

Chailey News

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March 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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Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Herons Ghyll: Wednesday 9.30am Sunday 11.30am Holy Days 12 noon

Haywards Heath: Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm

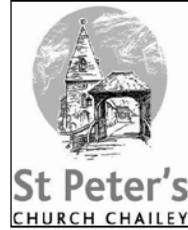
Uckfield: Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 9.30am

Lewes: Sunday 9am 10.30am

For further information about Roman Catholic services and activities, please contact Mrs Mary Butterfield, 01825 724003

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MARCH SERVICES 2013



Sunday 3rd March *Lent 3*

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 10th March *Mothering Sunday/Lent 4*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets

Sunday 17th March *Lent 5*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 24th March *Palm Sunday*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Thursday 28th March *Maundy Thursday*

7.30pm Holy Communion (with Barcombe at St Peter's)

Friday 29th March *Good Friday*

2.30pm Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday 31st March *Easter Day*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 7th April 8am Holy Communion 10am All age family service



It was late in the fall when Fuzzy Caterpillar gave up. "I suppose this is the end of me," he thought in his little round head as he tried to wriggle across the road and couldn't because his back was so stiff. "Now I am an old man and I shall never see another summer. Good-bye." And Fuzzy

Caterpillar rolled himself up in a grey blanket and hung himself on the end of a dried twig. "This is the last of me," he said once more as the dried little grub he now was rattled around in the cold.

All his beautiful furry coat was scattered to the winds. The path he had made in the dust grew narrower as it wound across the road. That was because Fuzzy Caterpillar had shrivelled as he crawled. Poor Fuzzy Caterpillar, who had so loved the Out-Doors!

The winter was white, and cold, and long. Then it was over, just as all winters are over at last, and Spring came. Spring came over the hills, in a pretty new green frock and with wild flowers in her hair. Sometimes she looked up at the sky, but oftener she looked down at the ground. Spring was looking for the little creatures that she loved so much; the tiny ants, the patient spiders, the cheerful beetles, and Fuzzy Caterpillar.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" Spring wondered. She did not see him, all dried up and hanging in his grey blanket from the twig.

"Of course Fuzzy Caterpillar is here somewhere," Spring said to herself. "And wouldn't it be nice to celebrate the day he comes out with some kind of a surprise?" The more Spring thought about this, the happier she was, and the nicer she thought it would be. So she spoke to the grass about it.

"Long Green Grasses," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you cover the ground for me?"

So the Long Green Grasses pushed their slender fingers up out of the earth and they covered the whole ground until it was bright and green again. But the Grasses looked everywhere, and they could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar.

Then Spring spoke to the trees.

"Patient Trees," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you cover your branches with new green leaves?" So the Patient Trees burst their hard brown buds, and they hung new green leaves upon every one of their branches. But the leaves looked everywhere, and they could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar. All they could see was a little rolled-up gray blanket hanging from a twig.

But Spring was not one bit discouraged, and she spoke to the Laughing Brook.

"Laughing Brook," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you run between your banks again, and sing a song?"

So the Laughing Brook began dancing and tripping over its stones again, and singing as it ran between its banks. Sometimes, though, it stopped in a quiet pool, and it could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar anywhere along its edge.

But Spring, who is very wise, was not discouraged yet, and so she spoke to the flowers.

"Sleepy Roots," called Spring, "I want to make Out-Doors pretty, and celebrate the day that Fuzzy Caterpillar comes out. Will you grow and send up plants that will bud and bloom?"

So the Sleepy Roots did just as Spring had asked them. They awoke, and they sent up leaves and buds through the earth, and the buds blossomed. So there were crocuses in purple petticoats, and daffodils in bonnets with yellow ruffles. There were tulips, red, yellow, pink, and white. They filled all the gardens, making them beautiful. And the fields

were golden in the sunshine because the dandelions had bloomed again. But the flowers could not see Fuzzy Caterpillar anywhere.

Then Spring stood on the top of the hill and she looked all over the wide Out-Doors. It was very, very pretty again, so she decided that the day had come when she would celebrate.

"This is Easter Day," said Spring.

"But where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" whispered the Long Green Grasses.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" rustled the New Green Leaves.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" tinkled the Brook so sadly that it did not sound like singing.

"Where is Fuzzy Caterpillar?" the wind sighed as it blew through the flowers.

Just then a wonderful thing happened. As if it had floated down from the sky, a beautiful moth flew and lighted on the tip of Spring's finger. It had all the colours of Easter in its wings, the green of the grass and the leaves, the blue of the waters, and the gold of the spring flowers. It was such a beautiful creature that only to look at it made one feel happy. But every one wondered about the moth.

"It is a stranger from far away," they said.

"Oh, no," said Spring. "Fuzzy Caterpillar has come out."

And this was true, for the grey blanket that hung from the twig was torn and empty.

This is the story of Easter, Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sins and bring us Salvation. Happy Easter

John at the Rectory

Chailey Branch of The Women's British Legion

We are holding our annual Spring Whist Drive .Saturday 9th March 7.30pm Chailey Village Hall £3.00 for an evening's entertainment and a plate supper. Why not join us, its cheap, its fun and it's for a really good cause. If you would like more information contact Susannah Griffin on 01825 724335

Nearly New Sale

20th April 2013 Nearly New Sale of Baby & Children's Clothing, Toys & Equipment. 1pm-2.30pm. Chailey Parish Hall, A275 adj Five Bells Pub, BN8 4DA. £1 Admission. Free Parking.

For info or to book contact Susan on 01273 890745, or email aliandandyh@btinternet.com

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 Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

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Ladies Luncheon

March 16th 12.20 for 12.30pm

We welcome Philip Holden-Jennings from Victim Support, East Sussex whose talk will cover burglaries in our area

Please book before March 15th

07884 303725 voice or 07792 889078 text only

Donations appreciated

You are very welcome at any of our services

Sunday Services
10.30am
and
6.15pm
CONTACT
01444 471600
01273 890114

Coffee Stop
Fridays 10.00—12.00
Everyone welcome
Bring your friends
All free

Wednesdays 10.00am	Prayer Meeting
Thursdays 7.30pm	Bible Study & prayer

Volunteer Vacancies



Opening in April 2013 – The Life Skills Centre is a new state of the art facility for young adults aged 19-25 with a physical disability.

Support from volunteers is required in various areas of the Life Skills Centre: Reception / Admin Duties, Assisting in GK's Café e.g. cooking / counter service, Supporting young adults in a range of activities including arts and craft and ICT. If you would like to volunteer in our new Life Skills Centre, please contact the Volunteer Services Co-ordinator on 01825 724444 ext 136

Open day for volunteers: 8th March 2013, 10.30am – 12 and 3.30pm – 5pm. Please phone to book a place. Application packs will be available on the day.

Futures Life Skills Centre, Futures@Chailey Heritage, Haywards Heath Road, North Chailey, Lewes, East Sussex. BN8 4EF - www.futureschailey.org.uk. Futures@Chailey Heritage is part of Chailey Heritage Foundation, Registered Charity No. 1075837.

Chailey and District Horticultural Society.

Well here we are again, another year, another Season and another show.

The Spring Show is popular because it hopefully heralds in the better weather (fingers crossed) with some of the first flowers of the year. The perfume and variety of daffodils is such a welcome presence in the Village hall in March, along with hyacinths and other Spring flowers. There are novice classes for those with limited experience of showing and Committee members will be at the hall on Saturday morning to help or advise, if required.

I have listed the Novice Classes below;

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

For definitions please ask me, Linda (telephone number below) or see Spring Show notes on page 6 of the Show Schedule.

There are also classes for **Pot Plants, Vegetables, Flower Arranging, Handicrafts Art and Photography, Cookery and Children's classes.**

We have a Children's Special Class, which is kindly sponsored by **DRIVEPOINT Construction Limited;**

The greatest weight of potatoes grown in a bucket, potatoes and bucket supplied at the Spring Show. This class will be judged at the Summer Show

A £10 prize will be awarded.

DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR SEED POTATOES AND BUCKET AT THE SHOW! Open to all children.

Looking forward to 2014;

September 2013 is the time to be thinking ahead to the 2014 shows, but you might like to look through the Spring Show classes in this schedule to plan your entries for next year. Plant up your pot of daffodils in or narcissi in September (maximum 230mm inside diameter) to have it ready in time for placing on the show bench in March 2014.

Make your choice of hyacinths to be grown in a bowl.

Finally, look at any entries in the 2013 Spring Show that might be of particular interest to you, ask questions and make notes on them. Then come back next year and compete against others for those first prize certificates.

See you at the Show on 23 March 2013 at 2.30pm

Membership; Nina Bourne 01273 402994 - Linda Keet-Harris 01825 723817



Jumble Sale

is being held at the village hall on Saturday March 16 at midday by Chailey Cricket Club. There will be good as new, bric-a-brac, books, toys, clothes and linen. Donations of jumble will be much appreciated on the day from 9am or can be collected beforehand, to arrange collection call 01273 890777. Please use this opportunity to have a clear out as anything you donate will help raise much needed funds for the Cricket Club.

David Dembrey 01273 890777

Chailey Commons Society

Following the recent snow and rain the ground is really waterlogged and the commons are as wet as I have seen them. The paths are churned up so do try to take an alternative path to avoid the worst areas. The ponies continue to graze Red House Common and are now getting further afield and not staying quite so much together.

During the recent RSPB Garden Bird Count, I was not able to see so many birds this time and this is despite my feeding them as usual. My suspicions were confirmed as I have now seen a Kestrel visiting the garden and swooping in during the afternoon, no doubt using the feeding station as a larder with fresh supplies available!

Our Results Meeting was well attended and we all enjoyed hearing from our surveyors about the details from last year for Lane End Common. There were many slides to see of the Bird counts, the Flora, Fungi and Dragonflies. A big thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to visiting Memorial Common during this year. We shall be walking out this common for our initial look around, on Saturday 23rd March at 2.00.p.m., so do come along and help us.

Our next Indoor meeting will be our AGM on Thursday March 21st in the Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. when, after the short official business, our speaker will be Steve Alton on the History of Landscapes in Britain.

For further information visit our website - www.chaileycommons.org.uk

William Coleman - 01444 831923

Grandparents Toddler Group

The group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.30 at the Chailey Childrens Centre which is in the grounds of the secondary school.

There is lots for the grandchildren to do as we have the use of a wonderfully equipped room and when weather allows a safe outside area full of things to do and explore. It is also a great chance to chat to other grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren. The next few meeting are March 13th and 27th and April 10th and 24th.

If you would like more information do call me . Susannah Griffin 01825 724335.

Chailey Common LNR Management Committee

The sheep are expected to return to the Common in the Spring and continue the conservation started last year. In view of the disturbing number of sheep killed by out of control dogs, the Committee has discussed measures to improve their safety. Larger signage in the car parks and other relevant points will emphasise the need for dogs to be under close control or on a lead. Also there will be emphasis on the Commons where sheep are not grazing and owners who cannot or will not control their dogs should use these. It is possible that when the sheep return volunteers will monitor the animals and explain to owners the need for dogs to be controlled.

There has been considerable comment about the cattle grids on North Common and Beggars' Wood roads and the future of the temporary chicanes. The intention is that the latter on both roads should be made permanent as they have proved successful in reducing traffic speed around Plum Tree Crossroads. As this work will not take place for some months it has been suggested that the warning signage should be improved. Local people have queried why the five Commons were not fenced individually and so eliminate the need for cattle grids. When the fencing project was discussed permission from the land owners was clearly a pre-requisite. As a condition of their support one group of significant land owners stipulated a perimeter fence around Pound, Romany Ridge and Memorial Commons. Their decision was influenced by the promise of a 40 mph speed limit and a dislike of parcels of land as opposed to a larger, open environment.

John Smith 01825 723519

Chailey WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th March when Karen Martin will be with us on Hypnotherapy Explained. This will not involving putting anyone in a trance! It covers the way hypnotherapy helps in many situations, including the preparation athletes undergo in training for their big events.



In February we had a fascinating evening with Dr John Kay whose talk was entitled On the Parish. When King Henry VIII abolished the monasteries it left the poor without anyone to care for them, and this eventually became the duty of each parish. Dr Kay had a wealth of information taken from neighbouring parish records; unfortunately over the years someone had 'tidied up' our Chailey records so that there was little to tell us what had happened here. It was sobering to reflect on the very tough existence of people who were destitute in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. We are always glad to welcome prospective members and guests to any of our meetings, for whom we make a nominal charge of £2.

Margaret Smith 01825 723519



By the time you read this, the Asteroid 2012-DA14 will have passed by the Earth at a distance of 21,200 miles give or take 93 miles. I hope to be able to share some pictures of the asteroid with you next month, assuming the skies are clear!

As the nights start to shorten again in March, there is plenty to see in the night sky. Jupiter is still well placed for a look in the early evening to the West. Look for the bright 'star', and you've found it.

It is the brightest thing in the sky at the moment.

Spring is known as 'Galaxy Season' in Astronomical circles. The reason is that our own Milky Way Galaxy is starting to set earlier and earlier in the night sky. This allows

us to see outside of our own Galaxy, and see many more galaxies outside of our own. All Galaxies apart from the Andromeda Galaxy require a telescope to see, and appear as faint fuzzy smudges.

With a very large telescope, it is possible to see detail in other galaxies, but it really takes a camera to bring out the real beauty of objects so far away. For example, I've been taking images of Messier 81 and 82 over the last couple of months – see here: <http://goo.gl/gjuau>. These 2 galaxies are located in Ursa Major, and are 11 million light years away. We are only now seeing the light that left these galaxies 11 million years ago, back when our planet Earth was in the middle of the Miocene period. Mammals were around on the Earth at this point in time, and the dinosaurs were a distant memory. There were several varieties of Ape around at this point as well, so evolution was well on its way to creating us!

Ursa Major is the constellation which contains the asterism known as the Plough, Saucepan, and to our American cousins The Big Dipper. It means the Larger Bear in latin. It was first listed by the 2nd Century Astronomer Ptolemy. The constellation of Ursa Major is always visible from our location, never setting throughout the year.

Whilst having a look at Ursa Major, you can also check your eyesight. For centuries, the stars Mizar and Alcor have been used as a test of good eyesight. They were the first known Binary stars, being in orbit around each other, and not just in the same line of sight. Most people with good vision can see that there are 2 stars showing with the naked eye. Have a look and see if you can see 2 stars or just one.

Professional Astronomers have now determined that these stars are part of a collection of 6 stars in orbit around each other! What we know as Mizar is actually a quadruplet of stars orbiting each other. Alcor is now known to be another binary star system orbiting Mizar.

There is plenty of other things to see in Ursa Major, but space is limited, so I will have to tell you about those another time.

Next month I will talk a bit more about Saturn, which is an early morning object in our skies at the moment, but I wanted to let you know about a close encounter between Cassini and Saturn's Moon, Rhea.

On 9th March, NASA's Cassini spacecraft will flyby Saturn's 2nd largest Moon, Rhea. Mimas, Enceladus, Tethys, Dione, Rhea, Titan and Iapetus are the first 7 commonly known. Saturn has 62 Moons that are in a stable orbit, and 53 are named. Only 13 of the Moons have a diameter larger than 31 miles.

The name Rhea comes from Greek mythology. A race of super-beings, known as the Titans, who were the descendants of Gaia (Earth) and Uranus (Heaven). There were 12 first line Titans. The boys were Oceanus, Hyperion, Coeus, Cronus, Crius and Iapetus. The 6 girls were Mnemosyne, Tethys, Theia, Phoebe, Rhea and Themis. Rhea was the mother of Zeus. Zeus was saved by Rhea from the wrath of his Father/Uncle Kronos, who ate the rest of the children whole, as they were born. Zeus then went on in adulthood to lead the rebellion, resulting in the 10 year War of the Titans.

The mission itself will see the Cassini spacecraft fly within 620 miles of the surface of Rhea. The flyby will allow scientists to understand the internal structure of Rhea, and discover whether Rhea is a solid body, or a crust around a liquid centre like our Earth. The spacecraft will also measure the dust around the moon, and take what promise to be stunning pictures of the moon. You can find out the latest about the Cassini mission by going to the NASA website here: <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov>

Quite a sad date in any astronomer's calendar this year is what would have been Sir Patrick Moore's 90th Birthday on the 4th March. The last episode of the Sky At Night to feature Sir Patrick brought in 2.11 million viewers according to the BBC. It is sad that he has passed on, but his legacy continues in all the Astronomers he has inspired over the years.

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://nebul.ae>.

Richie Jarvis

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Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (Tel 01825 722651)

Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409).

Village Information Point: Village Information Point sessions are held on Friday mornings. In March sessions will be held on 1st and 15th March between 10.00 am and 12.00, at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey.

Council Tax Precept: Your Parish Council constructs a budget each year to finance its activities for the coming Financial Year; this is called the Precept and details are made public on our noticeboards and website. Our income is mainly composed of the Council Tax, but also includes revenues which accrue to the Council through letting property and hiring out facilities. Residents are invited to discuss our expenditure and purposes, for example, at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors decided last month to maintain the Precept at £48,000 for the third year running. Residents will know that the Parish Precept is a minimum part of their annual Council Tax Demand but, as Tesco will have it – *every little helps*. When taking their decision, Councillors were mindful of residents' interests but also of Government advice and the relatively healthy nature of our current reserves.

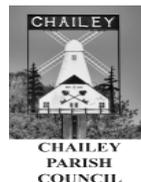
However, no such financial statement should come without a Health warning! Within the Precept last year Councillors were able to set Chailey Youth Group on their feet and to commission the Diamond Jubilee map; but this year the Council is preparing itself for more significant expenditure which will eat into our reserves. Chailey Sports Club has stated its intention finally to build a new Pavilion and the Council has pledged £30,000 towards this project; the Council also intends to improve the playing surface of the Sports ground. And, at some point, the effects of inflation will make themselves felt on our running costs.

Grants to Local Organisations - The Council considers its community grants in July each year and applications need to be submitted by the end of June. Community grants offer financial support to local groups and organisations, at present twenty organisations are supported. A grant application form and a copy of the Council's grant policy may be obtained by contacting the Clerk or down loading from the Council's web site www.chailey.org

Highways: the Parish Council meets quarterly with Highways. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 12 at 0930 in the Reading Room, and provides an opportunity for the Council to discuss, and in some cases, resolve road problems in the village. Ongoing concerns relate to Warrs Hill footpath; to the Common; to speed-limits on the A275 and A272; to crossing the A272 (Newick approach); to Cinder Hill traffic; and the Council always discusses with Highways the maintenance of footpaths and similar access routes.

Furniture Now! - Furniture Now! is an organisation which works to reduce society's negative environmental impact by providing re-use services for furniture, white goods, computer equipment and other household items. The charity employs staff and numerous volunteers/trainees to deliver its services. These schemes provide products back to the community at great prices and helps trainees and volunteers gain the skills they need to progress to other work. FN! are in need of volunteers to help in the warehouse and office at the stores in Lewes. Anybody interested can call Martyn Dunne (Lewes supervisor) on 01273 487007.

Diary Reminder: The next meeting of Full Council will be held on Tuesday 19th March and Planning & Environs Committee will meet on Tuesday 5th March, 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



COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

The Cabinet Meeting held on the 13th February 2013 put forward their recommendations for another Council Tax Freeze - 2013/2014. This will be put to the vote at the full Council Meeting on February 27th February. This proposal will be welcomed by many hard working families in Chailey, especially those working on a tight budget. Hopefully, it will also be helpful for our retired community who have worked hard all their lives and are struggling to make ends meet. It gives a clear indication of how important it is to listen to our communities and try and help in a realistic and practical way. I know that many Chailey residents wish to see local Councils take on a much slimmer, leaner shape, whilst retaining all our essential services – a sentiment I share.



PETITION FOR SAFER CROSSING

Many residents (but not all) living on the A272 – from the King's Head – along to the boundary of Newick have asked if I can help find a solution, as far as crossing this busy road. It seems sensible to work together with Newick. Cllr. Jim Sheppard. Having met with residents in late December and listened to what they had to say, there are petitions at: The King's Head Petrol Station - The King's Head Pub - Newick Store. If, in your busy lives, you have a chance to sign the petition and of course, give your comments and helpful suggestions – it would be appreciated. Of course, we have the freedom of speech to voice our own opinions and we can't agree all the time, but all comments are welcome. I think it is important to thank our Parish Council that diligently continues to meet East Sussex County Council Highways on a regular basis and valiantly puts forward our problems that we wish to be solved.

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

Telephone: 01444 831 336

Chailey Youth Group

Chailey youth group enters its 7th year in 2013 and its due to the wonderful committee and volunteers, parish hall committee for housing us and the parish council for supporting us with a grant. But we must not forget the amazing youth- we have hit 33 young people on some nights which means 33 young people engaged, taking part, team building and taking opportunities....

As the spring approaches we have our Eggs-stra-va-ganza and mass Easter egg hunt, outings and plenty more to look forward to!

A massive thank you as always to Tracey Gunes, Ken Furmedge, Naomi Parkinson, Andrew Paton, Peter Kybert and Gemma Kybert for running the group and activities... Also a huge welcome and thanks to Lesley who lives in the village for offering to help out where she can with cookery activities etc.

We really do need more help and support to run the group as on some nights it is Tracey, Ken and Gemma still packing away at gone 10.30pm which is a long day when you started work at 8am... So please do let us know if you can lend a hand, run a project or help in anyway!

Wishing you a wonderful next few weeks - All at CYG

St Peter's



School

When I was in school last week, as is my wont, I called in to hear the choir practising and was surprised to see that the number of children attending had increased by more than 50%. It seems that the success of the choir over the Christmas period had encouraged so many more children to join. The netball team is taking part in a tournament at the secondary school later this week.

Mr. James McDonald has joined the school staff as a learning support assistant.

Lion class took part in a creative writing competition recently and I had a look at the entries. How the winners were chosen I don't know because the ideas and the way they were presented were first class. I'm glad I didn't have to choose the winners. The competition was sponsored by one of our governors. Some of the children are entering the 500 word story writing competition being run by the B.B.C. currently.

When I was learning modern Greek I started by attending evening classes and found that the older students were held back by the younger ones because of their lack of understanding of grammar. Because of this I took up private lessons, expensive though they were. I was glad to hear, then, that grammar is now to be taught as a separate lesson.



The only time I see a real policeman these days is when I'm en route to Greece at Gatwick Airport so imagine my surprise when a real constable knocked on my door last week. He was seeking information about a stolen car that had been abandoned in the street outside my house for some weeks. I did ask him if that when he next saw the Chief constable would he ask him if we could have a village policeman, again. If we had had one that car wouldn't have been there so long.

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

Chailey Bonfire Society

Bonfire season is not quite upon us, but there is still a lot of fundraising to be done to make our fireworks this year extra special! We have a quite a few great events coming up, so please support us!

The 100 club in February was won by Paul Blake, who had number 91. Congratulations Paul, we at Chailey Bonfire Society hope you find something suitable to spend your £50 on!

Our Annual Scalextric race at the Horns Lodge was held on the 27th January. Hope you managed to register a good time. Another roaring success, we had over 70 races during the day. The Junior and Senior prizes were scooped up by the Skelton family, with Connor Skelton winning the Junior category, and Chris Skelton winning the Adult category. Congratulations and we hope you are enjoying your prizes.

The full leaderboard for the day looked like this. If you are wondering why some names are on the list twice, each person can set a time for each lane:

As you may have seen in the Horns Lodge, we have been running a Valentines Day raffle. The draw took place on the 12th February by the winners of the Mr & Mrs Quiz, Adrian and Clare Black. They drew ticket 23, which was brought by Linda Lethem. Congratulations to Adrian and Clare for winning the Mr & Mrs Quiz, and Congratulations

to Linda Lethem for winning the Valentines Day raffle. We hope you enjoy your prizes!

Saturday 9th March 11am to 1pm we will be having our Jumble Sale at the Chailey Village Hall. Why not clear out all that stuff you don't really need after Christmas?

If you have any good quality items you wish donate for the Jumble Sale, please deliver them to the Village Hall on Friday 8th March at 9pm. If you have any other queries about the Jumble Sale, please call Trevor Smith on 01273 891008.

Saturday 27th April 10am to 4pm The village of Chailey will be coming together to celebrate St Georges Day. Chailey Bonfire Society are running the event, and would welcome other Societies and organisations around to participate. If you wish to join in, we are charging £10 for a pitch. The more the merrier! Please contact Richie Jarvis on 01273 400989 or richie@nebul.ae to book your pitch.

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. *Chailey Bonfire Society Email: contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk*

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall Tuesday March 12th 2013 at 2.15

'Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens.' Those of you who have read 'Vanity Fair will remember poor Becky Sharp's visit to these gardens and her unfortunate encounter with a very hot chilli which finished any romantic dalliance between her and her best friend's Amelia's brother Jos! Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens on the South Bank of the Thames entertained Londoners for over two hundred years. Enormous crowds could be accommodated and in 1749 a rehearsal of Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* attracted an audience of 12,000, in 1786 a fancy dress jubilee was thronged with 61,000 revellers and in 1827 the Battle of Waterloo was re-enacted with 1,000 soldiers taking part. It was a tremendous centre of entertainment, even the Prince of Wales was a frequent visitor.

Our lecturer Andrew Davies read law at Oxford but quickly discovered that he only ever wanted to talk about history. He is a very lively and most entertaining speaker and lectures extensively for NADFAS, the National Trust, London and Essex University Extra-Mural Departments, the Open University and the British Museum. Come and find out all about a now, really forgotten and fascinating part, of London's past. The lecture will as usual be illustrated by a digital presentation.

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. If you require any further information please ring Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250

Annette Shelford

The Bluebell Railway

On the 23rd March the Bluebell Railway will complete its northern extension into the historic market town of East Grinstead. To mark the opening of the line, the Bluebell will stage a two week "Festival" commencing on opening day, Saturday 23rd March. Full details of the opening Festival can be found at the Bluebell website, www.bluebell-railway.com or call the Customer Service Team on 01825 720800

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Watoto Children's Choir Visit Newick

On Wednesday 1 May 2013 this inspiring children's choir from Uganda will be performing a free concert at Newick School from 7pm. Watoto started as a Christian response to the overwhelming number of orphaned children and vulnerable women in Africa, whose lives had been ravaged by war and disease. The mission of Watoto is to rescue the vulnerable and raise each one as a leader, so that they in turn will rebuild their nation. The Watoto Children's Choir travel the world as advocates for those vulnerable women and children. Having had the pleasure of watching two of their concerts now, their performances are a real must-see for people of all ages. After their performance, the choir will be selling their merchandise and a free will offering will be taken, all proceeds from which go towards helping this very worthy cause. Limited tickets are available in advance by contacting me (Jo Barton) on 01825 723906. **For a short online promotional film please check out <http://vimeo.com/36956776>**

Newick Twinning Association

Wine & Wisdom Quiz

Our Wine and Wisdom Quiz took place on the evening of 19th January. A team of dedicated volunteers spent the afternoon setting up the Village Hall and clearing some of the snow from the car park, and we were delighted to have a large turnout of people, despite the wintry weather.

This year's winners and new holders of the Itteville Challenge Cup were the Pontificators – a new team name, but with some suspiciously familiar faces. Congratulations to them! Their name will now appear in the Hall of Fame, which will be shown in our display cabinet at the back of the Village Hall. This shows all the winners of the cup since its inauguration in 1998.

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. The deadline for applying to take part is Saturday 2nd March. We're sorry, but we cannot accept any late participants after this date, because we have to finalise all the detailed arrangements and send personalised itineraries to everyone early in the week before the 9th. If you want to participate, please contact Andy Wilson on 01825 724223 or andy@andrewwilsoncomputing.com

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. We leave Newick on the Friday morning, travelling through the Channel Tunnel and arriving at Itteville about 6 pm. You will spend 3 nights with your hosts, and our friends in Itteville are busy organising outings, receptions, meals and other entertainments for the Saturday and Sunday. We depart on the Monday morning, stopping at a hypermarket near Calais for essential supplies of French goodies, and returning to Newick early evening.

The price is £60 per adult to take part, plus £25 per head for the coach journey. It's amazing value for a weekend in the Paris region, and all your board and lodging is provided by our hosts. For more details and to book a place, please contact Ian Reekie on 01825 722957 or ianreekie24@gmail.com

Newick Country Market

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

We now have a selection of local cheeses available as well as all our normal produce. There is always a good selection of cakes and savoury items as well as winter vegetables, preserves and eggs. In addition we have plants and handicrafts, which include greetings cards and even an animal portraitist.

Come along early because popular goods sell fast, and stay for a cup of tea or coffee. Information and orders 01825 768544.

The Fletching Singers

Present **MOZART** and **BEETHOVEN** with **The Fletching Players** Leader – Robert Retallick.

Egmont Overture **op.84** **Beethoven**

Clarinet Concerto **K.622** **Mozart** - Soloist – Diana Davy

Mass in C op.86 **Beethoven**

Soloists Rachel Rogers (soprano) Hilary Andrews (mezzo) Tim Wilcox (tenor)
David Hadden (bass) Conductor - Nick Milner-Gulland

Saturday March 23rd 2013 at 7.30 p.m. St Margaret's Church, Buxted TN22 4AY

Tickets @ £12 are available from 01825 712462, or at the door, or from a choir member, or online from www.ticketsource.co.uk

Lewes Windmill District Guides Trefoil

Guild

After the Christmas break we gathered in January for our AGM. Chairman Judy Pardoe reported on another action packed year with a wide variety of interests and events covered. One of the highlights being the October Open Evening when we were joined by our County Chairman, friends and members of other Guilds in Newick Church Barn Centre for Supper and a most interesting and enlightening talk on 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'.

During the year we were able to support our Guide District in many ways when asked to help leaders with events planned for the girls – most notably, a very wet, muddy, squelchy County Diamond Games at Sheffield Park for girls aged 5 and upwards from across the County. Brownies were seen thoroughly enjoying themselves splashing in all the puddles they could find between activities!

The Programme for 2013 promises much more of interest. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30 pm (summer meetings – outdoor venues). On March 20th our speaker, an ex-policeman will be talking on 'Policing the Railways'. In April we are going to have a Skittle Evening with a Finger Buffet at the Royal Oak, Barcombe. In May we plan to visit Plumpton College. There will be an NGS garden visit during the summer, and in the Autumn a visit to Plumpton Mill.

A warm welcome will be given to anyone aged 18 – 80+ who would enjoy a varied programme and at the same time give support to Girlguiding.

For more information please contact: Chairman - Judy Pardoe 01825 723 815

Secretary - Linda Samson 01825 723 171. Email: linda.samson@btinternet.com

Wivelsfield Films

Wivelsfield Village Hall

Sunday, 3 March: Doors/licenced bar: 7pm, Evening film: 7.30pm

Quartet (12A) Comic drama

Cissy (Pauline Collins), Wilf (Billy Connolly) and Reg (Tom Courtenay) were in an operatic quartet, but will the appearance of Reg's ex-wife Jean (Maggie Smith) put a spanner in the works given her fall from grace?



Sunday, 10 March: Doors/licenced bar: 6.30pm, film: 7pm (note earlier start time)

Les Misérables (12A)

As the action is no longer confined to the limited space of a theatre stage, this brilliant adaptation of the stage production offers even greater thrills. See if you agree with the critics who say that Anne Hathaway's performance as Fantine, a single mother, stole the show.



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

Tickets £5.50 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. Tickets available on the door until sold out. Advance booking strongly recommended.

Newick Film Club

After the Film Noir of "The Thrid Man" in January, the culinary exploits of "Julie & Julia" in February our March screening in is "The Sixth Sense" to be shown on Wednesday 6th March. I am not sure how to catergorise this 1999 film, it's a drama, a thriller and a mystery. It was nominated for 6 Oscars and stars Bruce Willis, who for once doesn't take his shirt off and brandish a violent weapon, indeed he plays a disheartened child psychologist. Screening will be on Wednesday 6th March . As usual 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 welcome [£5].

Contact Paul Sentance tel 01825 723717 p.sentance@bopenworld.com

Chailey News - April Issue

The deadline for the April issue of Chailey News is 12th March. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

1. Send items to 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 from everyone at CHEC