason that we don't give up on Betty is that she gladdens the hearts of our sad granddaughter. She and I play a game where Betty morphs into a pigeon and we write notes to each other and put them under Betty's collar, and then Betty has to find the one hiding, waiting for the mail and deliver it. Simple fun games for complicated lives, Betty lights up said granddaughters life. Oh postman Pat Betty. When the Lord Jesus stated that He was, and still is the light of the world, He spoke the truth. For that is exactly what He was. The world had been full of darkness, but it was only necessary for Jesus to come and immediately the light was made manifest. For several thousand years mankind had been groping in the darkness. Men were ignorant of His splendour, and they were ignorant of His compassion. they were unaware of their own uncleanness and poverty. The path of life that men should follow and the duties that they should perform were alike beyond their understanding. Nor could they discern men's destiny. The deception of the devil and the pitfalls and snares that he had set, were likewise hidden from their sight. But as soon as Jesus came into the world all was changed. God now became knowable. Men could perceive His might, they could now perceive His splendour, they could perceive His holiness and they could now perceive His compassion. All of these truths are still available to Christians today. We hope that in the coming year you will come and seek the light of the world for yourself. By the way I have been asked many times how Betty behaved at the Pets Service. She was a very good girl, it was a wonderful service, the highlight being a sweet German Shepherd, in the Choir pews, singing a descant during the last hymn totally upstaging Betty!

We wish you all a Happy New Year. Gaye still shocked by our new Betty. John still half expecting a call from the Pier. Betty waiting at Dover to wave off Fritz and still looking for Julie and Bob (who also walked her. I forgot to mention him in dispatches). O.K. Bob? Ned, Perfect and Tippy still waiting for passengers.



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

**Sunday
Services
10.30am
and
6.15pm**

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YOU are welcome

*HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2012*

Come and find out what it's about!



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

Chailey & Newick Painting Group Exhibition

We had a wonderful weekend and were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our annual exhibition in November. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our year's work; more members than ever plucked up the courage to show their work resulting in a truly representative and impressive display. It means a lot to us all to find visitors so enthusiastic about our paintings - not to mention the cakes! Our thanks, too, go to Chailey Parish Council for their support.



The worthy winner of the favourite painting vote was Graham Barber's skilful and evocative watercolour of a Thames barge in full sail, 'The Home Leg'. Congratulations, Graham!

We look forward now to working towards next year's exhibition on November 17th & 18th.

www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.org

Interested In Singing With A Choir?

The Fletching Singers (www.fletchingsingers.org.uk) meet on Tuesday evenings during term time in Fletching Village Hall from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m.. We are a sociable, relaxed and informal group who put on 3 enjoyable concerts a year. New members are always welcome and next term starts on January 10th when we shall be rehearsing Dvorak's magnificent Stabat Mater in preparation for a performance with full orchestra on March 24th. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Nick Milner-Gulland on 01273 480189 or email njmg@fletchingsingers.org.uk. Why not come and join us for a couple of Tuesday sessions before making a commitment?

Poppy Day Appeal

Royal British Legion Chailey sub-branch thanks all collectors and those who donated most generously for the record sum of £4559 which has been passed to Poppy Appeal HQ.

Special thanks go again to Debby Freeland for her sponsored walk, which raised £1000, and also a very big thank you to St Peters School for a magnificent effort!"

James Radcliffe

Newick Film Club



Newick Film club's next screening is on 5th January 7.30 for 8.0pm, in the Sports pavillion.

“ROMUALD & JULIETTE”; (A comedy/drama. French with English sub-titles. 1989)

'Imagine Romeo and Juliet without all the tragedy! This a film about love crossing the classes - he is a white, married, elegant, upper class business man, pampered from head to toe. She is a hard grafting Afro-French evening cleaning lady; mother to five children with no time at all for herself. Their lives seem destined never to cross until the day she uncovers a scheme to frame him for the collapse of the company of which he is President. She is the only person who can help him clear his name.

Together they unravel the plot and ... well, we mustn't give the story away.... but suffice to say that somewhere along the line he learns how to care for others and she learns how to be cared for.

Yes, the plot is far fetched but Daniel Auteuil and Firmine Richard are brilliant! They make a wonderful but very unlikely pairing. This is a film that will surely put a smile on your face. Watch it and enjoy!

For membership details please contact
email p.sentance@btopenworld.com or tel 01825 723717

Lisa Sang Tai Chi

Coming Soon!

Relaxed and friendly classes with a trained instructor. Learn the basics of Tai Chi to develop your fitness, balance and flexibility as you experience the positive effects of this ancient art.

Weekly drop in classes beginning January 2012.

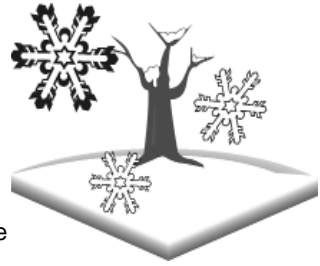
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Whether you're into the natural high of Zumba, the core strength of Pilates, or the expertise of a martial arts, you will find this within Tai Chi. The beauty of these exercises lies in their simplicity. Anyone, of any age, can take part!

Tel: 01825 721020

Chailey Commons Society

First of all may I wish all our members and friends of the Society a very Happy New Year. It is always a relief when the year changes and we can look forward to the longer days and the promise of all that 2012 will bring us.



Our calendar for this year has been selling well and there are still some copies available to buy for that space on the kitchen or office wall or to give someone as a New Year gift. Do phone me on the number shown below and I will send an order out or email me on mail@chaileycommons.org.uk.

There were no meetings in December and our January meeting is always a summary of our surveys from the previous year. For this year we shall be looking at Lane End Common once again. Do get in touch if you would like to help us with these surveys and come along and join us in this interesting activity.

Our next meeting is in February and will be an illustrated talk by the Sussex Air Ambulance in the Chailey Village Hall on Thursday February 16th at 7.30.p.m. All are welcome and it should be most interesting.

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

For more information, look at our website for details of the Society and to see the forthcoming meetings and activities.

William Coleman

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www.chaileycommons.org.uk

Chiddingly Festival

Presents

Treasure Island

A pantomime by Limelight Scripts
Chiddingly Village Hall

Friday January 27th at 7.30pm Tickets £7.00

Saturday January 28th at 2.30pm Tickets £4.00

Saturday January 28th at 7.30pm Tickets £7.00

Visit www.chiddinglyfestival.co.uk for information and to purchase tickets online

Or call Box Office 01825 872401 between 7 and 9pm



**CHAILEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Chairman: Cllr. Loraine Waller (01825 722880)
Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409)
For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Chailey Parish Councillors wish all residents of Chailey a **very Happy and Healthy New Year** and great pleasure during a Year which will be notable for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and for the Olympic and Paralympic Games – enjoy!



Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Tuesday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In January sessions will be held on Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 24th January between 10.00 am and 12.00.

Policing in Chailey: Steve Knowles our Community Support Officer, recently briefed Councillors on crime in Chailey. First and foremost, residents should ensure they lock their own houses, sheds, outhouses and vehicles securely: there has been a small increase in opportunistic theft across the village - vehicles broken into or maliciously damaged; domestic oil, motor fuel or tools stolen; windows broken. However, instances of anti-social behaviour have declined.

There have been an unusual number of road traffic accidents (five in recent months). PCSO Knowles has recently checked speeds at two locations in the village – Mill Lane and the A272 entering Chailey – and stopped motorists exceeding the 30mph limits at these points. Sussex Police intend to target in a special operation such traffic offences as using a hand-held mobile while driving.

Finally, PCSO Knowles reminds us all to “drive to conditions” in coming months – in other words to plan and prepare for driving in icy conditions.

You can contact PCSO Knowles on *07787685708* or email him at steven.knowles@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Welcome to New Parish Councillors

The Parish Council recently had two Councillor vacancies to fill. In September Councillor Peter Olbrich was co-opted to the Council and in November Councillor Ron Trussell was co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy. The Parish Council now has the full eleven Council members required. Councillor Olbrich has previously served as a District and Parish Councillor, Councillor Trussell has experience in business and as a school governor. Both Councillors will bring valuable expertise to the Parish Council.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd January and a Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January, 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

Newick Twinning Association

Happy New Year!

2012 is now upon us and it is a very big year for Newick Twinning Association, because it's our 20th anniversary. Our friends from Itteville will be visiting at the end of May to celebrate with us in style. More details in due course...



Recent Events

Our AGM took place on Wednesday 23rd November. We reviewed the year's events and discussed our plans for 2012. Last year's committee was re-elected, with the exception of Carole King, who is stepping down as Membership Secretary. Thanks to Carole for all her work in the past year. We now welcome back David Walters, who is rejoining the committee.

Future Events

Wine and Wisdom Quiz, Saturday 4th February

Newick Village Hall, 7:30 pm for 8 pm start

Teams of 8 per table

Tickets £8 per person, which includes a light supper

Licensed Bar Available

Booking essential. Contact Andy Wilson on 01825 724223

Email: andy@andrewwilsoncomputing.com

Following the success of our **Barn Dance** last spring, we have arranged a repeat performance with the same band, Square the Circle, on **Saturday 10th March**. More details soon, but please make a note of the date now in your new diary.

25-28th May 2012, Itteville visit to Newick – 20th Anniversary celebrations

St.Peter & St.James' Hospice Newick &Chailey Support Group

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND HELPERS. Thank you to everyone who supported us during the year and helped us to raise a large sum of money for the hospice with various events ending with a memorable Motown evening in a transformed village hall and delicious three course meal. This was a great village community evening with dancing and nobody wanting to go home!!!

Plans are underway for next year starting with our annual bridge drive on Feb.8th (contact 01825 722253). We shall be serving Bucks Fizz at Ketches for the Jubilee. our summer lunch will be at The Old Rectory and an operatic evening is being organised.



NADFAS

Newick Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 January 10th 'Dreamtime to Machine Time: Aboriginal Art and Culture.' This is the intriguing title to our January lecture. The Aborigines believe that they come directly out of the dreamtime of their ancestors and that their art is the meeting of the far distant past with the new. Echoes of lives led perhaps over 40,000 years ago are apparent in the

beautiful and vibrant pictures which are painted today. The talk will be by Rebecca Hossack whose gallery in London was the very first to exhibit Aboriginal Art. She is a new lecturer to NADFAS and it should be a really stimulating and excellent afternoon. We look forward to seeing you, £5 on the door, tea and biscuits afterwards.

Any further information required please ring Carole Burgon on 01273 890301 or Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250. HAPPY NEW YEAR everybody from your local NADFAS group!

Annette Shelford

Friends of Newick Health Centre.

By the time you read this Dr P.H. Ashby will have retired from the practice, having served the community for the past 30years. His career here has been an eventful one, especially in 1997 when the West Sussex PCT proposed to do indescribable damage to The Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath as we knew it. Fortunately a doctor in shining armour came forward to lead the fight- Dr Ashby. He worked extremely hard firstly by calling a meeting in Newick School hall where PCT Representatives put their case and against them was Dr. Ashby, Norman Baker MP, and Duncan Selbie Chief executive of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospital Trust, which actually runs the PRH. The fully packed out meeting left the PCT in no doubt as to our feelings. From that meeting was born the idea of a 'Friends'. The Friends at the time were an ad hoc body but we supported Dr.Ashby as he toured the villages warning of the dangers we were facing. No-one was left in any doubt of the disaster facing us. He then supported the Save the Princess Royal Hospital campaign and we went to rallies, and marches through Haywards Heath. Eventually the West Sussex PCT announced their decision. No changes at the PRH. We are convinced that the time and effort the Friends and Dr Ashby put into our actions played a major role in the decision reached. We thank him and his family greatly for the effort he applied to the cause.

The Friends were set up as a charity in November 1998 and from that day till now has gone from strength to strength under his leadership. Now he has departed and we shall need to appoint a new Chairman at our next meeting. Since 1998 we have provided the Health Centres with a whole range of equipment. We have recently given £500 to the Newick Day Care Centre, £100 to the Barcombe afternoon care group and £100 to the Barcombe Thursday Lunch club. All these organisations do tremendous work for the older generation.

We have just bought a Cardioclip Event Recorder , two Blood Pressure Monitors and 2 Finger Pulse Osimeters for the two surgeries. The total expenditure is in the region of £3200.00.

Now a few 'Welcomes' Firstly the new Practice Manager Julia Beard who has been in post since the beginning of September. She is a most approachable lady. Secondly welcome to Dr. R. Rajan who is replacing Dr. Ashby from the 1st January,2012. Perhaps more of a profile of him in a future magazine entry.

In the last newsletter we stated that when things were clear about the reformed NHS we would call a meeting and tell you about it. As you probably will have read there are so many objections to the proposals that the time scale is lagging considerably, but when we have something definitive then we shall let you know.

For the future we are looking to put on an afternoon event entitled 'Care for the Carers'. As there are so many carers about and many of them have no idea what support they can obtain, we thought it would be good to try and help them. With the winter upon us we are not proposing to have this gathering until about March. In the meantime if you are at your wits end, or you no of someone in need of help please contact the following organisation. **Care for the Carers** Greencoat House, 32 St. Leonards Road, Eastbourne. BN21 3UT Tel: 01323 738390

Finally Dr. J. V. Elliott will be taking over as the new senior partner
Peter Todd. Hon. Sec



Chailey WI

We begin our programme for 2012 in style with a talk from Mr Bill Shelford, a past High Sheriff of East Sussex, with a talk on The Lieutenancy in the Community. As we know many people will be interested in learning a little of the origins of the high office of Lord Lieutenant and the duties entailed, we are extending an invitation to anyone who may wish to join us for the evening to come along.

This will be the second meeting in succession when we have a Chailey resident to visit us as in December we welcomed Mrs Sally Course with The Eternal Harp, giving us a truly enchanting evening. Sally plays a full size concert harp and we learnt that although it has 47 strings it is able to produce 88 notes. She trained at the Royal Academy of Music and has played in concerts and with orchestras throughout the country. We were treated to traditional pieces from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and of course England's Greensleeves.

At the end of November we had a Whist Drive which was a great success providing much pleasure to those playing and a welcome contribution to our funds.

The next meeting is on 3rd January at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall so do come along and join us.

Margaret Smith
01825 723519



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

*By
Sharon Davy*

BROADBAND PROBLEMS

I am aware that many residents (especially in South Chailey) are dissatisfied with the broadband service that is provided by BT. It is slow, intermittent and has a huge daily error reception rate. Many of residents in our village are self-employed and work from home, so it is important this service is improved.

Last year, on your behalf, I attended the Town/Parish Council meeting held at Plumpton College and spoke on a number of topics that many residents want improved, or are unhappy about: social housing for genuine Chailey people – building modest homes for our local community on brownfield sites and not concreting our countryside – rural transport and the lack of funds for extra bus services – the problems with the broadband service – the conservation of Chailey Common.

I have asked East Sussex County Council to put South Chailey on top of the list and tackle this 'black hole' as a priority within the County. I can report that East Sussex County Council has made improving broadband facilities a policy priority in identifying this service as a key driver for our local economy. The County Council is applying for a grant from the Government and has made provision to match-fund the total sum, signifying the importance of supporting our local economy and those working from home. Nothing happens overnight, but I shall, on your behalf continue to put us forward as a priority area.

LAND AT GRADWELL END PLANNING APPLICATION LW/10/1010

This application attracts fierce opposition from local residents living in South Chailey and support from others. As a member of the Lewes District Planning Committee, I am not permitted to state whether I am for, or against: if I did – it would preclude me from debating or voting on this application when it reaches the Committee. Thus, I have taken advice and decided it was wise not to attend any Chailey Parish Council Meetings when the developer/supporters/objectors attended. Or, indeed, I have not attended any East Chiltington Parish Council Meetings for the same reason.

There is a constitutional, courteous conduct that at a very local community level is normally adhered to. I represent Chailey and Wivelsfield and clearly work for my own community. We adjoin other village boundaries and often share similar problems. However, all District Councillors should respect the limitations of their elected Parish boundary, as I do.

CORE STRATEGY

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Chailey residents who took the time to submit their response to this crucial document. We shall have another chance to comment, but be assured, I shall fight to ensure our voice is heard as far as crucial planning policies and social housing for our local Chailey families.

Cllr. Sharon Davy email sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk Tel: 01444 831 336

Chailey And District Horticultural Society

With Christmas behind us we can now look forward to the new gardening year. The buds are forming and filling out on the trees, daffodils and other Spring flowers are pushing their leaves through the earth, as they do every year. Whatever happens in the ever changing financial and economic world, we can take comfort from the wonderful sense of continuity in the garden and countryside. With this in mind the committee of CDHS wish all members and readers a very happy new year.

Looking ahead to the Spring show the classes listed below are for the handicraft classes and will allow plenty of time for those interested in putting entries on the Show Bench;

Spring Show

- 43 Knitted head gear, any ply.
- 44 "Catkins" - a painting 30cm max. height and width.
- 45 A string puppet.
- 46 "Jack Frost" - a photograph max. 180mm x 130mm

Summer Show

- 75 A tiara - no kits
- 76 A book mark
- 77 "A day on the beach" - a drawing max, size A4. May be colour washed.
- 78 A walking stick
- 79 "Reflections" - a colour photograph max. 180mm x 130mm
- 80 Any other craft item not listed above.

Autumn Show

- 71 A knitted Christmas tree decoration
- 72 Three paper flowers
- 73 A short story in 150 words
- 74 Calligraphy, 'Chailey and District Horticultural Society'.
- 75 "Fungi" - a photograph max 180mm x 130mm

If you would like to enter your efforts in any of the shows.....please come along on the Friday evening before. We look forward to seeing you then.

Membership: Nina Bourne 01273 401994

Chailey Youth Group

What a fantastic year for all at CYG!

*The year of 2011 seemed to be a very trying year funding wise- with incredibly limited funds and no other sources of income we struggled through offering the young people the same level of fun and laughter in a more creative way! We lowered our age range to 10-15 years to cater more for the age range required in the village. We were able to continue offering activities and themed nights at the village hall for the young people to get involved in, combined with outings and events we have had a ball!

*We were very grateful to the Hayward's Heath Lions for all of their support in running our FAMILY FUN DAY in July- it was all hands on deck with the young people and our families all mucking in to make it a fun event for the whole village. We had a mobile skate park, Climbing wall, bouncy castle, fete games and fantastic BBQ thanks to Trevor and Darren from CBS.

BRIGHT FM AWARDS 2011

CYG is very proud to announce that we are the winners of the BRIGHT FM COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2011. The committee- Gemma Kybert, Tracey Gunes, Ken Furnedge, Tom Dobson and Mary Fitzsimons attended the black tie event at the EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL GOLF RESORT to receive the prestigious award. We are **very proud** of all of the young people and committed volunteers who have supported CYG and helped us to gain such a sought after award.

London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics

I am very proud to announce that **Gemma Kybert**- Chairperson and Youth worker has been humbly nominated to carry the Olympic torch through Brighton and Hove for her work and volunteering in the village. We eagerly await the news either way in the beginning of 2012.

We would like to say some important thank you's!

Sadly we regret that after many years **Mary Fitzsimons** is leaving CYG. Mary has volunteered many hours to the youth of Chailey, some fantastic ideas and she has been a tremendous support. We know that you will be back to visit us when you can and wish you all the very best with everything you endeavour for the future. A huge massive thank you to you!

Thank you to our committee

Gemma Kybert, Ken Furnedge, Tracey Gunes, Tom Dobson, Andrew Payton, Naomi Parkinson, Cllr Olbrich and all at Chailey Bonfire Society and Chailey Parish Council

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We sincerely hope to continue running CYG throughout 2012 but really need to develop a team to help expand our fund-raising ideas! If you think that you might be able to help, offer suggestions and an extra pair of hands please do get in touch!

St Peter's



School

As the governor who monitors health and safety I sat in on a talk at the school about e-safety. The school has a very strict policy on computer safety but the speaker pointed out that the biggest danger to children were the children themselves especially when working in isolation in their own rooms at home. He stressed that parents should be aware of what their charges are up to and with whom they are communicating.

The Christmas Fair was well attended and was a huge success raising a massive £1400 for the P.T.A. funds.

Once again the staff have inspired and encouraged the infants to perform a truly memorable Nativity Play. Busy, Busy Bethlehem faithfully relates the gospel story, completely uncluttered by bossy kings and grumpy sheep. We did have some sheep but they were very small and wouldn't fetch much at market but all things being equal they should be ready in time for the Easter celebrations. The action of the play was interspersed with songs that were sung with gusto. The census was frantic and furious and at times put me in mind of a Lancastrian clog dance. The Little Donkey song involved a donkey of meagre stature so it seemed to me that he would have problems carrying the heavy load expected of him but when the populace was exalted to ring out the bells he performed some vigorous campanology so perhaps he was more capable than I first thought. The play ended with a beautifully sung Away in a Manger. Let us pray, then, that Jesus will be beside our children, not just 'til morning is nigh but always.

On behalf of everyone at St. Peter's, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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