

# Chailey News

## April 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

Hérons 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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# April Services 2012



**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Palm Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

***Maundy Thursday***

7pm Holy Communion

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

***Good Friday***

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

***Easter Day***

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion with Baptism\*  
\*Family service with Puppets is on May 20<sup>th</sup>

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,

At the Rectory it was “the best of times, it was the worst of times.” I am not trying to emulate one of the greatest writers ever, I couldn't even shake a quill at him even if I could pull it from a porcupine, but it was, the best and worst. Through it all came Betty, the Lady with the Lamp, it was like a scene from the Crimean war, she arose from nowhere like a warrior and her mission? She was going to mend the broken heart of her companion. Finally we understand why Betty came into our lives and why we had to go through all that we have with Betty, we had to build her into a trustworthy and confident dog, a dog we could trust with our most precious grand child.

Circumstances have dictated that our grand daughter must live with us for the time being. She is here and she has made a den in the Sitting Room where she has lined up all her precious treasures, her little world is all around her. She has binoculars to look into the garden, beside a bird chart where she ticks off birds she recognises. Where are the Sea Eagles and Ospreys when you need one? There is a sign on the door which reads ‘Please knock and give the Password.’ “Betty” is the password, but please don't pass it on. The tyres on the second hand bicycle are pumped up rock hard. The lane to Chailey Moat has become her M25.

The Princess bed has her favourite chapter book on the pillow, with whose turn it is to read. Gma or Gpa (it falls to the one with any energy left). Betty is squeezed in the middle, head on pillow listening. Her School bag waits at the front door, holding all the homework we do together. We dread Mondays because it is Maths night. Fortunately our wonderful neighbour, who is a very good teacher, has offered to help. The children from across the Green wait patiently for 5pm until she comes home with Grandpa, hoping she'll have time to go out to play, the 500 mile a week School run willingly driven because she loves School so much. She feels safe there amongst friends and her fees are paid by two Scholarships she won. She must stay there. She loves the ‘Graveyard Gang’ from across the Green. They have made an outside den and she has discovered, from them, that droppings with bone and fur are from owls. Berries from foxes. They have a secret appointment to keep at 7.30pm every night (its not a secret now). The plan is that all of the upstairs lights in both houses facing each other across the Green, are switched off, then they flash each other with a torch, in a sort of flashlight morse code, when you want to stop you simply switch on the upstairs lights.

The scene is so reminiscent of Swallows and Amazons that I have to stop myself from calling our Grand daughter Susan (not the other one!) When the adventure is over, there waiting patiently for Susan is Betty. She has stood by the window watching for an hour, just for a glimpse of the child and when she sees her she races through the house followed by squeals of delight. Susan hides and Betty not hearing or saying ‘coming ready or not,’ is so close on her heels, that hiding is impossible. They race to the Princess bed and fall onto it ‘tell me about your day Betty Blue Eyes and I'll tell you about mine.’ I hear her whisper my teacher Miss Dewing is getting married and she has a lovely engagement ring now.’ The child laughs as Betty tries to drink water from the glass beside her bed, splashing water onto the Egyptian cotton sheets. Naughty Betty. Betty lies at her feet while we eat supper and we hear a loud thump of a wag, each time the child speaks.

At bath time, Betty stands beside her, getting ‘accidently’ covered with bubbles. ‘Grandma look at Betty's perm.’ Oh curly Betty. In the morning Betty leaps on the childs bed to wake

her and they sneak another five minutes curled up together. Oh sleepy Betty. When Betty comes back from her 6am walk (lots to be fitted into the schedule now) the child has hidden in "the best hiding place in the world," the laundry basket, but Betty always finds her in seconds. Then when Susan has hung around her neck for 'just one more hug Grandma, she's off to School. Betty stands by the door crying, until she hears the car returning at 5pm and the two of them become a pair, needing each others company more than ever before. Last week we went to watch Susan play netball, an away match, they didn't win, they never do. Betty came with us and was soon surrounded by little girls all wanting to stroke her. I heard the child say 'Betty is my dog now.' Dear Betty and dear child. I hope you bring each other great comfort.

On the day that it was obvious we had to bring the child to Chailey and have her living with us I had read my daily reading notes called 'Word for Today' and this is what they read "Draw your strength from Him." (Ephesians 6:10).

Don't be surprised when God calls you to step out in faith and do something you don't feel qualified to do. That tends to be His standard operating procedure. He does it so that you will lean more on Him, and less on yourself. Does that mean you won't make mistakes? No, it means you probably will. But instead of being discouraged, you'll see them as part of a learning curve and go on to greater things. Often we look at a task and think, 'There's no way I can do that.' Hold on there; you're looking through the wrong end of the telescope! You're looking at yourself instead of God. When God called Joshua to take the place of Moses, He promised Him, 'As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee, (Joshua 1:5). Now if God promises to be with you, and He does, then that is all you need. His strength is actually showcased through your weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). Whatever ingredients you lack in the natural realm, you can withdraw from your account in the spiritual realm: 'Be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]; What kind of might is available to you? Boundless might! And where do you draw it from? The ultimate source -- God! You are empowered and equipped as you work with him, so stop selling yourself short. Armed with his might you have more capabilities than you think, and you are able to do a lot more than you've done in the past. So put your confidence in God and stop doubting yourself.

Maybe these words will be a comfort to you too Perhaps you are facing a problem that looks much too big for you to handle on your own. look to God and not yourself. I certainly hang on to those words when I see the enormity of the task that faces us as a family. God will give us all we need to give Susan the stability, security and love that she so needs at the moment. In the mean time

If a Dog Were Your Teacher

You would learn stuff like...

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.  
When your happy, dance around and wag your entire body.  
No matter how often you are scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout - run right back and make friends.  
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.  
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.  
Be loyal.  
Never pretend to be something you're not.  
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.  
And MOST of all..  
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and offer a gentle nuzzle.

Gaye ironing School uniforms.  
John not needing the map to Stonegate. Wadhurst.  
Betty with a soft perm and maybe a few low lights from Toni and Guy in Tunbridge Wells  
Susan waiting to jump out on Grandpa.  
Ned waiting to be ridden as soon as Betty tires of her young companion, which is never.

### **Diary Reminder**

JAZZ AND TEA ON THE GREEN 17TH JUNE AT 2PM

If you want a stall or to help please contact John and Gaye at the Rectory.

## **Interested in Singing with a Choir?**

The Fletching Singers ([www.fletchingsingers.org.uk](http://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 April 17<sup>th</sup> when we shall be rehearsing for a performance entitled 'Shakespeare in Song' which will be on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the theatre at Cumnor House School. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Nick Milner-Gulland on 01273 480189 or email [nimg@fletchingsingers.org.uk](mailto:nimg@fletchingsingers.org.uk). Why not come and join us for a couple of Tuesday sessions before making a commitment?

## **Nearly New Sale**

28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Nearly new sale of Baby and Children's Clothing, Toys and Equipment.  
From 1pm - 2.30pm at Chailey Parish Hall, A275 next to the Five Bells Pub, BN8 4DA. 50p Admission. Free Parking.

For info or to book a table please book a table please ring Susan on 01273 890745.

## **Friends Of Chailey Windmill**

The Windmill and Rural Life Museum will be open for the first time this year on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm to 5pm. The Museum contains many items of general interest to our community but in particular the many photographs give an interesting insight into the history of Chailey over the past one hundred years.

*John Smith 01825 723519*



# Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

[www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com)

## Sunday Services

10.30am and 6.15pm

CONTACT 01444 471600, 01273 890114

[chaileyfreechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:chaileyfreechurch@hotmail.com)

YOU are very welcome

We are aiming to run an **ALPHA COURSE** starting Thursday May 3rd. If you would like to come or just know more please call Jane 01273 890182 or Charlie 01444 471600

The next **MENS BREAKFAST** is due in June  
Watch this space

**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

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June

Residents met recently and discussed ideas for the jubilee weekend, there were lots of ideas and it was suggested that there be the following:

**Saturday** - A walk on Red House Common followed by a picnic and visit to the windmill.

**Sunday** - Free Church and St Peters' Church joint celebratory open air church service at Chailey Green.

**Monday** - Red, white and blue picnic party at the village hall in the afternoon with everyone invited to bring their own picnic and dress in red, white and blue to bring the Jubilee colours to life. Lighting of a beacon and the ringing of the St Peter's Church bells.

Preparations are still under way for the events and another meeting will take place at the Reading Room, Chailey, Green, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend, if you are unable to attend but have ideas or are willing to help please email Peter Estcourt at [pge44@waitrose.com](mailto:pge44@waitrose.com).

# Mid-Sussex Choir

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 @ 7.30 p.m. St. Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Haywards Heath

## A Feast of Rutter

The programme includes John Rutter's 'Feel the Spirit' and For the Beauty of the Earth plus solos from choir members and guests.

Do come along and join in our celebrations!

Tickets: £12.00 (£10 in advance), children and students free. Available from all choir members, direct from 01444 473252, or from our ticket agent:

Carousel Music, 7 Commercial Square, Haywards Heath Tel: 01444 417654.

## Spring Concert

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Chailey invite you to a Spring Concert to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the church on Chailey Green. The programme will feature the Mid Sussex Choir singing pieces by John Rutter and other popular choral numbers including the "Vicar of Dibley" theme tune by Howard Goodall, a Barbershop Quartet, vocal and instrumental solos. Refreshments will be available.



Tickets are priced £10 (children under 16 free) available from: Fiona Pearl (email fiona.pearl@btinternet.com) or telephone (01825 723135).

## Chailey Bonfire Society

### St. Georges Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Plans are now progressing well for our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of celebrating our Patron, and local Saint. The venue will be the Village Hall and the field behind from 12.00 Noon until 4.00pm. We will have plenty to keep you all entertained, with stalls, children's entertainment and arena events for people to join in with and have a laugh. We will also keep you fed and watered with a BBQ, Bear Tent and Teas. As I write this we still have a couple of spaces left for stalls, so if you would like to use the event to promote your Club, Association or particular talent then please get in touch. You will also have the chance to talk with plenty of the Bonfire Boys and Girls to find out what we get up to and how you can be involved, if you wish.

### Things that we need!

In last month's magazine I asked for the use of a knitting machine. Well, it has been pointed out to me that these machines are not the best for knitting the jumpers that we need, and what we really need is a team of **Knitters** to make them! We have supplies of wool on the way, so if anyone fancies helping us we would be very grateful indeed.

### Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, you will see other messages about this in Chailey News and the Bonfire Society remains 100% behind these plans. We have already constructed a **Beacon** which is registered with the Official Jubilee Beacon web-site and will be lit between 10.00 – 10.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trevor Smith

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## St Peter's



## School

Eight years ago the old kitchen was sinking through subsidence and the canteen was damp and all but falling down. Today the building has been restored and now houses a well stocked library, a kitchen and a meeting room. Last month saw the official opening of the facility by Mrs. Kirstine Bowen, our chair of governors after whom the building has been named. The proceedings were witnessed by the whole school and afterwards the pupils repaired to their class rooms for tea parties. We are grateful for the grant we received from the Southover Manor Trust and to the Friends of St. Peter's, our P.T.A., for their financial input which has enabled us to fully furnish and stock the library. A member of

staff is the librarian, assisted by pupils from years 5 and 6. They have been given guidance and training by the appropriately named Mary Page of the County Library Service. As someone who has laboured under the yokes of many headteachers over 35 years you may think that I am the least likely person to put one on a pedestal but without the determination of purpose and the persistent chasing of the ' Powers That Be' at the council by our head, Mrs Morrow, the project would have sunk without trace long ago.

This week I'm looking at some stories that Lion Class children have written. Karl Luckhurst who is a learning support assistant at the school ( he has an English degree ) runs an after school club called The Power of the Pen which is very useful for pupils interested in narrative writing. He also runs a football club.

The Eco Club is collecting bags of clothes to send to Africa, a project called Phil the Bag. Sensible recycling it may be but is it going to improve their spelling? I was the same age as our children during the war and then recycling was called salvage. All the metal railings were taken down for scrap and you could get into the cinema with a tin can or old saucepan. At the end of film performances the national anthem was played and there was always a mad dash for the exit before the first drum roll otherwise we had to stand to attention until the music ended.

*Bill Clarke Tel. 01273 400131*



## Friends of Newick Health Centre

Are you a Carer? Do you know someone who is? Do you sometime sit in for a carer so that he/she can get out for a break? If so you are invited to the meeting which we are holding on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm ~ 5.00pm in Newick Village Hall. At this meeting we will be having many Voluntary and Statutory organisations from whom you will be able to get support and advice. Please don't miss this opportunity to get the advice. When you read this can you think of any carers, who may not consider themselves to be carers, some may well be youngsters? If you do please then please draw their attention to this meeting so that we get as many carers to this meeting as possible. Your co-operation is vital in this matter.

**We look forward to having a full meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 2.00pm in Newick Village Hall.**

*Peter Todd. Hon. Sec. Tel 01825 722660*



## **COUNCILLOR'S CORNER** *By Sharon Davy*

### **Chailey Secondary School – Exciting 2012 Jubilee Garden Project**

Three or four years ago, whilst visiting the school, I noticed an overgrown, derelict looking area which seemed such a waste. Looking at this space, I had a dream of transforming this derelict quad at Chailey School into an attractive space where the school community could link gardening with physical activity and the opportunity of growing healthy food – a kind of outdoor classroom.

As well as growing simple vegetables, my plan was to include a small wild flower meadow as well as trees, shrubs and herbs that would hopefully attract birds, butterflies and bees.

So-far-so-good, but I needed enthusiastic support and above else – I needed to find funds to do the job and had no experience in applying for funding, but I was determined to see this project through and tenacity and energy wins the day.

Awards for All – The Big Lottery fund gives awards of up to £10,000 for worthwhile projects. However, the competition is fierce and there is no guarantee your application will be successful. Filling in the application form is a steep learning curve for a beginner. However, with the enthusiastic and valued help of Mr. James Deacon, one of our superb teachers at Chailey School we completed the form and submitted our bid – hoping for the best.

It was a tremendous day when we learnt that we had been successful. Just under £5,000 was awarded and much of our bid included the freely given labour of volunteers. Chailey Brickworks have generously given us Chailey bricks for our brick raised bed and local suppliers have given us discounted goods and services. We have also had so much help from enthusiastic parents, students and teachers – everyone mucking in: carpentry, labouring, gardening, bricklaying, weeding, cleaning, planting – a wonderful team effort.

It's a success story for our school and how apt it has all come together in this very special 2012 Jubilee year.

### **Reduction in Speed Limit at South Street, South Chailey**

I am in regular contact with the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment at East Sussex Council. He has informed me that the reduction in the currently national speed limit to 40 mph on the A275 at South Street, in South Chailey will be introduced. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in April. This is very good news for our residents and our local post office and village shop.

*Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)*

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*Telephone: 01444 831 336*

# First Community Ambassador joins Marie Curie Cancer Care

Hannah Slater from Eastbourne has recently become the first Community Ambassador for Marie Curie Cancer Care in Sussex.



Hannah will be going out to local groups and associations to talk about the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care to help raise awareness of what the charity does and how local people can get involved. Marie Curie Nurses provide free care for terminally ill people in their own homes. The care provided by Marie Curie nurses means that people can spend their final days and weeks with their loved ones at home, the place where most people want to be.

Hannah says, of her role:

‘Being a community ambassador has given me the opportunity to talk to many different people about the high level of care Marie Curie provides for its patients. As someone who is currently receiving treatment for cancer I understand the importance of the work Marie Curie does for those with terminal illnesses. Marie Curie provides an invaluable service to not only the patients but also close family members during a difficult period in their lives.’

Marie Curie needs volunteers in Eastbourne and surrounds. March is its Great Daffodil Appeal. The aim is to have as many collectors out across the UK encouraging people to give a donation in return for a daffodil pin. Donating your time to the appeal will allow Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes.

Marie Curie Cancer Care also recently launched its first fundraising group in Eastbourne. The group support Marie Curie Cancer Care locally by organising collections, holding a Blooming Great Tea Party and attending events on Marie Curie’s behalf. They are looking for new members.

If you would like Hannah to come and give a talk to your group or school, or you would like to volunteer please contact the Sussex Fundraising Office on 01273 491981 or email [sussex.fundraising@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:sussex.fundraising@mariecurie.org.uk)

For more information contact Tanya Richardson on 01273 491981 or [Tanya.richardson@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:Tanya.richardson@mariecurie.org.uk)

## About Marie Curie Cancer Care

For more information about Marie Curie Cancer Care visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk).

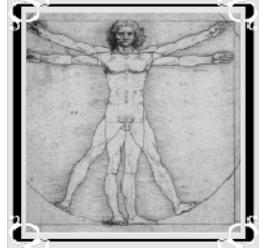
Marie Curie Cancer Care is one of the UK’s largest charities. Employing more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, it expects to provide care to around 29,000 terminally ill patients in the community and in its hospices this year and is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

Marie Curie Nurses. The charity is best known for its network of Marie Curie Nurses working in the community to provide end-of-life care, totally free for patients in their own homes.

Supporting the choice to die at home. Marie Curie Cancer Care has been campaigning for more patients to be able to make the choice to be cared for and die at home.

# NADFAS

## Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society



Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 April 10th<sup>th</sup>

Leonardo da Vinci, that towering genius was not just a painter but a sculptor, architect, musician, scientist engineer and inventor, the list is endless. He was perhaps one of the most talented men ever to have walked this earth. He was a man of unquenchable curiosity, and he wanted to know how everything worked, especially the human body. His anatomical drawings were taken from life or rather the dead, as he studied and dissected bodes at night, in secret, by candlelight. Our lecturer this month is Guy Rooker, an orthopaedic surgeon and he will be giving his view of da Vinci's contribution to our anatomical knowledge. Come and enjoy a truly fascinating lecture! We look forward to welcoming you, £5 on the door for non-members with tea and biscuits afterwards and a chance to talk to the speaker.

If you require any further information please ring Carole Burgon on 01273 890301 or Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250

*Annette Shelford.*

## Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre

### Recession-busting donations

Good news for all shopaholics! Supporters of Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre (CHEC) can help raise funds for the Centre simply by shopping online. Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre (CHEC) has joined 'Easyfundraising' – a free-to-use innovative website where shoppers can raise money for their chosen charity every time they make a purchase.

By using the easyfundraising website to access over 2000 well known retailers such as Tesco, M&S and Amazon, shoppers can generate a free donation for CHEC at no additional expense to themselves.

So, whether you shop online for your weekly supermarket groceries, clothes or household items, please go to easyfunding before accessing your website of choice and help CHEC continue its good work. Thank you!

To support CHEC, visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chec/> and follow the instructions.

*CHEC is a small, charitable business run to give work opportunities to adults with physical disabilities. We design, print and sell promotional and gift items.*

*Tel. 01825 724376*

# Newick Twinning Association

March has been a busy month for us. Our Barn Dance took place on 10<sup>th</sup> March, with music from Square the Circle. Also, as you receive this month's copy, our Progressive Dinner is about to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Full reports on both of these events will appear next month.

## Future Events

### Official Visit and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

This takes place over the weekend of **25-28<sup>th</sup> 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 have been organising a packed programme of special events to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Twinning Association and our link with Itteville.

The outline programme for the weekend is:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

- Our guests arrive by coach early evening at Newick School. Dinner *en famille*.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

- Joint Committee Meeting (for Newick and Itteville committee members).
- Official welcome reception and presentation at Newick School.
- Lunch *en famille*.
- Afternoon events in the village (more details soon).
- Evening reception, gala dinner and live band entertainment in Newick Village Hall.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

- Day trip by coach to a major tourist attraction near London (members have been notified of the destination, but we are keeping this under wraps from the French!).
- Evening meal with entertainment at the Barn Centre.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

- Our guests depart from The Green in the morning.

We hope that many of our members will take part and also host a French family for the weekend.

## Newick Film Club

Our next screening will be Cinema Paradiso on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of April. As usual doors will be open from 7.30, please be seated by 7.55 for a brief introduction to the film, as usual the bar will be open and teas and coffee available.

Cinema Paradiso - 5th April

This is a wonderful 1998 Italian film, celebrating youth, friendship and the everlasting magic of movies. A film director recalls his childhood when he fell in love with the movies at his village's cinema, and formed a deep relationship with the projectionist.

In May we will be screening, Gambit, on the 3rd May, This is the 1996 version, starring Michael Caine and Shirley MacLean.

Enquiries to Paul Sentance tel. 01825 723717 or email [p.sentance@btopenworld.com](mailto:p.sentance@btopenworld.com)

# Meet The Glums or the woes of the Parish Hall Committee

If the hall management committee is looking fed up and always turning into the hall car park at random times, don't be surprised. A week after an oil delivery we were appalled to find the hall oil tank was empty once again. The oil had been stolen and we had to order more oil. We are only having small amounts delivered in future.

The Glums are – Hugh Thwaites, Treasurer, Lorna Tuttle, Bookings, Brenda Matthews, Minute Secretary, Ann Jones, Chairman, Jane Stent, Connie Brooks, Gemma Kybert. Parish Council Rep. David Cowan; Karen Kemp, Cleaner.

CCTV has been installed and a lot of people are paying frequent visits to check the car park. Car registrations will be noted. On one of my frequent checks I first disturbed a male in a car lurking out of sight in the car park. He immediately got his mobile out and left the car park. When I had finished setting the hall heating I checked again only to find a female in a white van. She got her mobile out and shot out of the car park. Our CCTV should provide interesting local film shows!!

The hall continues to be well used. We have kept hire rates as low as possible and advantageous to locals. Fitting in checking the hall and restocking/cleaning gets more difficult and we rely so much on users leaving the hall in a clean tidy condition. We are lucky with our hirers and thank them for their co-operation.

I can give details of any of the following hirers –

**MONDAY 9.30 – 12.30** Chailey and Newick Art Group, Private dog training pm, 7pm-8.30 Guides once a month (first week)

**TUESDAY 9.30-10.30** Mum's fitness, 11-noon Pilates, 4-5.15 Rainbows, 5.30-7 Brownies, 7.30-10.30 Music Club, (7.15-10, W.I. first of the month)

**WEDNESDAY 9.30-3** Tutored art groups, 4-6 Children's speech and drama 7.30-10 East Sussex Concert Band practice

**THURSDAY 9.30-3** Tutored art groups, 7.30-8.30 Mum's fitness

**FRIDAY 10-11** Yoga, alternate weeks 6.30-9.30 Youth Club

Weekends are busy with parties, scrapbooking workshops, yoga, Bonfire Society events, Horticultural Shows.

The Hall AGM will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May and you will be welcome to attend in the Reading Room – the Parish Hall being busy!!

*Ann Jones Chairman 01444 831244*

*(Lorna - Hall Bookings 07813 319895)*

## 'The Darkness Within'

A new first novel by local resident Fionna Barr. It's the story of three sisters growing up in The Netherlands in the 1950's with a manic depressive mother, who puts their lives at risk. The story chronicles their growing into mature adulthood while coming to terms with the traumas of their childhood. One of the sisters (me) is currently living in North Chailey. It's fiction based on true events. It is available on Amazon where the cover, blurb and first two pages can be read, and also on kindle.

Fionna Barr - Author of 'The Darkness Within'

# Windmill District Guide Trefoil Guild.

Are you a “recycled Brownie” sympathetic to the aims of Guiding? Or anyone who has had a connection with Guiding in the past. If you are, how about joining the local branch of the Trefoil Guild.?

We meet for a variety of social events such as B.B.Q's, interesting speakers and outings. We recently celebrated Thinking Day, especially thinking of Sangram in India, an International Guide House, situated in Puna, and which has links with a local school for children with Leprosy, and their parents. We enjoyed Indian refreshments to finish.

We also support local Guides on their trips to Jamborees etc. Cassie, a Senior Guide, has been selected to help run a camp in Romania for disadvantaged girls, and we are supporting her in her fund raising. We meet in the Community Centre, Newick for a varied programme, at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday in the month, and you would be sure of a warm welcome if you would like to find out more.

Further information from Judy Pardoe Chairman 01825 723815 or Linda Samson Secretary 01825 723171

## IMC Spring Garden at Newick

If you missed the March opening in aid of children at risk, there will be a second chance on Thursday 12th April from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Entry is by donation and all monies will go to the charity In Ministry to Children which supports these vulnerable children in Bogota, Colombia. We hope our bulbs will still be flourishing at 36 High Hurst Close and look forward to seeing you.

*Thank you for your support, Monica & Peter Todd*

## Wivelsfield FILMS

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

**The Help** (12A) Tate Taylor, 2011

**Thursday, 12 April** Doors/licenced bar: 19.30, Film: 20.00

Award-winning drama set in Jackson, Mississippi, about a young white woman and her relationship with two black maids, referred to as “the help”, during the American Civil Rights era. Skeeter is a college graduate and aspiring writer who decides to write a controversial book from the point of view of the maids, exposing the racism they are faced with as they work for white families.

Tickets £5.50 on the door, in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores and The Cock Inn, or online by following ‘Films’ link from [www.wivelsfield.net](http://www.wivelsfield.net) or our Facebook page.

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval. 10% discount promotion with all advance ticket purchases on a pre-film meal at The Cock Inn. The menu will include fare from the American Deep South. Contact The Cock on 01444 471668.

**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 April sessions will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 am and 12.00.

**Chailey Annual Parish Meeting** -The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Chailey Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm. The Chair of the Council will present the work of the Council over the last year and it is usual for there to be reports from our District and County Councillors and from the Police. It is an opportunity for you not only to meet Councillors and the Police in a relaxed atmosphere, but also to put questions about and seek answers to your concerns. Further information will be posted to the Council's notice boards and on the Parish Council's web site [www.chailey.org](http://www.chailey.org).

**Dog Fouling** - Residents taking their dogs on convenience walks are requested to pick up after their dog. Areas which are well-used such as the grass verges outside the two Schools and the footpath alongside Whitegates can become foul if dog-owners do not scoop the poop and dispose of it on return home, especially after a long period of dry weather. Please remember to pick up after your dog.

**Broadband Action** - East Sussex County Council wants to see high speed Broadband extended to rural areas and is prepared to put its money where its mouth is... The catch is that we, as a village, have to support the drive to introduce Broadband with evidence of need and of inadequate service. The Parish Council is forming a Broadband Group but, to impress, the Group needs to be formed of Users, and especially those who can demonstrate a business requirement for high speed Broadband, or who have specialist knowledge and experience. If you are interested please contact Cllr Ron Trussell on 01273 891448 or email [chaileypc@btinternet.com](mailto:chaileypc@btinternet.com).

**Small Grants Scheme** - The deadline for applications for 'small grants' under the Parish Council's small grants scheme is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and requests received by the Parish Council office by this date will be considered at the meeting of Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Grants are usually in the range of £100-£500 and applications from groups and organisations are assessed on their merits. A Grant Application Form is available on request to the parish office or can be downloaded from the community website [www.chailey.org](http://www.chailey.org) or by contacting the Clerk.

**Chailey School** - Councillors were pleased to note that the School has been praised under the new, rigorous Inspection regime. The overall rating was Good and Inspectors noted that *"students reach standards well above the national average, make good progress overall and outstanding progress in English"* and that *"behaviour in lessons and outside them is very good"*. The Inspectors further stated that: *disabled students and those with special educational needs achieve at least as well as their peers; that students enjoy coming to school as evident by their attendance; and that the school takes very good care of the students and safeguarding arrangements are very secure*. The full report will be found on the School's website as well as on the OfSTED site.

Head Teacher Lesley Young affirmed that high aspirations and high expectations would continue to be the norm – underpinning Chailey School's clearly stated vision that every adult

and every young person in the School would achieve more than they ever thought possible.

**Diary Reminder:** A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and a Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Commons Society

Having had our AGM in March we are now into our new Activities programme and I hope that this will be of interest to everyone. Why not come along and see what is going on. We have things for everyone and special events for our younger friends – do you like bug hunting and finding butterflies and birds or looking at the local history of our commons? Come along with your books and binoculars for great walks around with our leaders.

These start with a bird walk with Ian on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> on Lane End Common to find the new migrant arrivals. It starts at 9.30 a.m. at the car park – bring a note book as well to record our findings.

There were lots of interested people at our February indoor meeting when we heard from Richard Draycott of the Sussex Air Ambulance. He told us of the really vital and valuable work that they do and how they are supported by donations and other fund raising

We are looking at this Diamond Jubilee year and hope to join in and support the Chailey activities with a special walk and tea party perhaps – look out for more news on this soon. Now that spring is here there is much to look forward to – I am sure that you can help us to enjoy the seasons on the commons.

For more information, look at our website and to see the forthcoming meetings and activities. *William Coleman 01444 831923 [www.chaileyccommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileyccommons.org.uk)*

## Chailey WI

Members in March took a “walk” over the Commons guided by Ian Seccombe (of Chailey Commons Society). He showed members the beauty of our local landscape through the seasons. The journey opened our eyes to the flora and fauna to be found on our doorsteps; the elegance of the oaks and birch contrasting to the tiny delicate flowers and fungi so often overlooked and trodden underfoot. It was a fine introduction for anyone recently resident in the village. Four members have had recipes accepted and printed in the County Federation’s new cook book. (Almost fame at last!!)



On Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Padget will tell members of the ‘Life and Times of Stanley Holloway - 7.30 for 7.45pm. Visitors always welcome.

## Chailey News - May Issue

The deadline for the May issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

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

*Best wishes CHEC*