

Chailey News

December 2013

Free



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

(cover photo by Ian Secombe)

DECEMBER SERVICES 2013



- Sunday 1st December** *Advent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service followed by Pete's Pantry
- Sunday 8th December** *Advent 2*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 15th December** *Advent 3*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am CHILDREN'S CHRISTINGLE
- Sunday 22nd December** *Advent 4*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
6pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
- Tuesday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*
3.30pm CRIB SERVICE
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS
- Wednesday 25th December** *Christmas Day*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am FAMILY SERVICE
- Sunday 29th December** *Christmas 1*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 5th January** *Epiphany*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets



Dear Chailey residents,

We are very aware of spiritual warfare in our lives as Christians. This is the point where the two worlds collide, good (light) versus bad (dark) we have battled with it since we became Christians over 30 years ago. Satan wants to bring chaos into our lives, especially when we are about God's work. St Peter's is moving forward and we rejoice that in Jesus we have the victory. Satan will try and bring us down because he wants us to think he is equal to God, but he is not. God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He can do anything, anywhere, anytime. No question Satan is a formidable foe, but there are limits to what he is permitted to do. (Job 1:12)

Here is a classic example of the battle:

Daisy's headmaster has asked us to begin the search for the next phase of her education. For her this will be the most important decision we make with her and for her, because of the events that brought her to us. She is a Christian and wants to be in a Christian School with a "Christian Union." She has already decided without visiting it, but we are going to visit three Schools. God is vital to her and we rejoice in that. It was the morning of the first interview and the telephone rang very early, one of those unexpected calls that make you think 'someone must have died, it's too early for anything else.' Nobody had died, but it was my friend who helps me in the house, sounding very distressed because she had just received an email from "John," saying he had been mugged and robbed in the Ukraine and was being held at gunpoint, so please send money for his release. It didn't help that Daisy had answered the phone and had stated 'No my Grandpa isn't here,' (she meant in the office) but she didn't add 'he's in the bathroom being held hostage by the shower.' My friend asked what she could do to help and I suggested I would be grateful if she could do the ironing. It was a hoax we had been hacked. Then it began, phone calls from everywhere. Germany, Australia, Belgium and all over the country wherever our friends lived asking if we were alright. We discovered that all of the files on the computer had gone, all of the business from Church, all our private files and address book. We had been well and truly hacked, there was lots of scratching of heads as to how it could have happened and from Nigeria too. Then we said to one another 'shall we cancel the School meeting and sort it out?' Of course that's what Satan wanted. Our dear friend came to fix the computer mess and we went to School.

The second distraction that week was a little voice that said 'Gran can I have a tattoo?' My little voice whispered back to me, 'here we go.' The first little voice continued 'I want a tattoo that says 'everything happens for a reason.' My little voice replied 'what do you mean?' 'Well' she said loudly in a bigger voice. 'If all of this hadn't happened to me I wouldn't live with you, I wouldn't live on the Green, I wouldn't be at my School and I wouldn't be looking at the new School I'm hoping to go to in 2016 oh, and Max wouldn't be my best friend.' In Acts 17:26 it says 'I have determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live.' In Revelations 21:3-4 it says 'And I will take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.' My slightly bigger voice replied 'perhaps we won't look into tattoos yet, but God has His hand on you, always has, always will, everything has happened for a reason.' It has been wonderful to watch Daisy's faith grow through the Christian Union at her School and from being involved in the Church here.

Life can be so distracting. Satan wanted us to be 'thrown' before we went to visit the new School, he wants to cause havoc with the work we are doing at St Peter's, he wants to tire us with squabbles and troubles that take our eyes off of the plans God has for us. The fact of it all is, we will NOT let our faith be moved and we will use our measure of faith. THE AMOUNT of faith God has given you is equal to the assignment He's given you. So whatever you are facing, tell yourself, 'God has given me the faith to handle this.' Nothing's more important than your faith. Jesus told Peter, 'Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as

wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail..' (Luke 22:31-32. Faith is more important than money, or career success, or reputation. Everything can be taken from you, but if you have faith you will bounce back. Faith is like having a direct line to God. As the prayer of faith goes up, His power flows down. As a result, you are more than adequate for the challenge. Failure is never final as long as your faith doesn't fail. That's why satan will do everything he can to keep you from spending time each day in the Scriptures. 'Faith cometh by hearing the word of God' (Romans 10:17). Jesus said, 'if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move (Matthew 17:20). There are obstacles in your life that will only be removed by faith, and you don't need a truck load of it, just a mustard seed Think: a tiny seed has power to grow, overcome obstacles and become a mighty tree. It will press up through the ground, around rocks, braving storms, withstanding animals and other threats to its life. It's not so much the size of your faith, but the quality of it that determines your success. So today, use your 'measure of faith.' This faith can be achieved by anyone who repents of their sin and surrenders their will to God, asking Him to come into their life. God never wastes experience. Everything you've been through, including the things you didn't understand, are preparation for what God has in store for you.

We hope that we will see you over Christmas, there are a variety of services that will suit everyone. Our choir is growing and sounding wonderful but we are always looking for new members. Tim our very talented organist works hard with them, come and listen to him play. Bring your children to Pete's puppets, Christingle, the crib service, or to enjoy the fare from Pete's Pantry, but more importantly come and meet **JESUS, because He is the reason for the season.**

*Happy Christmas
From us all at the Rectory*

December Parish Register

Deaths Peter Bentley aged 73 died 7th November

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All current advertisers have been sent a renewal form for 2014 but there will be some spare advertising space available..

If you wish to advertise in Chailey News, 12 issues January - December 2014 and you haven't advertised with us before please contact Chris Jones Tel 01444 831244 for more details.

Lay Parish Pastoral Care Team

We have a pastoral care team who are available to visit anyone who wishes an informal visit, for a chat. If you or anyone you know (with their permission) would like us to visit please contact the parish office (**01825 722286**) or fill in your details below and hand in at the Rectory. This will be in treated with strict confidence.

Name:

Home Address:

Telephone Number:



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news
www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Something for everyone?

Here is news of some things happening at the Free Church which we would like to invite you to; of course you are always welcome but maybe some things here interests you.

Firstly on Sunday 1st December at 4:00 pm we have a Christingle. At a Christingle we dress up an orange and learn something about Christmas from it. You get to keep the orange too!

Next we have a men's breakfast. This will be on Saturday 21st December, turn up at about 8:30 for 9:00am start. There will be good food and then afterwards we will be treated to a talk by Nick Maynard titled from cell to cell-group. Join us if you can (and if you are a man) and you won't even have to do the washing up after unless you want to of course. Places are limited so please call John 07919094156 or Charlie 01444 471600 if you would like to come or for more details.

Then on December 22nd we have our Christmas Carol services. We have two great people to lead these services- Derek Heyman at 10:30 am and Eric Cornellise at 6:30pm. You may be able to work out their theme but I bet you won't be able to guess how they will present it. It would be really good if you could come to our carol services, be sure of a good welcome, we would love to see you and we think you will enjoy it.

Moving on to Christmas Day, we have a very informal get together to invite you to at 10:30am. Bring along a Christmas present to show us if you have already opened one. We shall sing some carols and be all done by 11:30.

Also on Christmas Day we are doing a Christmas dinner for you if you are on your own on this day. So if, for whatever reason, you are going to be without company why not come to the Free Church and have a dinner on us and spend a bit of time with some other people. Again, places are limited and of course we do need to know who is coming, so if this interests you please call Tony or Janet on 01825 766826

Moving on to 2014, we have our café church events at the village hall. You are warmly invited to these as well so if you are free on January 19th at 4.30pm or March 16th at 9.30am perhaps you might give it a try. Refreshments are part of the package and if you would like to know more call Charlie or Ann 01444 471600.

Also in 2014 we are holding special Sunday mornings on the 3rd Sunday of the month, except when the café church is on, so the first one will be February 15th. These Sundays will be led by Eric Cornellise and are perhaps for you if you haven't been to Church for a while or not at all. We would really like to see you and will bring more details soon.

Finally, would you like a Bible? If you would we are willing to provide you with one for free. Call Jan on 01273 890114 and she will organise a bible for you.

Thanks for reading through this far, and I hope there is something here for you.

The Coffee Stop....FREE Freshly brewed coffee, tea, chocolate and a choice of eats. In Chailey Free Church Hall, South Chailey. Every Friday 10.00-12.00
Just drop in for a drink, meet your friends or make some new ones !
Everyone welcome

Grandparents Toddler Group

The group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.30. The first few meetings for 2014 are on January 8th and 22nd and February 5th and 19th For more information do call me, Susannah Griffin 01825 724335

Held at the Chailey Children's Centre, 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.

St Peters Calendar 2014

To help fund some changes within the Church, we have produced a full colour A4 Calendar, which has some stunning views of the church and its activities. Each page has space for you to record your own events, whilst showing all the usual important dates.

This Beautiful Calendar is just £5 and will be available from the Church office or the church wardens, details in the front of this newsletter.

Please note last months cover picture was attributed to the wrong artist. The cover to our Calendar was drawn by William Hobday, who has also kindly donated an original print of the picture to the Appeal. Further information on his Ink drawings can be found at www.penanginkartist.co.uk and is well worth a visit!

Winter Fuel Allowance

Once again the government will be sending out the winter fuel allowance to those over 60 years of age. This is a very sensitive subject as there are many who need and indeed rely upon this for the extra winter warmth they deserve.

There are also those who find such an allowance an embarrassment and either return it or give it to Charity.

To those of you who might be considering the latter, could I ask you to consider 'Gift Aiding' it to **St Peter's Church** in order that it can be used to help improve the Church's heating, which will be appreciated by all those who attend or visit. St Peters is about to launch an appeal to undertake some major improvements including the provision of a toilet, kitchen, children Room and children's play area, and new porch doors, in addition to improvements to the floor and heating systems. If you feel you can help in this way, please send your donation to 'The Treasurer, St Peters Church, c/o The Rectory, Chailey Green. Lewes BN8 4DA'

Thank you for any help you are able to give. The Church Wardens.

Chailey WI



Our speaker on Tuesday 3rd December will be Mr Rupert Matthews who will talk on Sussex Ghosts. Later in December we will have our annual Christmas Lunch and there will be the Carol Service at Barcombe Church, when we join with other WIs in the area to sing and then eat mince pies and drink mulled wine.

In November we were entertained by Mr Peter Pyemont who gave us an account of the Gunpowder Plot and the events which led up to it, going back one hundred years to the Wars of the Roses and the struggle between Catholics and Protestants. He went into graphic details with the torture of the unfortunate Guy Fawkes making our hair stand on end. Mr Pyemont had spoken to three other WIs in the past week or so and had asked each of them, including us, to vote on where the remains of Richard III should be buried. Hardly anyone was in favour of Leicester Cathedral, we in Chailey were evenly split between York and Westminster Abbey, but the overwhelming vote of the four institutes went to York Minster. It will be interesting to see whether that view accords with the final decision on his resting place.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall and prospective members and guests are always very welcome to join us, for the nominal sum of £2.

Margaret Smith - 01825 723519

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society
Plumpton Village Hall Tuesday December 10th 2013 at 2.15

'From Frozen Forest to Reindeer' is our aptly named lecture for the Christmas season. However don't worry; no mention will be made of mince pies or how to serve up turkey leftovers in twenty different ways! Maggie Campbell Penderson will tell us the stories surrounding such organic gems as amber, ivory, tortoiseshell and pearl. Those ear rings may look very pretty in some foreign market place but do you know if it is legal to bring them back into this country? Now you will be able to find out!

Maggie C. P. gives Lectures, Seminars and Master Classes world-wide. Her slides for this presentation are truly superb for not only is she a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain but an Associate of the British Institute of Professional Photography.

If you are not a member of our society then the cost is £7 on the door with, as it is that time of the year, festive refreshments 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.

So it just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Date for your new diary: January lecture will be on the 14th and entitled 'Picasso Man Ray and Max Ernst.'

Chailey Commons Society

It seemed that winter arrived early with the heavy rains and winds blowing in from the Atlantic Ocean on the Jet Stream during November. The ground soon turned from being hard and dry into the usual muddy and sticky state.

For our indoor meeting in October, we had a fascinating illustrated talk by Martin Allison on Fungi and he was able to show us the many types which he had found on his walks and illustrate the intricate features of their growth and development. 2013 has been a very good year for fungi and they came out strongly quite early during October.

This was followed later in the month by our annual Fungus Foray on the commons, and Rosalie was our guide around Memorial Common, and, armed with her books and basket, looked for the various types of fungi hiding in the bracken and leaves and on trees. A good turnout of enthusiastic people ensured there were lots of eyes eagerly looking around and everyone enjoyed a fine autumn afternoon

Our Calendar is selling well and is still on sale. It features lovely photos of the commons with the usual generous space for notes. Let me know how many you would like, at £7.25 for one copy and additional copies at £7.00 and I will get them to you.

There are no meetings during December so may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and see you in the New Year for our 50th Anniversary Year.

William Coleman 01444 831098



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

*By
Sharon Davy*

DISTRICT LINK - NOT DELIVERED TO HOUSEHOLDS

A member of Chailey Parish Council informed me that he had not received a copy of the District Link and guessed that it was only available on-line. Apparently, the distribution company, due to staff sickness, made no deliveries to Chailey postcodes – BN8 4 (1173 properties). I have checked to ensure this company will not be charging the Council for this lack of service and wasting hard-earned tax-payers money. Normal service will be resumed for the Christmas edition.

Many Chailey residents might suggest that delivering a paper version of the District Link in the 21st-century is pointless, archaic and a waste of money – with mobile 'phones – computers and tablets – why bother - they ask. But for elderly people, sometimes living alone without computer skills, a leaflet informing them of basic services such as Christmas/New Year refuse collections helps a little. Personally, I think our Council has a duty to consider those with – and those without 21st-century computer skills.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Chailey Bonfire Society for another brilliant bonfire display. I often invite friends from other countries and places to join us and they are always impressed. A great deal of work goes into this event and I hope those who could afford it, gave generously - fireworks are not free! We can all donate throughout the year. With very good wishes for a Happy Christmas and good health for the New Year.

*Cllr. Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield). Telephone: 01444 831 336
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Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (01825 722651)

Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409)

For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Chailey Parish Council wishes all residents seasonal greetings and a happy and healthy new year.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Friday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In December sessions will be held on Friday 6th December and Friday 20th December between 10.00 am and 12.00.

Chailey Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Chailey Parish Council is conscious that, following the creation of the South Downs National Park and the Special Protection Area around Ashdown Forest, parishes within Lewes District that are outside these areas may come under development pressure. When neighbourhood plans were introduced, the Council took the decision not to proceed at that time, on grounds of cost and the concern that the policy might be abandoned. We have kept a watching brief on the development of neighbourhood plans and we are now considering if the benefits might justify the considerable expense involved. We would welcome your views and involvement.

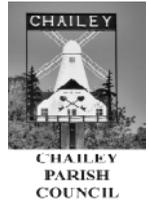
Parish Councillor Vacancy You may have been interested in becoming a local Parish Councillor but were not quite sure what it involved or what the Parish Council does. Planning, highways, transport and traffic, community safety, housing, allotments, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way – these are some of the issues that concern Parish Councils. Central Government is encouraging local councils to deliver more services and play a greater part in their communities. For example your council could give financial (or other) support for local community groups and organisations to provide additional local services. The Council also responds to consultation from other authorities and organisations and seeks to influence these decisions to reflect local views. The diversity of local councils is their strength. Each can make a unique response to the needs of their community with a sensitivity that is more difficult for principal authorities to achieve.

The Parish Council Working Together

Diversity often arises because Councillors have varied backgrounds and enthusiasms. Councillors have different skills and attitudes; for example, some work with ideas while others are very practical; some like accounts while others prefer reports. Local councils need a range of skills to work as a team. Chailey Parish Council is fortunate to have Councillors with a range of experience and skills. The Parish Council is now seeking to co-opt a Councillor to fill a vacancy that has arisen. If you feel you could make a contribution to your community and would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or come along to a Parish Council meeting.

Highways: Our next quarterly meeting with Highways will be on Tuesday December 10, and residents who want a particular problem brought to Highways' attention are invited to contact the Clerk by December 6. You may already have noticed that the roads and lanes around Chailey have been the object of some pretty intensive repairs and changes over the last year, and we hope this will prove its worth during the winter. It is worth noting that Highways now allocate a Steward to each area (Rob Stevens and Annabelle Harvey) who is responsible for commissioning repairs. The Clerk alerts the Steward to faults so that the Steward can set the wheels in motion to effect a repair.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December and there will be a Full Council Meeting held on 17th December; both meetings held in the Reading Room at Chailey Green starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Chailey Bonfire Society

The 100 club in November was won by C Tyler, who had number 8. Congratulations from Chailey Bonfire Society!

Whew! What an amazing bonfire season this year. The outmeetings have been very well attended this year – thank you to all the members who took their time to represent the village – you did us proud! We have regularly been seeing 15-20 people at outmeetings, and the last 2 months have been one long round of fun! Chailey was represented in Mayfield, Burgess Hill, Rotherfield, Fletching, Newick, Lindfield, Lewes, Hastings, Robertsbridge and Hawkhurst. Roll on next season!

Chailey Bonfire Night itself was extremely well attended this year. 3 floats were entered this year. Chailey Youth Group won the Langley Shield for the best dressed float, and the Brownies won the Presidents Shield for runners up.

This year, Jane Stent was appointed a lifelong honorary member of Chailey Bonfire Society. We also celebrated the life of Cyril Black who sadly died earlier in the year.

I hope you agree that the Pyrotechnic team excelled themselves this year with the display. We estimate 20,000 shots were fired in the space of 20 minutes!

We could not have held Bonfire night without all the helpers before, during and after celebrations, so a huge Thank You to all who helped out. The clean up after the event on Sunday was also well attended, which speeded things up tremendously. Thanks also to the Horns Lodge for their continued support.

The Bonfire Night raffle held at the Horns Lodge after the fireworks was won by Max Miller.

We hope you all enjoyed Bonfire Night as much as we did. If you have any feedback about Bonfire Night please contact us via email with your comments (good or bad). We can't promise to implement your ideas to improve our Bonfire Night, but they will be read.

If you have any photos or videos of Bonfire Night (past or present - or any other Chailey Bonfire events for that matter) that you would like to share, please email them to contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk so we can add them to the archives and share them on our website and Facebook.

Our next event will be the free Chailey Senior Citizens Christmas dinner on the 7th of December at Chailey Village Hall. Our volunteers will be working hard to give the elders of our village a nice treat.

In January, we will be holding our annual Scalextric challenge, so look out for dates nearer the time!

Don't forget that we can provide a no-cost bar to you, undercut pub prices, and make a tidy profit for our funds. If you would like more information, please contact Stuart Marden on 07904226439, or email contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk.

Even if you missed Badge Night, 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 and knitting pattern! You can contact Gini Jarvis on 01273 400989 or email contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk to become a member.

You can follow all our exploits and find out about our 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

Bessemer 200 Group visit North Chailey

The Bessemer 200 group were set up in 2012 to coordinate events in celebration of the birth of Sir Henry Bessemer, father of the modern steel industry, in the village of Charlton, near Hitchin, Herts on 19th January 1813. As part of these celebrations, five members of the group arranged a day out on Sat 12th October this year with the aim of visiting the grave of Madge Bessemer. The group comprised John Pearce, Derek Wheeler MBE, Bob Prebble, Alan Brookman and Paul Bessemer who is the great, great, grandson of Sir Henry.

Having arrived by train connection to East Grinstead on the Bluebell line the group made their way to St Mary's graveyard, North Chailey to view the gravestone, of Madge, Henry William and Henrietta Bessemer, a simple vertical stone cross. The party then walked on to find two fine houses. One was called "Bevingdean" where Madge lived in later life; and then "Downsview House". The latter is a much smaller adjacent property which was converted from the coach house and stable of Bevingdean by Madge when the house got too big, and where she ended her days.

After a short photographic session, the group set off again to find "Burchetts", the big Bessemer house where Henry William Bessemer (Sir Henry's oldest grandson), wife Rosa and children Madge and Douglas moved in 1911 and lived until 1956. Returning to Sheffield Park station our adventurer's took advantage of some sustenance at the Bessemer Arms, before setting off on the return journey.

A great day out was had by all and the group vowed to return again in the not too distant future. This will happen after completing the year's festivities with a party on 23rd November in the Windmill PH, Charlton, which is opposite, "Charlton House", the birth place of Sir Henry. Other activities throughout 2013 have included a party on the 200th birthday, an exhibition at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin, and a lecture and one act play on the Life and Times of Sir Henry.



If anyone would like further details on the activities of the group please email John Pearce at pearcej53@o2.co.uk or phone 07545 003 792.

St Peter's During the last week of half term the children were treated to a performance of The Hobbit staged by a peripatetic theatre company. On the last day we celebrated Harvest Home. Between the hymns each year group gave a presentation of some aspect of harvest. The Rev. John Maskell spoke to the children about the value of education and how teachers could be life changers. He said that education was the passport to personal fulfilment and a happy life. A collection was made for UNICEF Children's charity and the service closed with a rousing rendition of "We plough the fields and scatter".



School

One of the many things the Friends do so well for the school is the Christmas Fair. The fair is on Saturday 9th. December and will run from 11a.m. until 2 p.m. Come and see Santa Claus, a puppet show and many interesting stalls and side shows.



Several of our governors have left recently due to work commitments so we're looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a governor please contact the school office.

The governors, staff and children have asked me to wish all our readers a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Bill Clarke. tel. 01273 400131 - School 01825 722939.



December 2013

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
3rd @ 00:23	9th @ 15:12	17th @ 09:29	25th @ 13:49

David H. Levy once said "Comets are like cats, they have tails, and do precisely what they want." As some of you have heard, this year astronomers were expecting two bright comets – Comet PANSTARRS and Comet ISON. True to David H. Levy's quote, these two are doing exactly what they want! Comet PANSTARRS was visible earlier in the year, and was easily visible through a pair of binoculars, but failed to become as bright as was hoped.

Comet ISON seems to be pulling a similar trick at the moment. Visible early in the morning skies by binoculars, ISON is currently in the constellation of Virgo. It is brightening, and recently underwent a surge in brightness. It is failing to reach the dreamed of heights of becoming a "Great Comet" at the time of writing though! Of course, by the time this reaches you, it might be in the midst of a huge outburst – who knows with comets!

The one that you should watch out for is comet 2013/R1 Lovejoy, which will be in the constellation Boötes at the beginning of the December. Look for a faint fuzzy object near the bright star Arcturus. To find Arcturus, follow the curve of the handle of the Plough asterism (in Ursa Major) to the next bright star – that is Arcturus, and is often mistaken for the planet Mars due to its red colour. The later in the evening/morning you leave it, the higher Arcturus (and the comet) will be.

If you prefer early evening Astronomy there is plenty to be had this month. Jupiter is still putting on a great showing in Gemini at the moment, and will continue to get higher and earlier as the month goes on. To find Jupiter, look directly to the East at about 30 degrees above the horizon for a very bright star. That is Jupiter. Have a look through binoculars, and you can clearly see the moons of Jupiter around the planet.

Another marvellous thing to look out for in the sky this month is the Geminid Meteor Shower. Peaking on the 13th/14th of December, this meteor shower typically produces

bright meteors. Unfortunately, the Moon will be in the way, making all but the brightest meteors difficult to see. Wait until after the Moon has set on the 13th December to make the most of it! The Moon sets at 04:48, so this really is for those early risers out there. I am now available to give talks on Astronomy to local groups and schools. Please contact me on 01273 400989 or use the email address below. I am a registered STEM Ambassador, and have been CRB checked accordingly.

Richie Jarvis

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Royal British Legion

"The Royal British Legion's Chailey subbranch enjoyed an excellent Poppy Day collection of £3000 with some funds yet to come and without counting Debbie Freeland's stunning sponsored walk total of £1030. Door to door collectors and static points are all to be congratulated, and Debbie has been presented with a testimonial from Royal British Legion HQ. Well done all".

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Newick Twinning Association

Recent Events

Joint Committee Meeting: A delegation of 10 of our members travelled to Le Touquet in northern France over the weekend of 12-13th October for a **Joint Committee Meeting** with our opposite numbers from Itteville. We had a very productive meeting, discussing future visits to and from Itteville and also other links between our two communities, such as the very successful link that has been developed between our primary schools. We hope to extend these friendships in the future to include links between secondary schools and possibly other primary schools in the area.

AGM: Our AGM took place on 21st November. A full report will appear next month.

Forthcoming Events

Wine and Wisdom Quiz: Our first event of the New Year is, as usual, our **Wine and Wisdom Quiz Evening**. This will take place on **Saturday 18th January 2014** in Newick Village Hall. Doors open at 7:30 pm for an 8 pm start. It will be the usual format, with teams of 8 people to a table. Tickets are £9 per person, which includes nibbles and a supper during the interval. The bar will also be open to provide essential lubrication for the "leetle grey cells". This event is usually fully booked, so please get friends and family together to make up a table. We are already taking bookings, so please contact Andy Wilson (tel: 01825 724223, email: andy@andrewwilsoncomputing.com) to reserve your table.

Official Visit from Itteville 2014: Next year, it is Itteville's turn to visit us. The details are still very much in the planning stage, but the dates are **Friday 6th to Monday 9th June 2014**. If you would like to take part, please pencil these dates into your diary for next year.

Friends Of Newick Health Centre

Following our report of last month we are now going ahead with providing defibrillators in both Chailey (2 or 3) and Fletching (2). Unfortunately our funds don't run to the sort of money we require so we are launching an appeal for each village such that Chailey would raise funds for its equipment and Fletching the same. We would like if possible to bring on board two people from each village to help us raise the funds so if you are interested then please contact me. If on the other hand you feel that you would like to make a donation then you can also send it to me. If it can be Gift Aided all the better. We are looking to purchase equipment at just under £1000 each so for Chailey that gives a figure of £2000/£3000 depending on the number actually bought. Similarly for Fletching it would be £2000. We hope that you will support this venture as it is well known that defibrillators save lives.

Peter Todd, Chairman, Friends of Newick Health Centre, 36 High Hurst Close, Newick, BN84NJ

Ashdown Arts Exhibition

The Peter Griffiths Room, Town Hall, Forest Row on 7 and 8 December. The group presents an eclectic mix of contemporary fine art in a wide variety for styles and media plus craftwork and sculpture produced by professional and semi-professional artists and artisans who exhibit locally and internationally. For more details view the Ashdown Arts website or contact Martin Ash on 01892 853536, 07759925087, martinashartist@btinternet.com

Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

Do not miss a good night out! Newick Amateur Dramatic Society's latest production of "Out of Order" By Ray Cooney.

A GREAT COMEDY WHICH RECEIVED THE 1991 OLIVIER AWARD FOR COMEDY OF THE YEAR.

Performance dates: 4th – 7th DEC 2013 Curtain up 8.00 pm - Doors open 7.15 pm
Tickets £9 Box Office: 01825 722359 / 722985 Email: newickdrama.org for internet bookings or buy direct from Newick Butchers or at the door on performance nights.

Handmade Jewellery

As Christmas is fast approaching , you may need some inspiration regarding Christmas presents. If so, do come along to Westlands Cottage, East Grinstead Road, BN8 4JB on Saturday 30th November /Sunday 1st December 10am to 4pm to view a lovely range of handmade necklaces. There are various styles to suit all ages and reasonably priced. Tea/ coffee and cake available - Donations from sales of Jewellery to St Peter and St James Hospice, Chailey. Look forward to seeing you.

Regards Joan Hampton 01825 721137



Our CAB Advisers come from all walks of life

Some may have relevant experience or qualifications but most come from totally different professional and non-professional backgrounds. All, however, have one thing in common:

THEY WANT TO HELP

If you are a good communicator, have basic computer skills, and can spare at least six hours a week, you could make a difference to your community right now.

As a CAB adviser you'll have the chance to resolve problems with a team of like-minded people, and enjoy a sense of achievement that is truly rewarding.

What's more, many volunteers go on to take up paid work.



Open Day

Weds 4th December

10am to 12pm at

Lewes CAB

To find out more, call us for an informal chat on

01273 473082

Wivelsfield FILMS

Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG Free, easy parking at the hall Sunday, 8 December, 2013
Doors/licenced bar: 7pm, film: 7.30pm

Blue Jasmine (12A)

Cate Blanchett carries off a magnificently watchable lead performance as Jasmine, the self-deluding New York socialite fallen on hard times who, deeply troubled and in denial, arrives in San Francisco to impose upon her sister. Jasmine was once a Park Avenue princess married to a devilishly handsome Manhattan financier, terrifically played by Alec Baldwin.

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval. Tickets £5.50 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 via our new website wivelsfieldfilms.wordpress.com

Newick Country Market

Newick Country Market is held every Friday from 10am until 11am In Newick Village Hall on the A272. We have a good selection of cakes, savoury items, vegetables, preserves and locally produced cheeses, as well as plants, greetings cards, paintings, animal portraits and knitted items all of which can be ordered, as well as some decorative Christmas arrangements.

On Friday 13th December we will be in the festive mood with Christmas Carols and mince pies with your tea and coffee, so come along and stay a while.

Christmas orders will be available for collection on Friday 20th December which is the last market of the year. The market takes a short break over the New Year and re-opens on Friday 10th January 2014.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Christmas and New Year. Information and orders *01825 768544*.

Chailey News - January Issue

The deadline for the January issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 10th December. 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