

Chailey News

March 2012

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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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March Services 2012



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

Sunday 4th March

Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 18th March

Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age Family Service

Sunday 25th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 1st April

Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion with Procession

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,

It has been a long held dream of Betty's to win Crufts and we know she was dreaming of that when we caught her gazing into nowhere, she wasn't dreaming of a life with Fritz, she was imagining standing on the rostrum with her beloved Vicar beside her and the 'Best of Show' cup at her feet. Now she will never win the coveted prize.

For months we have been watching her as she sashayed to and fro in front of the full length mirror, flicking her ears back and breaking into a huge smile that said 'Its showtime.' If our Dentist didn't live in Brighton we would swear that she had had treatment and now boasted a mouthful of implants and veneers. Her troubled brow seemed smoother, did you have Botox too Betty whilst you were in Brighton? She began to exercise harder, flinging her front legs back and reciting 'I must, I must, I must improve my bust. She did high star jumps, that she hoped would lengthen her legs, she watched what she ate, but it was all pointless. Betty you are a bloody mess. Fritz you are guilty as charged.

On her one and only meeting, on the beach, with Fritz, he had torn her ear and it did not heal. He had given her a battle scar and Betty needed surgery. Off she went to the Vet and they removed the end of her ear, it seemed to go well, but they couldn't stop the bleed and it didn't heal. It has been a real haul for Betty (not to mention costing over £1000, but she is worth every penny) she still isn't right. She had to stay in Doggy Hospital as she wouldn't eat or drink and for those who haven't met Betty she is now on the Heathfield Vets facebook page in a very fetching pink bandage and a drip! Her blood has gone to America for analysis and some to Newmarket. The rest of the blood is on the ceilings in the Rectory, up and down doors, covering curtains, carpets and pictures, as she shook her head to get the bandages off. If ever I disappear please let the relevant authorities know it is Betty's blood and not mine.

Betty decided that because she was disfigured she needed a career change. She was tired of her celebrity status and she knew that with 1 3/4 ears she couldn't win Crufts, so she decided to join the SAS whose motto is 'He who dares wins.' Could she dare and could she win? She needed to toughen up, it was rather an extreme choice for a girl, but every time she glimpsed herself in the pond on the Common, like Narcissus, it stirred up an anger in her and she need to channel it, it was all the fault of Fritz.

We have friends in 'the Regiment' and they are all quiet, unassuming men with a steely core, they are chosen for their fearlessness, bravery and their daring knows no bounds they are loyal and dedicated to each other. They mustn't stand out, they must fit in with the crowd, just like Betty (not) especially with her black and white` camouflage suit. She knew she had to get fit and began to learn search and rescue on the Common. She found a glove up a tree and leapt to pull it down. It was all very 'Army,' the glove became 'the enemy.' She buried it, returning to retrieve it, she hid it, she stalked it, she killed it, she carried it and trotted with it. All was going well with her military plan, she began imagining herself with the SAS beret pulled down over one eye and her chest swelled with pride, her code name would be 'bloody ear.'

She knew she must improve her upper body strength, in case she needed to make

a night parachute drop. On her next yomp she found the rope swing in a dip on the Common, down by the lower pond. Something amazing happened. The Vicar was ahead of her and heard a noise which sounded like 'Geronimo' he looked back to see Bloody ear, with the wood from the rope swing clenched between her teeth, swinging backwards and forwards and her feet off the ground, watched by two walkers and she was showing off. Oh, Betty mind your veneers. I am sorry Betty there are no show offs in the Regiment, they are brave humble men and you will blow everyone's cover. I am not even taking you for the interview. It's a long drive to Herefordshire. You have to make do with being famous in the Chailey News. That's final. Take the beret back to the Stores.

We are facing a heartache in our family, from our perspective it looks hopeless, but not to God, we have to trust Him and be faithful in prayer. It seems that we are being sorely tried and we cannot run away from it, though we have tried time and time again. Unfortunately there is no escape. We wonder why God wants to try us. We don't understand why trials could be of any benefit to us. Sometimes we lose heart and yield because the contest is so long and drawn out. At such times we have to hang onto Gods word "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." No matter what sorrows, sufferings or disasters befall you do not lose heart. He can never be wrong. What He does is for your own good. Oftentimes He makes you sustain a little loss, purely to make you gain a lot. To taste a little temporary bitterness in order to make you have everlasting satisfaction. We can only see the things in front of us, we cannot perceive the distant future. But God made His whole plan long ago. Whatever might befall you, you should trust the Lord with singleness of heart, wait on Him patiently, endure all the tribulations and bear in mind always the Lords words "What I am doing now you do not understand now, but you will after this."

Trust Him when dark doubts attack you.
Trust Him when your strength is small.
Trust Him when to simply trust Him is the hardest thing of all.
Trust Him he is ever faithful.
Trust Him for His will is best.
Trust Him for the heart of Jesus is the only place to rest.
Trust Him then, through doubts and sunshine.
All your cares upon Him cast.
Till the storm of life is over.
And your trusting days are past.

Gaye unpacking Bettys bags
John walking tall and strong but not teaching Betty to march, (willing to verify the stories are true).
Betty still giddy from the rope swing and the anaesthetic.
Perfect and Tippy still doing an amazing job
Ned trying to decide if he wants a part in War Horse.
(take your tissues)

Chailey Free Church

For details and more information see -
www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Sunday Services

10.30am
6.15am

CONTACT

01444 471600
01273 890114
or
chaileyfreechurch
@hotmail.com

Tuesday 10am
Coffee Stop

Tuesday 6.45pm
Boy Discoverers

Wednesday 10.00am
Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7.30pm
Bible Study &
prayer

Visitors are
always
welcome

Ladies Luncheon

March 24th 12.20 for 12.30

All welcome

Please book by 21st March
07884 303725 voice, or
07792 889078 text only

Morning of Prayer

Saturday March 10th
10.00am - lunchtime

*Please contact Jane for any
special need - 01273 890182*

Coffee Stop

Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00

Everyone welcome
Bring you friends
All FREE

Friends of St. Peter's Church

Date for Your Diary

Friends of St. Peter's Church are hosting a choral concert in the church at Chailey Green on Saturday 12th May. Please look out for further details which will follow in the next issue of Chailey News.

Wivelsfield FILMS

Sunday, 18 March 7.30pm

War Horse (12A)

Filed in the UK, War Horse centres on the tale of a young Devon farmhand who enters the First World War trenches in search of Joey, his beloved colt.

Tickets £5.50 on the door and in advance from Wivelsfield Post Office & Village Stores, or online by following the link from www.wivelsfield.net.

Crowborough Choral Society & The Fletching Singers

present **STABAT MATER** by Dvořák

Saturday 24th March 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Centre, Crowborough TN6 1ED

Tickets: £12

Available from Cro Jewellers, High Street, Crowborough. Call 01825 712462

Ardingly Choral Society

DREAM OF GERONTIUS by EDWARD ELGAR

ARDINGLY COLLEGE SUNDAY APRIL 1st 7.30

Jane Haughton Alto
Adrian Thompson Tenor
James Platt Bass
MID SUSSEX SINFONIA

TICKETS **£15** from Mrs Shirley Ventham 01273 831264 OR Carousel Music, Haywards Heath OR at the door. Concess. **£12** Children **Free**

Bobby Torry

Chailey Commons Society

Our winter so far this year certainly couldn't be more different from last year – on a recent walk I have seen primroses, daffodils and camellias in flower and carpets of snowdrops which are a real sign of things to come. The birds continue to eat lots of seed and love the fat balls and I hope that these will help them through to the better weather.

Our January meeting was really enjoyable and thanks to those who shared with us their interesting survey results from Red House Common during 2011.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 15th in Chailey Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. After the formal part of the meeting we will be having a return visit by Peter Hills who will give us, a not to be missed light hearted account of his life as a community pharmacist, in a talk entitled Pills Potions and Patience.

Our first outside event this year will be our Ecological Survey Familiarisation Walk on Lane End Common starting at the car park at 2.00.p.m.on Saturday, 31st. March, so do come along, if you are interested for a look round this rather individual common.

I am pleased to be able to keep in touch with friends and members of the Society in this way in our neighbouring parishes, and I look forward to seeing you during 2012. Come along to a walk or meeting and join us.

William Coleman
01444 831923
www.chaileyccommons.org.uk

Newick Film Club

Loosely based upon Homer's epic poem "The Odyssey", and set during the Great Depression in Mississippi, our next Film is "O Brother, Where Art Thou?". The lead character Ulysses Everett McGill is played by George Clooney, and his wife Penelope is played by Holly Hunter. The production team includes the Coen brothers, and nominated for several Oscars it was pipped at the post by Russell Crowe & "Gladiator". The American folk soundtrack won a Grammy for Album of the year in 2001 so listen out for the Soggy Mountain Boys.

So mark your diary, Thursday 1st March at 7.30 for 7.55 in the Newick Sports Pavilion. The bar will be open and Teas & Coffee will be available. The introduction will start prompt at 7.55 and there will be a discussion, for those who would like to stay on once the film has finished.

Our April film is on 5th April is a complete contrast Cinema Paradiso

All enquiries to Paul Sentance 723717 p.sentance@gmail.com



NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 March 13th

Our lecture this month is on the rivalry between those two great geniuses of the Italian Renaissance, Leonardo and Michelangelo. Our speaker, Dr James Lindow will explore the relationship between these two artists and in particular the bitter painting contest over the frescoes for the Council Chamber in Florence. Both were commissioned to paint the same wall in the Chamber with scenes from the Battle of Anghiari. Leonardo in the end won but, unbelievably now, this work was painted over in 1565 and only a few cartoons remain to show the power and splendour of the original. This will be a digital presentation and through the many pictures you will come to understand the animosity but ultimately the respect these two men held for each other. £5 on the door for non-members with tea and biscuits afterwards. If you need any further information regarding membership please contact Carole Burgon 01273 890301 or Marjorie Blunden 01825 723250

Annette Shelford.

Chailey Youth Group

A warm, safe place where young people can be who they want to be.....

The CYG committee and young people argue that youth clubs have a unique role and one that should be valued and supported as they can make a big difference in the lives of many young people and their communities.

There is much evidence written that supports that youth groups benefit young people in terms of the quality of peer relationships they can foster; they provide the opportunity for informal, respectful relationships with adults; and the chance for participation and new experiences. CYG offers this and much much more. The young people have compiled a DVD to show what they think of their group and this will be able to be viewed on the CYG website over the coming month.

Check it out at www.chaileyyouthgroup.co.uk

Gemma Kybert

Filing Cabinet Required

Dear friends in Chailey,

I am in need of a 4 drawer filing cabinet in good condition and a lockable drawer. If anyone has such an item that needs a new home, it will be made very welcome at the Rectory. Please contact me on 01825 722286.

Thank you.

Rev John Maskell



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

*By
Sharon Davy*

Cattle grids on Chailey Common – Fencing and grazing scheme – Noise problems

I have been informed by residents living in close proximity to the newly installed cattle grids that they are experiencing unacceptable levels of noise every time a vehicle or motorbike crosses the cattle grids - especially at speed. The cattle grids are part of the integral plan to safely fence and graze Chailey Common.

We are trying to find a solution that will reduce the noise levels and our aim would be to reduce the speed. There are those that believe a lower speed limit of 30 mph would be desirable, but any new reduced speed reduction can only be realistically achieved with the full support of the Police.

Local residents, representatives from Countryside Management and East Sussex County Council Transport and Environment along with myself, are working together to introduce safer roads and thus less grid noise, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy our beautiful heathland in peace.

Temporary chicanes are to be installed on the grids (or nearby) on Beggars Wood and North Common Road to see if single file traffic over the grids makes any difference to the current noise levels and speeding traffic. The two features will act as priority working rather than as a chicane. The features are independent of each other. The way it works is that even if motorists do not stop and give way, their speed will be reduced. The layout is an experiment and there will be additional warning signage for motorists. Residents will be able to report whether this layout has made an improvement. The positioning might require 'tweaking' as far as the critical aspect of these works is the safety of the road user. I wholeheartedly support this layout experiment.

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

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Recently a few residents met to discuss what Chailey is doing to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the celebrations should include the link walk and culminate in the lighting of a beacon, near the village hall.

More ideas for the celebrations are needed and all in Chailey are asked to join and help in any way they wish to make this Bank Holiday one to remember. Anyone who would like to help or has ideas to make the weekend memorable is asked to attend a meeting at the Reading Room on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm. So why not come along, see what is happening. You can contribute as little or as much as you wish...

If you are unable to come to the meeting but have ideas and/or would be prepared to help please email Peter Estcourt at pge44@waitrose.com

IMC - Spring Garden at Newick

The Charity "In Ministry to Children" was established in 1991 to provide a safe home for "street children" some as young as five, in Bogota, Colombia. Since then three houses have been built and a farm & workshops established, together with a daily hot meal for over a hundred children.

All this costs; perhaps you could help. We would like to invite you to visit our - hopefully - Spring Garden at 36 High Hurst Close, on Thursday 15th March between 10.0 am & 4.00 pm., with a donation for entry. In case our plants disappoint we will open for a second time on Thursday 12th April.

If you've half-an-hour to spare your support for these children at risk will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Monica & Peter Todd

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer in support of women in Malaysia will be held at St Peters Church Chailey on March 2nd 2012 starting at 2pm. This is an Interdenominational service and all ladies are welcome. There will be refreshments after the service.

St Peters Church will be holding a shared lunch in the Village hall on the 1st April 2012. The purpose of the lunch is to say thank you to Chris Jones and Sarah Tillard for their years of service as Churchwardens at St Peters. If you wish to be part of the event would you please contact the Parish Office as space is limited. Office number 01825 722286

Rev John Maskell

Spring into Song

A concert by the Hurstpierpoint College Chamber Choir in aid of church funds, at Wivelsfield Parish Church, on Sunday 22nd April at 7.30pm (following Choral Evensong)

The Hurstpierpoint College Chamber Choir numbers about 20 singers, auditioned from the much larger College Choir. They have agreed to sing Choral Evensong followed, after a short interval, by a Concert. Tickets for the Concert cost £6 from the Box Office: 18 Farncombe Close, Wivelsfield Green, 01444 471751 and will also be on sale in church. Refreshments (included in the ticket price) will be served before the Concert for members of the audience who wish to come early to get a good seat or for those attending Evensong and staying for the Concert

Newick Twinning Association

Our annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz took place on Saturday 4th February. Over 150 intrepid Quizzers braved the snow and came along to have their little grey cells tested. The winners, appropriately enough, were called "Grey Matter", with an excellent score of 143 out of a possible 176. They were closely followed by "Huit Huitres" with 141 points and then two teams tied for 3rd place with 138 points. Thanks to everyone who came along and made it a very enjoyable evening, and as Quizmaster, my special thanks go to all the rest of the committee who organised the food, bar and all the other work involved in putting on this event.

Future Events

Barn Dance

Hot on the heels of the Quiz, our next event is a **Barn Dance**. Following the success of a similar event last spring, we have arranged a repeat performance with the same band, **Square the Circle**, on **Saturday 10th March**, 7:30 pm for 8 pm in Newick Village Hall. Tickets are £8 per person, which includes a baked potato supper. A licensed bar will also be available. Please contact Andy Wilson (01825 724223) or Ian Reekie (01825 722957) to book tickets.

Progressive Dinner

Our annual Progressive Dinner takes place on **Saturday 31st March**. Details and a booking form have been sent out to members in our recent Newsletter.

Official Visit and 20th Anniversary Celebrations

This takes place over the weekend of **25-28th May 2012**, which is the week before the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Our friends from Itteville will be coming over for the weekend, and we are busy organising a packed programme of special events to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Twinning Association and our link with Itteville. We hope that many of our members will take part and also host a French family for the weekend.



Chailey WI

At our next meeting on Tuesday 7th March we welcome yet another talented member of our community when Mr Ian Seccombe will give an illustrated talk on Round the Common with a Camera. After the cold spell which suddenly arrested the promise of an early Spring, looking at the beautiful photographs which Ian has taken is just what we all need.

Our February meeting had to be cancelled due to snow and icy roads, which now makes three successive years when this has happened.

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

Margaret Smith 01825 723519

Chailey Bonfire Society

Jumble Sale 31st March 11.00am

Our Spring Jumble Sale will be at the Village Hall on the Morning of Saturday the 31st. Spring is always a good time to clear out those lofts, garages and wardrobes, so anyone with goods to donate can contact myself or Mandy or bring them to the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 30th or from 9.00am on Saturday.

Trevor Smith 01273 891008 - Mandy Dembrey 01273 890777

St. Georges Day Saturday 21st April

Yes, I know, St Georges Day is the 23rd but seeing as the Government won't let us have a bank holiday to celebrate our patron saint, Saturday will be the closest we can get. This will be the third year that we have run this event and we are looking forward to it growing some more. Stalls and fun events is what it's all about so if you want to be involved, now is the time to get in touch. If you want to come along and enjoy the fun, put the date in your diary and look out for more information closer to the date.

Things that we need!

We have a need for a **storage facility**. Not for the pyrotechnic stuff, that is all taken care of but we do need a double garage or some hard standing on which to erect one (or something similar) to store our scaffolding, staging, fencing and hardware that needs to be under cover. We also need a **knitting machine!** I am pleased to say that our numbers are increasing and we want to knit some proper Bonfire Jumpers to show the rest of Sussex that Chailey has a team – and a good one at that! Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

I mentioned bank holidays earlier, we had a couple of extra ones last year for the Royal Wedding and we have some extras this year for the Queen's Jubilee in June. The Parish Council are trying to pull together village clubs and societies to organise an event. CBS are 100% behind these efforts and we would encourage all the other groups to get involved as well. Come on, let's have an event organised by the village for the village.

Trevor Smith 01273 891008 - contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk - www.chaileybonfire.co.uk

Friends of Newick Health Centre

Are you a Carer? Do you know someone who is a Carer?

A Carer is someone who accepts the responsibility of providing long term care and support for another individual who is frail, disabled and/or has a long term illness. He/she may be a relative, friend, adult or young schoolchild, or neighbour. They are not paid for the care they provide. Carers often live with the person they care for, but don't recognise themselves as a carer. Carers provide care because of the relationship they have with the cared person. Most do it willingly but some feel they have no choice. The physical and emotional well-being of the carer can be compromised by their caring role.

We are proposing to hold a meeting in the Easter school holidays in Newick Village Hall, at which we shall have all the relevant organisations to give advice to carers and potential carers. If you are not a carer but would like to know more about becoming a 'volunteer' who helps to support carers in your village, or become a 'befriender' – lending a listening ear to a carer, then please come along to this meeting. The date of the meeting will be in the April magazine.

Peter Todd Hon.Sec. 01825 722660

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



**CHAILEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Tuesday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In March sessions will be held on Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 27th March between 10.00 am and 12.00.

Council Tax Precept 2012/2013

At its meeting on 17th January the Parish Council agreed to retain the Council Tax precept (the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax) at the same level as 2011/2012. This means there will be no change in the Parish Council precept. This has been possible by reducing costs and negotiating longer-term contracts.

What Does the Parish Council Do?

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and the closest to the community it serves. Councillors are elected for four years. Vacancies occurring between elections are filled by bye-election or co-option. Each year the councillors choose a chairman.

There is also a vice-chairman and a paid part-time parish clerk who is the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer of the Council.

Parish Councils have a number of formal duties – things they must do and a range of powers- things they can choose to do. The duties are mainly procedural and financial including the right to raise money by precept. The precept forms a very small part of the local Council Tax. Parish Councils use the precept to help maintain and improve local services and facilities.

The range of services provided by parish councils varies enormously. In Chailey the Council provides allotments and grazing fields, looks after playing fields and Roeheath Village Green. The Council also looks after bus shelters, flag pole, war memorial and seats etc. We provide the Reading Room for use by local groups and financially support the Village Hall and Chailey Windmill and Rural Life Museum. The Parish Council owns a number of land parcels in the Village and maintains these by mowing grass, trimming hedges etc. and contributes to the mowing of St Marys Churchyard. The Parish Council also supports community life by contributing to local groups and societies and participating in various committees. The Parish Council is the focal point for local consultation on matters such as planning applications and strategic planning; on these issues Parish Councillors represent the parish's views to other authorities. Regular meetings are held with other authorities such as the meetings with East Sussex Highways. This is just an example of some of the activities that the Parish Council supports.

Grants to Local Organisations

The Council considers its community grants in June each year. Community grants offer financial support to local groups and organisations, at present seventeen organisations are supported, including a contribution to "Chailey News". A grant application form may be obtained by contacting the Clerk or down loading from www.chailey.org. Currently the Parish Council is seeking additional ways to support Chailey Youth Club,

which offers a wide range of activities to our young people. The Council helps the Youth Club by paying for the use of the Village Hall. Funding for youth provision has been cut back due to recent funding reductions in other tiers of local government and this has presented particular challenges in keeping the group running. If you would like to provide support by sponsoring one of the activities or have other fundraising ideas please contact Gemma Kybert – Gemmakybert@yahoo.co.uk or contact the Parish Clerk.

Society contacts: A list of Chailey Village clubs and societies is included on the Parish Council's website www.chailey.org; please would Secretaries of Society use the next month to check their contact details as shown on the website. It is the Council's intention to print a complete list in a future edition of Chailey News for the convenience of all residents.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: The Parish Council decided at its January meeting to mark the Jubilee by commissioning an ornamental map of Chailey as a souvenir and keepsake of this unique occasion in all our lives. Initial preparations are in hand to prepare this map.

The Council will also be supporting a Village Day on Monday June 4th at the village hall. At the first meeting of interested village people various ideas were discussed including the lighting of a beacon and activities for the village day. It would be great to see lots of people at the next meeting which will be held in the Reading Room on Chailey Green at 7.30 on Thursday 8th March. Do come along with any thoughts. June 4th is planned to be very much a day for all the village and everyone's input of ideas and help will ensure that it is a success.

Refuse Collection

Lewes District Council is responsible for refuse collection and usually publishes any revised dates for such services as Waste collection in its journal District Link. Information may also be obtained from the District Council's web site www.lewes.gov.uk – click on "find bin collection days" or telephone 01273 474999. Collection dates for the next bank holidays are not yet available on the web site but will be updated shortly.

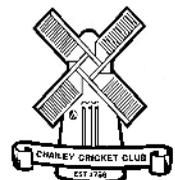
Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March and a Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March, both meetings to be held in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chailey Parish Council

Chailey Cricket Club

Jumble Sale at Chailey Village Hall. Saturday 17th March 12pm

Donations of jumble will be much appreciated either on the day from 9am or for collection call 01273 890777



St Peter's



I went to a boys only grammar school so I know nothing about netball but our team members obviously do. Last week, in a game with Newick, they considerately allowed their opponents to draw the match eleven all. They will be less generous next week when they take part in a tournament at the secondary school which has been organised by Chailey School.

School

Before the last governors' meeting we were given a presentation by Karen Mayon of Toddlers' Inn, the on site child care facility. I've always thought it was just that, child care but Karen took us through the imaginative activity and learning programme the children receive from well qualified staff. It is small wonder, then, that the OFSTED inspectors were so impressed with the set up.

Panda and Flamingo classes have been discovering the history of dinosaurs and have received parcels from explorers in the Quatemalan rain forest. A large egg arrived and the children had to try and guess its origin. They have also been using dinosaur and fossil models from the museum service.

Gazelle and Zebra classes have been studying coastlines.

Chameleon and Lion classes have been looking at the flora and fauna of the rain forests and Deputy Headteacher, Ruth Garbutt tells me that they are keen to be green! Green, that's another word that has been nabbed by a nonsensical minority. In times gone by, someone described as green was young and inexperienced. Today it means increased council tax, unsightly and inefficient wind turbines and expensive organic cabbages.

The children have told me how pleased they are to have Rev. John back in school taking assembly.

The new library is now furnished and stocked with books and we are grateful to the friends and the Southover Manor trust for providing the funds to make this possible. We will have an official opening soon.

Sadly we have to say "Goodbye" to learning support assistant Amy Martin who is leaving to take up a post nearer her home in Eastbourne.

I've written this on the anniversary of the Queen's accession and whether we are monarchists or not we should recognise that the lady has given impeccable and devoted service to the nation. The children will celebrate the Jubilee with an open air party at school, probably in June. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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Chailey and District Horticultural Society

As I write this article, snow is still hanging around Chailey and the weather forecast looks grim with warnings of very low temperatures. However, I am looking forward to the Spring show, my favourite of all the shows. I love the perfume of the daffodils (narcissi) which hopefully will fill the show benches, along with the polyanthus, hyacinths and other Spring flowers.

I have listed below, the Novice classes, which are especially for those who haven't much experience of showing daffodils;

- 21 One vase of trumpet* daffodils, three blooms any variety or varieties.
- 22 One vase long or large cup* narcissi, three blooms any variety or varieties.
- 23 One vase of short or small cup* narcissi, three blooms any variety or varieties.
- 24 One specimen long or large cup* narcissi, with two leaves.
- 25 One specimen short or small cup* narcissi, with two leaves.
- 26 One specimen trumpet* daffodil, with two leaves.
- 27 One specimen hyacinth (cut).
- 28 One vase of polyanthus, three stems, no leaves.

** A novice is any exhibitor not having won a first prize for daffodil or narcissi in classes 1-28 in the last three years.

* For definitions, please refer to show notes on page 6 of the schedule or contact a committee member for help.

Please join us on the 24th March 2012 at 2.30pm for viewing the exhibits. If you intend showing on the day, we will be in the Village Hall on Friday evening 23rd March 2012 to register your entries.

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New Floristry Service

Just to let you all know that Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre (CHEC), the compilers and printers of Chailey News, have now expanded their services to include floristry. You can now purchase made-to-order bouquets and sprays for all occasions, assembled on our premises. Orders should be placed a minimum of three days in advance and collection is from our offices in Chailey. CHEC is also able to meet your personalised gift and garment needs as well as offering a desktop publishing and printing service. For further details about any of the above, please call 01825 724376 or visit www.chec.co.uk

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