

Chailey News

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May 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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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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May Services 2012



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

- Sunday 6th May** *Easter 4*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion with Baptism*
*Family Service with puppets is on May 20th
- Sunday 13th May** *Rogation Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 20th May** *Sunday after Ascension*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age Family Service with Pete's Puppets
- Sunday 27th May** *Pentecost*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 3rd June** *Trinity Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Jubilee open air service on Chailey Green.
This is a combined service with St Peter's and Chailey Free Church.

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,

Woe is me, we have been shamed. My only hope is that Crimewatch doesn't learn of the dark secret, held within the bosom of our family and if they do, we hope it will not give you nightmares. How will we ever be able to look people in the face again when we are privy to such darstardly deeds? The criminal? Betty. She has joined a team of organised crime and by now, Interpol must surely be on the case. We were told that Betty came from a long line of Sicilian Great Danes whose overlord, her Grandmother, was known as 'The Boss,' but we still took her on. Was it worth it? Now she was killing to order and she had outfoxed Miss Marple. The crime scene?

Betty loves to tiptoe into the garden and stretch out onto the dewy grass, she loves to look sun-ward and join the tumbling mirth of the sun split clouds and let her thoughts soar and swing high in the sun-lit silence. She loves to lie by the pond and watch the beautiful blue tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body, designed for flying, skim out over the surface of the water like a little helicopter. She loves to look for rainbows and gaze at stars. She loves to nuzzle her face into the long grass that grows beside the garden shed and one day last week as she nuzzled, she looked back at me, smiling at her, and then to my horror my world was rocked, she came towards me in slow motion and before the opening bars of Watership Down had begun, I saw to my horror, that she had a rabbit clenched between her teeth and it was the size of a hippo. It hung there limply and she, not knowing, what the heck she should do next. Stood frozen in shock, but not as frozen and shocked as the rabbit. (Betty you are a murderer and worse was still to come).

Susan was sent to get the vapours and the screams from me brought the Vicar running into the garden with his new School shoes on. He was thinking that all the copper from the ugly flat roof extension, at the Rectory had been stolen. His military training came to the fore and he flung the dead hippo into the Church Car park (please park tidily). Here come the organised crime bit, in the morning the hippo had gone. It was on its way to Sicily. Cue background murder music! The next day came and Susan and I were just recovering from seeing Nature at its most raw and off Betty went to the shed, for a crafty Woodbine and she repeated the exact same scene from the Godfather again. The Vicar disposed of the giant Hippo again and the following morning that was on its way to Sicily too. The shame of it all. Naughty murderous Betty. aka Scarface.

At the begining of April we said Goodbye to our two Church Wardens, Sarah Tillard and Chris Jones. They had given St Peters a combined 30 years of faithful and loyal service. They were standing down and we know they will be sorely missed by everyone. They always went far and beyond any call of duty. Chris worked with 6 Vicars and Sarah nearly as many. They have cut hedges, cleared drains, held the Church together and sorted out any problems that anyone had. They have been such a support to John and I and we are thankful that they will still be around. Chris Jones gave a thank you speech and mentioned on one occasion, many years ago, that a Rector was being interviewed for the job here and his wife announced she wanted to open up the Rectory garden to the homeless of Brighton and let them make a tented City. Well Chris, I am sorry but you will have seen that there is now a tented City in the front garden. Our happy granddaughter spent the day planning, building and constructing a watertight den and she still doesn't understand why I won't let her sleep out there. It is the Mafia Susan, they come calling every night.

As I write this it is Easter week-end, as we remind ourselves that we are Easter people we reconnect with Jesus who carried our brokenness to the Cross and buried it out of sight and rose for our restoration to a life lived in the community of the Holy Trinity. We have hoped that our life of ministry has been an Easter work, where we are used by God through listening, healing and reconciliation to build a community of living and sharing faith.

The Apostle Peter reminds his readers that part of their calling and commissioning from God was to exercise the ministry of blessings 'do not repay evil for evil... but on the contrary, repay with a blessing for it is for this that you were called that you might inherit a blessing (1Peter 3:9). He tells us that this is not only a holy attitude we cultivate but it is a calling, it is our ministry as believers in Jesus. We all have this calling therefore. This ministry was formally limited to the priestly tribe of Levi who, as part of their temple ministry would be to stand before the Lord and bless in Gods name and authority. Now it is the birthright and calling of all Jesus disciples. Blessings have a divine purpose. They are not just good words spoken over people to make them feel good about themselves. Blessings carry heavens DNA of the Spirit to empower people to connect with God and his purposes for their lives.

I believe that we need to recover a new respect and practise of the ministry of blessing. It is a heaven sent resource with powerful effects and I am sure that the King of the Kingdom is waiting for us to take up our calling to be people who are blessed and who bless everybody else so they too can come to know the King and move on into their heaven sent destiny. So thank you Chris and Sarah and may God bless you and may He be close to you and your families as St Peters moves into the next chapter of its life here in Chailey. Next month I will tell you of our beautiful new boards outside Church, thank you Norman Stevens you too went far and beyond your task. Bless you.

Gaye learning to make rabbit pie.

John trying not to leave his fingerprints on the bodies.

Betty wiping blood from her lips.

Susan joining Greenpeace. Please ask her what the flag is made out of, on her den.

She's longing to tell the World and if you don't see her, I will tell you, it's the Vicars vest!

Seagulls Parking 2012/2013 Season



I have a parking space adjacent to the AMEX Stadium for which I need two more people to car share. Please ring me for details.

Richard 07778 039 645

Friends of Chailey Windmill

The Mill will be open twice during May. Firstly on Sunday 13th May which is National Mills Day and then as usual on the last Sunday of the month May 27th from 3 to 5 pm on each occasion. The entry fee is £1 for adults and 50p. children 10-16.

John Smith 01825 723519



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Sunday Services

10.30am and 6.15pm

CONTACT 01444 471600, 01273 890114

chaileyfreechurch@hotmail.com

YOU are very welcome



THE
ALPHA COURSE

Explore the meaning of life



Starting Thursday May 3rd at 7.30pm

Ashdown Cottage, Station Road, North Chailey, BN8 4HG

Alpha is a non-pressurised, fun and informative course where you can share your thoughts and explore the meaning of life. It is designed for people who don't go to church but are interested in the Christian faith.

Over 17 million people have done it

Info from: jane@tothemill.co.uk

01273 890182



Wivelsfield FILMS

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

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12A) Comedy
John Madden, 2012

Sunday, 20 May

Doors/licenced bar: 19.00, Film: 19.30

Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Tom Wilkinson, Penelope Wilton, Celia Imrie, Dev Patel

For a disparate group of English pensioners, retirement takes an unconventional turn when enticed by advertisements for

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL, a seemingly luxurious sanctuary for “the elderly and beautiful” in Jaipur, India. On arrival, they discover that the hotel falls somewhat short of the romantic idyll promised in the brochure, but they are gradually won over by the ever-optimistic young manager Sonny (Dev Patel, from *Slumdog Millionaire*), and tentatively embark on a new adventure, finding that life can begin again when you let go of the past.

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 or our Facebook page.

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval.

Chailey WI



Our meeting on Tuesday 1st May is the Resolutions meeting when each year we discuss the resolution chosen from a shortlist which will go through to the National AGM in June. This year it is urging the Government to provide more resources for the training, employment and retention of midwives.

At our April meeting we were entertained by Mr Edward Padget who spoke about Stanley Holloway, giving us his life history from small beginnings right up to his starring role in *My Fair Lady*. His various monologues and songs provided for a very amusing evening.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 for 7.45 pm and we are always glad to welcome guests and prospective members.

Margaret Smith
01825 723519



P R E S E N T S
their Spring production of

“A TOUCH OF DANGER”

A classic thriller by Francis Durbridge

Directed by David Read

The action takes place in the living room of author Max Telligan’s apartment in London’s Sloane Square. His soon to be ex-wife and secretary read in the evening newspaper about his death but in the absence of any real information they are all caught up in a highly dangerous situation not knowing who to trust.

Fast-paced, exciting and packed full of blind alleys and red herrings, this latest thriller from the master craftsman will keep audiences poised on the edge of their seats!

PERFORMANCE DATES

9TH – 12TH MAY 2012
NEWICK VILLAGE HALL

Curtain up 8.00 pm - Doors open 7.15 pm

Box Office: 01825 722359 / 01825 722985

Tickets £8

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Internet bookings: info@newickdrama.org

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Chailey Commons Society

The lovely warm weather during late March brought out lots of spring flowers and on my woodland walks I have seen patches of Wood Anemone, Wild Garlic (Ramsons) and the bright yellow Lesser Celandine. Bluebells will soon carpet the glades as well and then the trees will burst out in leaf. Will it be Oak before the Ash this year I wonder – we will see.

Our activities in May start with an archaeology and local history walk on Lane End Common on Saturday May 5th, meeting at the car park at 10.00.a.m. Linda will be showing us around the common so come along and join us to discover this lovely hidden heathland.

There are still places left on our special evening Badger watch at Wakehurst Place on Thursday evening May 10th. Travel independently to join our guided tour. Cost Adult £10 – Child £5. Booking and information on 01825 722841.

There will be our guided botanical Farm walk on Townings Farm at 10.00.a.m. on Sunday May 20th meeting at the farm. All welcome and visit the animals after if you wish.

Advance notice for June - as part of the Chailey Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we will be doing a walk on Red House Common on Saturday June 2nd setting off from the car park at 2.30.p.m. on a circular route around the common and visiting the windmill, and then to the view point for a picnic tea. Do come along with friends, family or just on your own.

William Coleman 01444 831923 www.chaileycommons.org.uk

Barn Dance - Saturday 26 May, 5.00-7.30pm

Get out your cowboy boots, Newick and Chailey Brownies are organising a family barn dance at [Chailey Village Hall](#) from 5pm-7.30pm on Saturday 26 May. Prices are £7.50 per adult, £5.00 per child. This includes a cowboy supper! Puddings will be available at a small additional charge. Cowboy fancy dress is optional but it would be great to see as many cowboys and cowgirls as possible.

Please contact Anita for tickets on: 01825 722802 or 07904 124031

Chailey Youth Group

CYG has been spending the last few months having a lot of fun! With funds extremely low we have been very creative with our resources and adapted and developed games and ideas to bring enjoyment to Friday nights.

Look out for the media project filmed, directed and scripted by the young people called "NEWS AT 10" a short filmed at increasing the awareness of our group and the impact that it has on young people and our village. The young people have used their creativity and imaginations to create an inspiring and vocal piece of footage.

Keep an eye out on our website www.chaileyyouthgroup.co.uk

Gemma Kybert

Spring Concert

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Spring Concert on Saturday 12th May, to be held at St. Peter's Church on Chailey Green at 7.30 pm. The programme features Mid Sussex Choir and includes music by John Rutter and Howard Goodall (theme tune to "Vicar of Dibley"), plus other choral and instrumental works. Interval with refreshments.



Tickets are priced £10 (children under 16 free) and can be purchased from Fiona Pearl tel. no. 01825 723135 or email fiona.pearl@btinternet.com

Question time for Air Ambulance on Sussex Day

Kent Surrey Sussex



Air Ambulance
A Charity That Saves Lives

Life-saving charity Sussex Air Ambulance is celebrating the county day with a series of quiz nights at pubs throughout the region.

Sussex Day (June 16th) has become a popular way for residents to celebrate the county's rich heritage and was launched in 2007, the same month the helicopter first took flight.

To mark the joint anniversary, Sussex Air Ambulance is kicking off with a bumper quiz night on the eve of the big day (June 15th) at the Anchor Inn at Barcombe.

Other pubs will be holding quizzes on Sussex Day to raise much-needed funds to help the pilot, doctor and critical care paramedic continue to save lives in the county.

Head of Fundraising Bridget Pepper said: "Every year traders, schoolchildren, employers, businesses, in fact everyone in the county, have the opportunity to use the day to display everything that is good about Sussex.

"So why not dedicate the evening to raise funds for your local Air Ambulance by hosting a quiz night? We will send you the questions and answers and posters to advertise the evening, all you need to supply is a prize for the winning team.

"We are trying to get as many public houses as possible across the county to join in so it will be a great fundraising and awareness campaign for your life-saving helicopter."

Quiz nights will be held on Sussex Day at The Dun Horse (Mannings Heath), Inn on the Green (Haywards Heath), The Sportsman (East Grinstead and Goddards Green), Red Lion (Ashington), The Elsted Inn (Midhurst), The Kings Head (Rye), The George Hotel (Hailsham), Chambers Bar (Eastbourne), The Tudor Tavern (East Preston), The Labouring Man (Codwaltham), Rising Sun (Upper Beeding) and The Hope Inn (Newhaven).

Teams of six to eight members are needed for the first quiz night at the Anchor Inn on June 15th at 8pm. To order tickets, which cost £5 per person, or to register your pub for a quiz, call Amy Salter on 01622 833833 or email amys@kssairambulance.org.uk.

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 May 8th

'Painting with Light'. The lecture this month will cover the works of Pierre Bonnard, the French Impressionist painter and printmaker. His pictures are a delight to the eye with their intense use of colour, and their subject matter of sunlit rooms or gardens full of flowers, friends and family. Unlike many artists he had an extremely happy personal life and friendships with such other painters as Manet, Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec all contributed to his style. He started his life training to be a lawyer, his father thought it a much more worthy profession than that of an artist, but fortunately he failed the exams and the rest, as they say, is history! So do come and enjoy a really lovely lecture by Julian Halsby, RBA. Julian is also a painter and has written seven books on Art History. Entry £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.



Newick Film Club

Thursday 3rd May

“Go Ahead Tell The End - It's Too Hilarious To Keep Secret - But Please Don't Tell The Beginning!

Our last screening before the summer break is ***Gambit***, the 1966 film starring Michael Caine and Shirley Maclaine as two criminals, who are involved in an elaborate plot centered of a priceless antiquity from the worlds richest man. Gambit was nominated for three Academy Awards.

As usual Doors will be open from 7.30, at Newick's Sports pavilion, where there will be a bar and teas & coffee will be available. Please take your seats by 7.55 when there will be a brief introduction to the film.

After the end credits roll, for those who wish, there will be a brief discussion of the evening's picture, lead by the film's sponsor.

All enquiries to Paul Sentance 01825 723717 p.sentance@gmail.com

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

ANNUAL SUMMER LUNCH - we are returning this year to the redesigned garden at The Old Rectory by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Welton SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 12.30 FOR 1 PM. Tickets £20 from Glenda (01825 722607)

EVENING OF MUSIC AND DINING - SATURDAY 7TH JULY Welcome drink at 6.30 pm in Tudor Barn Garden (opposite the Barn Centre) followed by songs from the Opera and Theatre by two young soloists in the Church returning to the garden for a buffet supper - not to be missed. Tickets £25 from Glenda (01825 722607)

Fletching Garden Trail – A Fathers Day Treat!

We are celebrating our 20th Anniversary of the Fletching Garden Trail this year with over 20 amazing gardens to visit.

There will also be a local photographic exhibition in the village hall. Our popular local artist, Lorna Holdcroft BA Hons, will be painting her own masterpiece in one of the gardens. There will be demonstrations of making willow tippees during the day and our team of experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer your queries on pests and disease at the plant stall. Keep the children interested too by following the duck trail in all the gardens and see the new born Alpacas at Spring Farm.

Delicious refreshments, homemade lunches and cream teas will be available throughout the day and local seasonal produce and plants available to purchase. Entrance is £6 per adult/children go free. Open 11am to 5pm. Tickets available on the day at the school. All proceeds to Fletching CE Primary School.

For further information, please call 01825 722356.

Jazz and Tea on the Green

To be held on Chailey Green (by St Peter's Church) on Sunday 17th June 2012 from 2pm – 4.30pm, ENTRY FREE

Jazz Band, Teas, Pimms Tent, Ice Creams, Bottle Stall, Coconut Shy, Raffle, Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Scottish Dancing, Cake Stall. Come and join in this afternoon of fun and community spirit. Everyone welcome.





Newick Twinning Association

Our Barn Dance on 10th March was a great success. We danced to music from Square the Circle, who were excellent as usual, together with their caller who explained the moves to the “two left feet” brigade.

Also, our Progressive Dinner took place on 31st March, with 18 couples going around the village to have a starter, main course and pudding at three different venues. This is always one of our most enjoyable events, as it gives people a chance to meet friends (new and old) in small groups, before all getting together at the final venue for coffee, mints and maybe a nightcap.

Future Events

Official Visit and 20th Anniversary Celebrations

The Official Visit is now nearly upon us! It takes place over the weekend of **25-28th May 2012** and our committee have worked hard to create a programme of exciting events for our guests from Itteville and our own members.

At the time of writing, we are still looking for people to host our French guests. If you would like to offer accommodation, please contact Ian Reekie on 01825 722957 or email ianreekie24@gmail.com

The outline programme for the weekend is:

Friday 25th May.

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

Saturday 26th 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, including the launch of the Scarecrow Competition which extends into the following Jubilee weekend.
- Evening reception, gala dinner and live band entertainment in Newick Village Hall.

Sunday 27th May

- Day trip by coach to a major tourist attraction near London.
- Evening meal with entertainment at the Barn Centre.

Monday 28th May

- Our guests depart from The Green in the morning.



THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 31st MAY

CHAILEY CRAFTERS OPEN DAY in the Reading Room from 11am to 3pm. It is open to all to pop in and see or try their hand at spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet and rugging. The Crafters are keen to chat to everyone about their crafts so do go along and ask questions. Refreshments will be available.

SATURDAY 2nd JUNE

JUBILEE WALK AND PICNIC TEA on Red House Common organised by the Chailey Commons Society starts at Red House Common car park at 2.30pm and includes a visit to the windmill and a free picnic tea. Non-members, children and dogs most welcome. A certificate will be given to all attending the walk. Booking appreciated for catering purposes, to book call Jenny Barbour on 01825 722841.

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICE at 10.15am at Chailey Green with the Free Church and St Peters Church. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

MUSIC at the Five Bells with Laura Millen, singing blues songs, from 1.30pm onwards.

MONDAY 4th JUNE

A RED, WHITE AND BLUE ALL AGE PICNIC at Roeheath from 2pm to 4pm, bring your own picnic and to join in the celebrations, where possible, dress in red white and blue. Please where able park at the village hall. Local musicians will be playing throughout the afternoon.

RINGING OF THE SIX BELLS of St Peter's Church from 10pm to 10.30pm, to coincide with the **LIGHTING OF A BEACON** at Roeheath, organised by the Bonfire Society, at this time.

TUESDAY 5th JUNE

LINK WALK starts at 10am from the Sports Pavilion, North Chailey (where there is ample parking) and brochures describing the route and its features will be available. The walk is approximately six and a half miles and links North and South Chailey on well-marked footpaths with a short road section. The scenery is varied and includes Chailey Common, a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest, ancient woodland, the beautiful Markstakes Common and superb views of the South Downs and in the distance Ashdown Forest. The event will finish at the Sports Ground with a free barbeque for the walkers organised by the Link Walk Committee and Chailey Bonfire Society. The walk is open to all and children who complete the walk will be given a certificate. For further information please contact John Smith on 01825 723519 or Trevor Smith on 01273 891008.

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 May sessions will be held on Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 29th May between 10.00 am and 12.00.

Small Grants Scheme

The deadline for applications for 'small grants' under the Parish Council's small grants scheme is 30th June 2012 and requests received by the Parish Council office by this date will be considered at the meeting of Full Council on 17th July 2012. A Grant Application Form is available on request to the parish office or can be downloaded from the community website www.chailey.org or by contacting the Clerk.

Parish Allotments

The Parish Council owns several allotment plots at North Chailey. At its meeting held in February the Council agreed to retain allotment rents at £30.00 per year (unchanged since 2010). There is an allotment waiting list but this has recently reduced as some plots have been relinquished or are now being shared. If you wish to be added to the waiting list please contact the Clerk.

Highways and Byways

A liaison meeting was held with ESCC Highways on 19th March and a programme of routine Village maintenance agreed. This will include cutting back overgrown vegetation and clearing the sidings along footpaths. The next meeting will be held during week beginning 18th June.

Road works (subject to change)

Location: Wivelsfield Green

Activity: Gas mains works

Proposed Dates: 16 April 2012 to 04 May 2012

Contact: Southern Gas Networks 01273 490100

Temporary traffic lights on North Common Road in conjunction with South Road works - lights will not be in place at the same time

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May and a Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May, both meetings at the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chailey Parish Council

Jumble Sale

Chailey Royal British Legion Women's Section

Saturday 19th May - 11.00 - Chailey Free Church Hall South Chailey

Please bring jumble on Friday evening or ring Susannah on 01825 724335



COUNCILLOR'S

CORNER

By
Sharon Davy

New National Planning Policy Framework

How does this affect us in Chailey? Last year, all Lewes District Councillors were invited to respond to the draft document. Only two Councillors responded.

On behalf of Chailey and Wivelsfield residents - I was one of them. One of the key policy changes I put forward was urging developers to build on land already built on – genuine brownfield sites before considering our precious agricultural land and meadows. Here, in the District of Lewes, there are brownfield sites that have great potential in the towns of Lewes and Newhaven where there is a huge demand, especially for subsidised social housing. Our local housing demand should be considered within our Chailey Parish. Undoubtedly, there were thousands of similar minded people, together with the National Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England who put forward the same case as me.

Key concessions have been made: developers are urged to build on already built brownfield sites. The intrinsic value of the countryside (not just the protected areas such as the South Downs National Park, the Green Belt and our treasured Sites of Special Scientific Interest) has been recognized. But I still worry.

Chailey Commons – fencing, cattle grids

In the March Chailey News, I reported why there is a temporary give-way layout installed on Chailey Common. It is because residents living in close proximity asked for a solution to reduce the unacceptable levels of noise when a vehicle or motorbike crosses the cattle grids. We are responding to the problems the residents are experiencing and trying to help. Since this layout has been installed, local residents have reported a great improvement in noise and speed which is a positive outcome for them.

However, I have had e-mails and letters complaining about this temporary give-way layout and there are many that are unhappy with this proposal, suggesting it is hazardous and have asked for an explanation. Many are unaware that Romany Ridge and Pound Common will not be fenced and animals will be roaming – like Ashdown Forest and the New Forest. Many say there is no need to reduce the speed and see little benefit to the local people or visitors to the Common. Some say the scheme is a - “folly” and the give-way layout and grids should be removed. Others say they had no idea that Chailey Common was going to be fenced and grazed and have asked how it will be funded now and in the future. I have explained that at the Public Inquiry there were many that supported the scheme, including English Nature, Chailey Commons Society and DEFRA. There were also many local Chailey residents that objected strongly to the scheme. However, the scheme is now in place.

The Chailey Commons Management Committee has for a decade been instrumental in seeing this project through and has actively been part of the ‘consultation’ for fencing and grazing Chailey Common. For detailed information, please contact the Chairman of the Committee - Mr. John Smith.

Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

Email sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk

Telephone: 01444 831 336

I had a look at the stories written by Lion Class pupils recently. The theme was about a visit to a museum. No ordinary visits these but the stories were about some very strange and even horrific incidents involving robbers, ghostly happenings and crashing dinosaurs. I don't think I'll be visiting a museum in the near future. The work was extremely imaginative and well presented.

St Peter's



School

Before the break for Easter the Friends organised a Mothers' Day sale, a table top sale and arranged a film evening for the children.

The new school library is proving to be a big hit with the children and I'm told it is full every lunch time.

We had the traditional egg decorating competition, egg rolling and the children went to the church on the last day of term for the Easter Service. There had been a suggestion that we should abandon the egg rolling as it involved wasting food. But. We have a school council. Children from each class meet from time to time with the headteacher to discuss things with her that affect them in school. At the last meeting they decided to keep the egg rolling and that the left over eggs would be collected by a local farmer who would use them as animal feed.

I'm gradually getting used to being retired. The best thing is that I don't have to get up so early these days. I've planted my potatoes and some runner beans. My daughter's (Twigs Way) latest book, a biography of Gertrude Jekyll, the garden designer, has been published in paperback and is available from Amazon. If you are interested in a preview 'phone me and I'll lend you my copy.



Readers, please note that I write this piece as an independent observer and that my views on some matters do not necessarily represent those of the rest of the management team.

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