

Chailey News

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A New Year's Walk

S.P.K.

January 2013

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

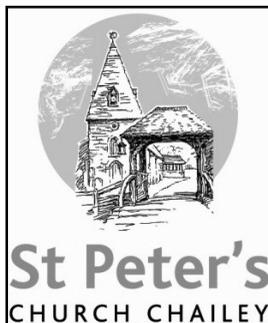
Uckfield: Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 9.30am

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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JANUARY SERVICES 2013



Sunday 6th January *Epiphany*

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Service with Pete's Puppets

Sunday 13th January *Baptism of Christ*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 20th January *Epiphany 2*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 27th January *Epiphany 3*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd February *Epiphany 4*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All age Family Service

Dear friends,



As you read this the Christmas festivities will be over and a New Year on the horizon. We will make the customary New Year resolutions with the best intentions of keeping them, but knowing deep down that eventually the resolve will weaken and they will fall by the wayside, it will be just another year with all that the World wants to throw at us. Does our life have to be like this? God doesn't intend our lives to be like this. I think the following story illustrates how life could be if only our attitudes were different.

Really Alive

Fyodor Dostoevsky told the story of the time he was arrested by the czar, and sentenced to die. The czar played a cruel psychological trick on people who rebelled against his regime by blindfolding them and standing them in front of a firing squad. They heard the gunshots go off but felt nothing, then they slowly realised the guns were loaded with blanks.

The emotional trauma that went with the process of dying, without experiencing death, had a transforming effect on people. It certainly had an incredible effect on Dostoevsky. He talked about waking up the morning of his execution with full assurance that that would be the last day of his life. As he ate his last meal, he savoured every bite. Every breath of air he took was taken with an awareness of how precious it was. Every face he saw that day he studied with intensity. He wanted every experience etched on his mind. As they marched him into the courtyard, he felt the sun beating down on him and he appreciated the warmth of the sun as never before. Everything around him seemed to have a magical quality to it. He was seeing the world as he had never been able to see it before. All of his senses were heightened. He was FULLY alive!

After his captors removed the blindfold and he realised that he had not been shot, everything about him changed. He became grateful to people he had previously hated. He became thankful for everything about life, but especially for life itself. Dostoevsky claims that it was this experience that made him into a novelist and raised his sensitivities so that he could perceive dimensions of reality never known to him before.

The Good News of the Gospel is that we don't have to go through such trauma in order to be wakened to the joys of life. In the Bible Jesus says: 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

(John 10:10). Jesus is the one who can take off the blindfold so that we can see clearly. People apart from the Holy Spirit are often described in the Bible as being asleep, but it also tells us that the work of the Holy Spirit is to wake us up to all that life is about. In Romans 12:1, Paul tells us that we should approach life with our eyes wide open to the mercies of God. It is the Holy Spirit that opens our eyes to these mercies day in and day out. May I suggest that your resolution for 2013 is to let Jesus take off your blindfold and to be awake to the grace and mercy of God.

A Happy and awake New Year from all at the Rectory.

John

Lay Parish Pastoral Care Team

Are you worried, lonely, in poor health or bereavement? We have a pastoral care team. If you, or anyone you know (with their permission) would like a visit from a member of the team, in complete confidentiality please contact the parish office (01825 722286) or fill in your details on this slip and hand in at The Rectory.

Name;

Home Address;

Telephone Number;

Chailey Youth Group

CYG has had an eventful year and when reflecting on what we have been up too, achieved and planned for 2013 I cannot help but allow the sense of pride and respect for our young people take over!

From dry ski slope skiing, to maize maze challenges, team building, tae kwando and cookery we have tried our hand at most things this year- all inspired by the young people. (I must say I wasn't too impressed with being challenged to zoom down the ski slope to end up in a heap at the bottom! Haha!)

Chailey really does have an amazing population of young people who make CYG what it is today. I cannot thank you volunteers Ken Furmedge, Naomi Parkinson, Peter Kybert and Andrew Paton enough for helping every other Friday night..... And too Chailey parish hall who house us each session. And to Chailey parish council for all of your kindness and support.

Have an amazing 2013! Love all at CYG!

Gemma Kybert (Chair person)

Chailey & Newick Painting Group

November's exhibition

What a weekend we had! The weather was wonderful and Chailey village hall was surrounded by stunning autumn colour. We welcomed hundreds of visitors, both old friends and first-timers; thank you all so much for coming - your presence is what makes our exhibition such an enjoyable event.

We had so many compliments on the high standard of the work on show - e.g. 'Better than anything in the Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells' - and some of the paintings sold are destined to adorn very prestigious premises indeed.

Our exhibition demands a great deal of input from our members (and some of their spouses!), from flower arranging to poster design, from cake-baking to demonstrating during the exhibition, the many stewarding duties required and, of course, producing, over the year, such fabulous art-work. My thanks to you all for making it such a memorable weekend.

The winner of the favourite painting vote, by a long way, was Christine Sentance's pastel piece, 'February Walk, Littlehampton'. Congratulations, Christine! We look forward to seeing it published in Leisure Painter magazine.

Next year's exhibition will be on 16th & 17th November, dates to put in your new diary now!

Carlina Oliver (Chairman) www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.org.uk



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Coffee Stop

Fridays 10.00—12.00

Everyone welcome

Bring your friends

All free

Next CAFE... CHURCH

in the Village Hall

February 17th 9.30 for 10.00am

Refreshments ~ a sing ~ a talk

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.15pm

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Tuesdays 10.00am

Wednesdays 10.00am

Thursdays 7.30pm

Coffee Stop

Prayer Meeting

Bible Study & prayer





As I am sure you are all aware, last month saw the passing of one of the most influential Amateur Astronomers in the World – Sir Patrick Moore. I was lucky enough to visit with him several times over the last years of his life, and will miss his hospitality, guidance and sense of humour. His work on TV and in Print over the last 60 years has inspired and encouraged countless people to take an interest in Astronomy, so next time you look into the

night sky, spare a moment to remember Patrick, and his ongoing legacy. As he said himself on many occasions, he had a good innings.

Rest In Peace - Sir Patrick Moore – 1923 to 2012

This month the BBC Stargazing Live team are hitting our screens again on the 8th, 9th and 10th of January. Dr Brian Cox and Dara O'Briain are presenting the shows again, but see if you can spot me at Jodrell Bank on the 9th January, where I will be one of the astronomers setup in the background! Whilst I am on the subject of Stargazing Live, there are many events taking place in January and February around the country co-ordinated by the BBC. You can find out information about all of them here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo/> I will be speaking at the Amex Stadium on the 10th January where the BBC team are laying on a ticket only event – so make sure you book up early! I am also holding another Astronomy in the Pub event at the Horns Lodge Inn on the 22nd February – more about that next month.

This month, the Quadrantid Meteor Shower peaks on the 3rd January. The shower is expected to provide about 80 meteors an hour on a dark night, but unfortunately the Moon is 75% illuminated on that night, so if any meteors will be difficult to see. Have a look in the early evening before the Moon rises to see if you can spot some!

On the 4th January, it is the 370th anniversary of Sir Isaac Newton, he was born in 1643, and was the discoverer of Gravity (although the falling apple bit is now widely believed to be a myth!) His book *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* was published in 1687. The book described Universal Gravitation and Newton's Three Laws of Motion, which laid the foundation for modern science. Isaac Newton also designed the first reflecting telescope, giving the name Newtonian Telescope to all telescopes of this type. Newton died in his sleep on 20th March 1726, and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

In the sky this month, Jupiter is still putting on a great show, although it is now moving away from the Earth now in its orbit. It is still worth having a look, as the planet's storm bands are still visible, and the 4 Galilean moons, Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto make a lovely display. On the 7th January at 20:28, Jupiter's Moon Europa will transit (pass in front of) the disk of Jupiter. At 22:09, Europa's shadow will also be visible on the disk as a dark spot.

On the morning of Wednesday 9th January have a look at the Moon. The Moon is 60 hours from new at 7am, so will have a tiny little bright crescent. The rest of the Moon should just about be faintly visible in the light reflected from the Earth. This is known as Earthshine, and makes a beautiful sight.

Jupiter's Moons also do a lovely dance on Thursday 10th January, when Io and Ganymede both transit the disk. Ganymede's transit starts at 19:04, and Io starts at 19:28.

There will be a new Moon on the 12th January, and will be full on Sunday 27th January this month.

Saturn is still an early morning object, rising at 01:57 on the 15th January in the

constellation of Libra. Always worth a look if you are an early riser. A pair of binoculars is enough to reveal what Galileo described as 'ears', but we now know are the beautiful rings of Saturn.

The 1st of February 2013 is the 10th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster, when the shuttle disintegrated over Texas and Louisiana during re-entry. All 7 crew members lost their lives that day, Commander Rick D. Husband, Pilot William C. McCool, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson, Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon, Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist David M. Brown, and Mission Specialist Laurel Blair Salton Clark.

The cause of the accident was determined to be a piece of debris approx the size of a suitcase which struck Columbia's left wing 82 seconds after launch.

Don't forget that you can learn more about South Common Observatory, see the pictures I have taken from Chailey, or order my Astronomical Greetings cards from my website : <http://www.nebul.ae> or follow me on Twitter @richiedeepsky.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER *By Sharon Davy*

'AFFORDABLE' HOUSING – means different things to different people

Chailey families often ask me whether their understanding of 'affordable' housing is correct and if not, could I make it plain what 'affordable' means. I constantly ask planners and housing officers to give our residents a clearer explanation. The word – 'affordable' is an umbrella for many options. I hope the definition below makes it a bit clearer.

- Subsidised housing provided by a council or housing association which is available below the market cost level. This can include homes rented at rent levels at approximately 50% of the local market level (social rented).
- Homes rented at affordable rent levels at approximately 80% of the market rent (affordable rent). Private landlords (subsidised).
- Homes that are sold as a part buy/part rent (shared ownership) or homes that are sold as a part equity purchase (shared equity). HomeBuy.
- Small, modest flats/houses for first-time buyers – private ownership, not subsidised. Market price. Not classified under the umbrella of 'affordable'.
- Rural exception sites, especially built for genuine local people in rural areas (hopefully in perpetuity – subsidised). As an example, the lovely new development next to Wivelsfield primary school.
- FirstBuy is a home ownership scheme announced in the 2011 Budget to help first time buyers who are struggling to get onto the property ladder due to the need for larger deposits. Serving and recently retired members of the Armed Forces are in the top priority category for assistance through FirstBuy. The scheme provides a 20 per cent equity loan to top up first-time buyers' own deposit of five per cent. This will allow purchasers to take out a mortgage for 75 per cent of the property. The loan is repaid when the property is resold and there is no fee on the loan for the first five years. Not classified under the umbrella of 'affordable'.

Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield) email: sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk
Telephone: 01444 831 336

Calling all Grandparents

Did you know that there is a grandparents and grandchildren's group which meets on alternate Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at the Chailey Children's Centre?

It can be isolating looking after small children and although we all love our grandchildren

it is great to get out with them. It really is an opportunity to meet up with other grandparents who are caring for young grandchildren.

The centre can be found in the grounds of Chailey secondary school and we meet in a wonderfully equipped purpose built room with access to outside play areas when weather permits.

Those of us who go really enjoy our mornings and the children have fun too!

The January dates are 2nd, 16th and 30th. Why not make a resolution to join us? We would love to see you. If you have any questions do contact the Children's Centre or phone me .

Susannah Griffin 01852 724335

Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd February, 11am, Chailey Village Hall

Support Chailey and Newick Rainbows and Brownies fundraise for their Young Leaders Catherine and Cassie to take part in service projects in Malawi and Madagascar with Girlguiding London and South East Region. For collection call :01825 723727 or drop off on the morning

St Peter's



School

This term is always busy and this year it has been particularly so.

Our football team managed to reach the final of the Chailey cluster tournament held at the secondary school. We have completed a Safety Week dealing with on-line security, crossing the road safely and what to do if a child was lost. The youngest children have been learning about nurses and we had a visit from a paramedic. They have also learned about the Great Fire of London and we had visits from the police and fire brigade. The older children have been looking at Fair Trade.

As a keen supporter of the School's Christian ethos I was gladdened to learn that the children are writing the prayers for the daily assembly, themselves.

At the time of writing we are in the midst of our Christmas festivities. Last week we had the Friends' Christmas Fair. The hall was packed with visitors. The older children had made gifts and games to sell and there was also a Magic Show. Mick and Heather Rowe organised the refreshments and the bacon rolls were especially tasty. The favourite destination though, for the children was Santa's grotto. Why is Santa always in a grotto? Why not a log cabin or an igloo? Some of you will be pleased to learn that I didn't win a thing in the Grand Draw.

This morning I went to see our Nativity Play, "Prickly Hay" and I'm pleased to report that unlike so many school nativity plays where the birth of Jesus is incidental to the story, ours was faithful to the gospels' telling.

On behalf of the governors, staff and children I wish ALL our readers a prosperous and peaceful New Year and as Tiny Tim Cratchit always says at this time of year, God Bless Us, Everyone.



Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131 c.william131@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion Chailey

The sub Branch's 2012 Poppy Appeal is approaching £3500 with some contributions still expected. Despite Debby Freeland's splendid total of £753 from her rainy sponsored walk and the kind efforts of individual collectors and static collecting points around the village, we are sadly unlikely to reach the record 2011 sum of £4886. If anyone is interested in helping in 2013, they are very welcome to contact James Radcliffe tel 01825723215 at any time."



Chailey Police Report

Chailey incidents -

0803 - 10/11 RTC A275, Markstakes Lane

There was a collision involving 2 vehicles on the A275 at the junction of Markstakes lane. There were no reported injuries.

0765 - 18/11 Stable damaged South Street

A stable located on South street was reported damage between the 17th and 18th of Nov.

0838 - 25/11 Theft from vehicle Chailey Common

A vehicle parked at Chailey common car park on North common road was broken in to and some items were stolen. This happened about 11:30am.

0454 - 27/11 Theft of fuel Station Road

Fuel was stolen from a vehicle located on Station road between 14:00 - 25/11 and 07:00 - 27/11.

0293 - 30/11 RTC A275, St Peters Primary School.

There was a collision on the A275 near St Peters primary school at about 08:50. This involved 2 vehicles. No injuries were reported.

0684 - 30/11 Vehicle damage Setford Fields

A motorcycle located at a property in Setford fields suffered some damage. This took place overnight between the 29th and 30th of Nov.

0714 - 30/11 Shed break Setford Fields

A shed was broken in to at an address in Setford fields overnight between the 29th and 30th of Nov.

1382 - 30/11 RTC A272

A collision involving 2 vehicles took place on the A272, Chailey crossroads at about 18:00. This resulted in minor injuries to drivers.

0813 - 01/12 Vehicle damage Mill Brooks

A vehicle parked in Mill brooks suffered some damage between 23:30 - 30/11 and 11:00 - 01/12.

1241 - 01/12 RTC Haywards Heath Road

A collision took place involving 2 vehicles at about 19:40 on Haywards heath road. A driver suffered minor injuries.

0337 - 03/12 Vehicle Damage Mill Brooks

A vehicle parked in Mill brooks suffered some damage to the locks. This happened between 20:00 - 01/12 and 06:00 - 02/12.

0348 - 03/12 Vehicle damage Mill Brooks

A vehicle parked in Mill brooks suffered some damage to the locks. This happened between 22:00 - 01/12 and 09:00 - 02/12.

Other Info -

Community Speedwatch -

Sussex police are looking for volunteers to assist in a community speedwatch scheme in Chailey. This gives the community the opportunity to help crack down on the speeding issues in the village.

If anyone would be interested in this please contact PCSO Steve Knowles for more details.

Community Messaging -

Community messaging is a new communication method which has been put in place to update members of the community on what is happening in your local area.

Regular emails are sent out to members of this service.

If you would be interested in this service please contact PCSO Knowles for more information.

Op Crackdown

Op Crackdown has been put in place to allow members of the public to report Anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles easily without having to use the switchboard.

This method has proven to be very reliable with a number of drivers being dealt with accordingly thanks to the reports made on Op Crackdown.

To make a report on Crackdown simply visit www.operationcrackdown.org. Each report will take about 5 minutes.

Local officer contact

To contact your local officer you can email to steven.knowles@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Or call **07787685708** or **0845 60 70 999 (ext 40526)**.

If you have any info regarding the above reports please call -0845 60 70 999 or 101

Please note that if you are reporting an incident all calls should go through the police switchboard. Non emergency 101 Emergency 999

Chailey Bonfire Society

Here's hoping you all had a fantastic Christmas and are enjoying a wonderful New Year so far! Last years Senior Citizens Christmas Party was another roaring success. The Bonfire Society prepared and served 67 Christmas meals to the OAP's from the Village. Entertainment was laid on afterwards in the form of the East Sussex Concert Band playing festive music. We were so impressed we have booked them to come back for this years Senior Citizens Christmas Party on the 9th December.

Once the plates were cleared away and everyone had had their fill of Chris Farrow's Famous Christmas Mulled Wine, the Bonfire Society held a firework display. Thank you to all the helpers who made this a special day for the Senior Citizens of Chailey!

It is with a sad heart that I also have to inform you of a Burglary at the Horns Lodge Inn on the 10th December. Thankfully, no one was hurt, however, Chailey Bonfire Society took the brunt of the losses, as it was our collection Whisky Jar and the Raffle money which was taken. Shame on the people who did this! If you have any information about the break in, please contact our Local PCSO Steve Knowles on **07787685708** We are holding another Scalextric Racing afternoon at the Horns Lodge Inn on the 27th January from 2pm to 6pm, so make sure you pop along to get your race times logged for the competition!

We've got plenty of events in planning for 2013, and I will be reporting on them as they are finalised, so watch this space!

It is still not too late to become a member of Chailey Bonfire Society. Membership

costs just £2 per person, and you get a free badge! You can contact Gini Jarvis on 01273 400989 or email gini@helkit.com to become a member.

You can follow all our exploits and events on the Chailey Bonfire Society website <http://www.chaileybonfire.co.uk>, or our Facebook group – just search for 'Chailey Bonfire Society', or enter this address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChaileyBonfireSociety> and ask to join.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Motown evening, an excellent meal and good fun for all. We are sorry some people were disappointed not to come but we shall be doing it again next year so watch this space

Wishing all you supporters a happy new year and we will be printing our programme for 2013 shortly.

Chailey Common Management Committee

A month ago the Committee reported that two Hebridean Sheep had been killed by dogs on Pound/Romany Ridge Commons. This number has now risen to five and urgent action must be taken to ensure the safety of the sheep.

It cannot be stressed too strongly that dogs must be under close control in the presence of livestock, ie walking to heel or on a lead. Failure to comply with this is a serious offence and legal action may follow. The vast majority of dog walkers on the Common act responsibly and they are urged to report incidents where a small minority show no regard for the welfare of the sheep.

Detailed information should be given to the graziers, Kevin and Carol Uridge, mobile 07791 784415 or Jo Heading, the Lead Ranger for Chailey Common, mobile 07977 450654.

John Smith - Chairman



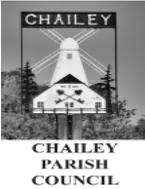
Chailey WI

As the first Tuesday in January falls on New Year's Day there will be no meeting in January.

At our December meeting we were entertained by A Capella, a choir from Edenbridge who sing to raise money for local charities. They provided a Christmas programme of songs, some familiar to us and some unusual arrangements, but all equally delightful and we were pleased to welcome some guests. We will also be enjoying our Christmas lunch at Heaven Farm in December.

We wish all our members a happy Christmas and look forward to meeting again in February.

Margaret Smith - 01825 723519



Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (Tel 01825 722651)

Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409).

Chailey Parish Councillors wish all residents of Chailey
A Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Village Information Point: Village Information Point

sessions are held on Friday mornings. In January sessions will be held on 18th and 31st January between 10.00 am and 12.00, at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey.



Register now for Superfast Broadband The Parish Council is supporting the Go e-sussex campaign which is preparing to look for a private sector partner to install faster broadband and invest in this project covering East Sussex. We need to continue proving that demand for faster broadband is high in East Sussex. East Sussex County Council recently launched the 'Go e-sussex' campaign to stimulate demand for faster broadband from businesses and homes across the county. A significant number of registrations will demonstrate high levels of demand to the telecoms industry. This will help to attract investment from potential broadband providers, ultimately helping homes and businesses in the county who are suffering from poor broadband access and speed. If you haven't already registered interest, then please do so now by completing the registration form online www.goesussex.co.uk (or call if you require a paper copy of the survey, telephone: 01273 335991). This website also features a News section which is regularly updated, as well as some frequently asked questions about broadband.

Have Map Will Travel Cllr. Peter Olbrich writes: *"I flew to Prague in the Czech republic hired a car and drove to the village of Velkey Losiny which is situated in the Olomuc region and lays in foot hills of the Jesenki mountains which border Poland, I visit this village because this is where my father originates from, it was part of Sudetenland (a long story). I had arranged to stay in my father's house where he was born for a few nights, to thank the people for having me I gave them a Jubilee map of Chailey, this is now on display in the house ! I am sure that Chailey maps have been sent further but this was hand delivered. Please let me know of any other interesting places Chailey maps are on show. "*

Highways: The Parish Council met with East Sussex County Council Highways on 11th December. Lesley Young Head of Chailey School also attended the meeting to discuss possible ways to make crossing the road along A272 and A275 at Mill Lane safer. A suggestion that school coaches should be better identified, perhaps by using hazard warning lights, was included in the measures considered; and highways officers were asked to cost pedestrian refuges at Mill Lane, South Chailey. Among other matters we noted that the width of the footway between the brickworks and Chailey Stores has been restored and the white line repainted.

East Sussex Road Gritting Routes Useful information on gritting routes is available at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads and transport, click on "gritting roads and pavements", and enter post code or street name in the search box. The primary and secondary gritting routes relative to your street/road are displayed. Many rural roads are not primary gritting routes; please reduce your speed in icy conditions.

Diary Reminder: The next meeting of Full Council will be held on Tuesday 22nd January and Planning & Environs Committee will meet on 8th January, 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**

Chailey Commons Society

Winter is truly with us once again but at least we are past the shortest day and we can look forward into the New Year.

Last year finished on rather a cold and wet note and our final event of a walk around the commons with Ian Seccombe took place on a wet day with just a few brave walkers turning out. The final indoor meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed the wonderful talk from Reg. Lanaway about the woodlands, seasons and bird life around Plumpton. We were privileged to hear all about his country knowledge and experiences of bird ringing.

The calendar sold really well and I hope that you have started to use it and see the beautiful pictures of the commons through the seasons.

The grazing has continued on the commons with the Exmoor ponies on Red House Common and the sheep and cattle on the lower commons are busy as well. Do take care with your dogs please and prevent further tragedies.

We are now looking forward to our first meeting which is on Thursday January 17th 2013 in Chailey Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. as usual when we shall have the presentation of the results of the surveys from 2012 on Lane End Common. This is always an interesting meeting and members are invited to show any slides and pictures as well.

Everyone, including visitors, welcome.

I wish everyone a very happy New Year.

William Coleman 01444 831098
www.chaileycommons.org.uk

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall Tuesday January 8th 2013 at 2.15

'Designing Historical Costumes for Theatre and TV' is the subject of our first lecture of the New Year. Our speaker Anna Buruma trained as a theatre designer at the Central School of Art & Design. She then worked in the theatre and later as a costume designer for television and film and studied the history of dress at the Courtauld Institute. She has been the archivist at Liberty since 1995 and museum administrator at Central Saint Martin's College of Art & Design since 2005. This should be a very entertaining afternoon accompanied with of course a superb digital presentation. Come and start the New Year with a little fun but also learn as well about the fascinating world of theatrical dress design. Anna has an extra title for her talk: 'It will never show!'

If you are not a member of our society then the cost is £5 on the door with tea and biscuits afterwards and a chance to talk to the speaker. We look forward to welcoming you and we would also like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Annette Shelford

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Uckfield Community Orchestra

'Real' orchestral music, upto Grade V standard
Open to players aged 8 to 80+, without audition
All strings, woodwind and brass welcome
Warm, supportive atmosphere - and friendly people!

Rehearsals: Wednesday 6.10-8pm (term-time only)
Foresters Hall, Harcourt Road, Uckfield

To find out more: **Telephone Sundari Heller (01342) 823099**
Email :info@uckfield-community-orchestra.co.uk
www.uckfield-community-orchestra.co.uk
www.facebook.com/UckfieldCommunityOrchestra

Have You Thought of Singing with a Choir?

The Fletching Singers (www.fletchingsingers.org.uk) meet on Tuesday evenings during term time in Fletching Village Hall from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. We are a sociable, relaxed and informal group and we put on 3 enjoyable concerts a year. New members are always welcome and in the spring term we are rehearsing for Beethoven's Mass in C which we will be performing with a full orchestra in St Margaret's Church, Buxted, on the evening of Saturday 23rd March (when there will also be two instrumental items - Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto).

First rehearsal of the spring term is on January 8th. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Nick Milner-Gulland on 01273 480189 or email njmg@fletchingsingers.org.uk. Why not come along and sing with us for a couple of Tuesday sessions before making a commitment?

Newick Country Market

Newick Country Market is held every Friday from 10am until 11am In Newick Village Hall on the A272

The market reopens on Friday 11th January when we will have a good selection of cakes, savoury meals, eggs, vegetables, preserves, plants, as well as handmade cards and knitted items available.

Whether you have lived in the area for a long while or have recently moved here, this is also an opportunity to meet up with friends old and new for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Information and orders 01825 768544.

Newick Twinning Association

AGM

Our AGM took place on Thursday 29th November. There are a few changes on our Committee. Following the Official Visit to Itteville next May (details below), Melanie Thew will step down as Chairman, after 10 years on the committee and 5 years in the Chair. She received a well-earned vote of thanks from members for all her hard work over the years. Melanie will however still retain some involvement, because she will take over the post of President from Sandy Keegan.

Sandy has been closely involved with Twinning from the outset more than 20 years ago, as a committee member, Chairman and latterly as President. She also received a very well deserved vote of thanks for all her efforts over the years, and we wish her well in her "Twinning retirement".

Eva Stripp is also leaving the Committee to spend more time in France (lucky her!), so this leaves us with a couple of places to fill. We would really like to involve younger people to take Twinning forward, so if you are interested, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you!

Wine & Wisdom Quiz

Our first event of the New Year will be our popular Quiz, which will take place in Newick Village Hall on **Saturday 19th January 2013** – 7:30 pm for 8 pm. It will be in the traditional format, with several rounds of questions in the familiar "Trivial Pursuits" categories, plus a couple of extra special rounds.

Tickets are £9 each, which includes nibbles and a ploughman's supper at half-time. A licensed bar will also be available to lubricate the grey cells. Teams are 8 people to a table, and if you can, why not get a group of family and friends together and book a whole table?

It's usually a sell-out, so please email me at andy@andrewwilsoncomputing.com or phone 01825 724223 to book tickets and/or reserve a table.

Progressive Dinner

This will take place on the evening of Saturday 9th March. It's good fun and a great way to meet other members. More details will be sent out in the New Year.

Official Visit to Itteville

The dates for this are Friday 24th to Monday 27th May. It's a Bank Holiday weekend and we have already booked a 50-seater coach. We hope to fill the coach, and we would especially like to take a good number of families with children. To this end, we are offering a number of **FREE PLACES** to children at Newick School travelling with their parents. More details will be published in the New Year, but please save the date and take this fantastic opportunity to have a family weekend in France!

Wivelsfield FILMS

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

Free, easy parking at the hall

Sunday, 20 January, 2013

Great Expectations (12A) Drama

Mike Newell, 2012

Starring Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes, Jeremy Irvine, Holliday Grainger, Robbie Coltrane, Sally Hawkins
Doors/licenced bar: 7pm, Evening film: 7.30pm

British film adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel in which a humble orphan suddenly becomes a gentleman with the help of an unknown benefactor.

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

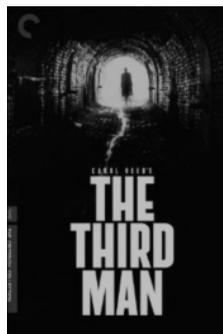
Tickets on the door, in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores or The Cock Inn, or online via the Facebook page for Wivelsfield Films or 'Buy Tickets' tab on Film Nights at www.wivelsfield.net



Newick Film Club

January screening Wednesday 2nd

Our Film for January can be described as being either Film Noir, Mystery or a thriller, it is the classic 1949 "The Third Man". This is a British film and is directed by Carol Reed and starring Joseph Cotten, Alida Valli, Orson Welles and Trevor Howard. The film is of course known for its atmospheric cinematography, acting performances, and who can forget that haunting musical score. The screenplay was written by novelist Graham Greene, who subsequently published the novella of the same name (which he had originally written as a preparation for the screenplay). Anton Karas wrote and performed the score, which used only the zither; its title music "The Third Man Theme" topped the international music charts in 1950.



Doors at Newick Sports Pavilion will be open from 7.30 when teas and coffees will be available. There will be a brief introduction to the film at 7.55 for a prompt 8.00 start.

At the end of the film there will be a discussion for those who would like to participate.

Membership is £15 for the season with no further charge for the screening. Guests are £5.

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