

Chailey News

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April 2014

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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APRIL SERVICES 2014

- Sunday 6th April** *The fifth Sunday of Lent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service followed by Pete's Pantry
- Sunday 13th April** *Palm Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish communion
- Thursday 17th April** *Maundy Thursday*
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy followed by the
Liturgy of the Shadows
- Friday 18th April** *GOOD FRIDAY*
2pm Good Friday Liturgy
- Saturday 19th April** *EASTER EVE*
6.00pm Lighting the Easter Fire
- Sunday 20th April** *EASTER DAY*
5.30am Sunrise Service *at St George's, Chailey Windmill*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 27th April** *The Second Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 4th May** *The Third Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets



Dear Friends,

I think Spring is a miracle. How many times have we watched daffodils push through the grass and sit alongside snowdrops, hyacinths and primroses. It happens every year and yet it always makes us smile, welcome back old friends,

we have missed you. No matter what happens in the world, our lives our homes, nothing will stop those first snowdrops appearing.

Daisy and I were admiring the nodding patches of yellow, from an upstairs window, when we saw a path I have been telling her about. "The Fox run." It was a carefully trod route from the Church car park, across our garden and into the take away world of foxes. Half way across the front garden it turned into a forked path. If the fox took the fork to the right it would end up in the graveyard, if it took the fork to the left it would end up in the dustbins. Even foxes have to make a choice.

Following Jesus is a choice. Having made that initial choice, I discovered that it opened a door to a series of further choices that I was invited to make. I describe these choices as the process of formation, that is, the way that God chooses to form each one of us into the shape of Jesus. All of the choices I have taken at the invitation of Jesus subsequent to my original commitment to accept his invitation to live by grace, have enabled me to discover more about who God is for me and who I am to God. The Christian walk and the choices we are presented with are not always easy and simple. They are challenging, scary, and beyond our human thinking sometimes. Jesus can see all that hinders our full formation, our growth into Christian maturity. He does not judge us but invites us and waits for the struggle to run it's course within us.

Daisy has a 'thought for the day' and it is.

'If you think you can, you can.'

'If you think you can't, you won't.'

As I write this, we haven't had our Gift Day in Church. John will write next month and tell you how it went. We are excited and still believing in a Spring miracle.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope to see you at one or more of our Easter services.

From all at the Rectory

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:

April Parish Register 2014

Memorial Service

Maurice Spence

12th February

Michael Stevens

18th February

David Coopland

8th March

Spring Concert

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Chailey invite you to a Spring Concert to be held on Saturday 10th May at 7.30 pm in the church on Chailey Green.



The programme will feature the Mid Sussex Choir singing pieces by John Rutter, George Shearing and other popular choral numbers, a Barbershop Quartet and instrumental solos. We are delighted to welcome back Margaret Watson with her ever popular Harp music. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are priced £10, Children (under 16) free, and are available from:

Fiona Pearl (email fiona_pearl@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 723135.

Janet Barnes (email janet.barnes42@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 722574.

Grantham Close

Grantham Close, South Chailey, is a group of almshouses, which provide warden assisted, sheltered housing to people over 60, with little capital and low income. We have 35 flats, double and single. We are currently full, but would welcome suitable applicants who could be placed on a waiting list. If you know of any person in need of this type of housing, please contact us.

Teresa Wenban 01825 722586

Chailey Link Walk

With Spring approaching this is a reminder that the annual Chailey Link Walk will take place on Monday 5th May starting at 10 o'clock from North Chailey Sports ground Full details will be given in next month's Chailey News.

John Smith 01825 723519 Trevor Smith 01273 891008

Friends Of Chailey Windmill

The Windmill and Rural Life Museum will re-open for the season from Sunday 27th April from 3-5pm. Admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children under 18 with free admission for those under 10 years of age.

John Smith 01825 723519

Chailey Parish Hall AGM

The AGM will be held in the Reading Room, Chailey green, on Tuesday 20th May at 7 pm Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Ann Jones (chair) hall management committee - 01444 831244



Chailey Free Church

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

EASTER SERVICES

Thursday **April 17th**

7.00 for 7.30pm

Commemorative Supper
with Bible Readings & Com-
munion

Good Friday **April 18th**

10.30am

Good Friday Meditation

Easter Sunday **April 20th**

10.30am

Christ is risen Erik Cornellise

You are very
welcome at
any of our
services

Coffee Stop

Fridays 10.00—12.00

Everyone welcome

Bring your friends

All free

**Sunday
Services
10.30am
and
6.15pm**

CONTACT

01444 471600

01273 890114

Singing Workshop Sunday 27th April 2 – 5pm

Chailey Parish Hall

Did you enjoy Gareth Malone's programmes and wish you could experience the excitement and enjoyment of singing? St Peter's church choir are having a singing workshop in April which will give tips on singing techniques, ways to exercise your voice (other than in the shower) and discover how satisfying it is to sing together. We will sing two beautiful pieces of music in the second half of the workshop and see what can be achieved in a few happy hours.

This might appeal also to church choirs as the two musical pieces which will be sung in the second half of the workshop, could be used on Remembrance Sundays or commemoration of the start of the First World War. They are the the " Kyrie" from the Armed Man, Karl Jenkins, and "They shall not grow old" Elgar.

Anna Colls has had a singing career and now teaches singing. She is fun and charismatic and proves that with help ANYONE CAN SING. Don't worry if you can't read music. Please contact me, Ann Jones on jonespellingford@aol.com 01444 831244 if you would like to join us. Cost is only £15 which will include interval refreshments and two music scores.

Chailey WI

On Tuesday 1st April we will be having a talk on Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare.

At the March meeting Mr John Wilton gave an illustrated talk on Donald McGill and the many comic postcards he created from the beginning of the 20th century onwards. These provided a history of the events taking place including Suffragettes, the First World War including cards encouraging recruitment and those to and from the front, and finally the saucy postcards for which he is renowned. Our May meeting will be the Resolutions when all WIs are involved in selecting a resolution for presentation to the National AGM in June.



Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall and we always welcome prospective members and guests, for a nominal charge of £2.

Margaret Smith 01825 723519

Chailey Women's British Legion

Our annual St George's coffee morning will be held on Saturday April 19th 10.00-12.00 at Chailey Free Church in South Chailey .

Not just coffee on offer but also sales of home made cakes and preserves, a tombola, fancy goods, books and cards.

Do pop in and see us and give your support to this great cause.



MOBILE 'PHONES – A RESULT

Finally, I have received three responses from: Managing Partner, Local Government, Telefonica UK – Director Corporate Affairs, Telefonica and Executive Relations, O2. If you don't succeed – try

and try again, so I hope my persistence in this matter will improve the service for O2 users in Chailey.

I'm pleased to report that work has been completed on the Cooksbridge mast several times in January. Most recently, Telefonica engineers made changes to the equipment to increase the power output from the mast and this work was completed on 29th January 2014. At present, (according to the Director of Corporate Affairs) everything is working well and there are no reported problems with the mast. Planned maintenance work was carried out in February to masts nearest to our areas. We shall have to monitor how well this works, but now that I have three senior contacts, I hope this will help me fast-track any future problems.

BROADBAND

In response to complaints, I continue to ask for Chailey to be considered as a priority within the County – I know that the following schedule from the Broadband Project Lead will not be pleasing for everyone. 'Rollout in Chailey is slightly complicated since it depends where in Chailey. Some properties are served by the exchange in Barcombe (scheduled for 2015), some by Scaynes Hill (again, scheduled for 2015) and some by Newick (scheduled for 2014).' www.goessussex.gov.uk will provide news and updates as they occur.

BLOCKED STORM DRAINS/JAMMED COVERS AND GULLIES

In October 2013, before the winter months set-in, I contacted Highways, Planned Maintenance to report blocked storm drains on the A272, adjoining Chailey Common, near to Holford Manor Lane - this is a fast and dangerous corner and can become a dangerous ice-rink when water gushes across the road in freezing temperatures. These works were completed in November. None of us could have anticipated the heavy rainfall we have experienced in the last months and, to my knowledge, I have not learnt of any homes flooded in Chailey. On this occasion, I think it fair to say that the system cannot cope with the extreme rainfall conditions and the gullies have become blocked again - here and elsewhere in the country.

Cllr. Sharon Davy Email: sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk Telephone: 01444 831 336

O2 Mobile Coverage North Chailey

Councillor Sharon Davey has been fighting to get O2 to improve mobile coverage in our Village and I recently joined her, it's like swimming through treacle, department after dept getting nowhere.

I have now received the definitive answer from Christopher McCall the Network Manager who informs me that there is "Good News" That is that O2 are confident that their mast just 500 metres from our farm is working 100% correctly.

Our signal is so poor that we have purchased a Boost Box from O2 and this at £150 makes a huge difference. We can see the mast across the field but they say it's working normally.

This is manifestly absurd and also they say they have received no complaints from residents

If like us you feel your coverage is inadequate please contact CRemail@02.com urgently and register your complaint and get a reference number

I have just returned from Uganda where Mobile coverage is brilliant with 3G and 4G normal.

We are truly a third world parish in Chailey

Peter Barton Grassington Farm, Warren Lane, North Chailey, BN8 4HW

Bee swarms... what do I do?

This winter wasn't so cold, although very wet. Honey bees that have survived the winter may well be thinking of expanding by the month of May. They do this by swarming.

If you see such a wonderful sight, please don't be afraid. Keep a little distance and watch nature at work. They have usually eaten loads of honey before they left the hive to sustain them on their journey, so are very placid albeit noisy. They will settle somewhere in a huge ball (between the size of a rugby ball or melon). Please do not consider calling a pest control person to kill these precious insects.

Bees are struggling enough with pesticides, poor weather and lack of forage due to more intensive farming. I am more than happy to come and remove these bees. I do not charge, but a donation to my charity is always gratefully received. I live in Newick but will travel to recover swarms. I also am happy to give talks about bee keepingschools a favourite of mine, where I take a sealed observation hive so children can get up close and personal.

Heather McNiven Tel. 07792551413 or 01825 722066

Chailey Commons Society

As we emerge from our soggy winter, it is encouraging to see the wildlife appearing and the butterflies taking advantage of some warm sunshine. The Small Tortoiseshell and the Brimstone were especially quick off the mark in late February.

The commons are still draining from the deluges and we should be aware that the holes and trenches all over the place are still very full and need to be avoided. The clearance work continues with felling of the birch on Memorial and Romany Ridge commons and further scrapes to enable the heather to be restored to these areas..

The project being organised by the Assistant County Archaeologist to survey the wartime trenches is under way and the clearance of the brash and undergrowth by volunteers will make this easier. It will be interesting to hear of the history of these trenches and their construction methods etc., and to see if there are hardware finds.

Our meeting on Thursday February 20th was well attended and the talk by Peter Lovett on the seasons from January to June was fascinating. His knowledge and research produced excellent results and we enjoyed some wonderful pictures of birds, flowers and other wildlife.

Our indoor meetings have now finished and for April we will be doing a Bird Walk with Ian Woolsey on Pound Common On Saturday 12th April, starting at the car park at 9.30.a.m. Do join us if you can.

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

William Coleman 01444 831098

Chailey Police Report



Burglary - This continues to be a district concern.

There have regrettably been a few burglaries to dwellings as well as outbuildings across the district over the last 2 months.

We encourage everyone to report any suspicious vehicles or behaviour to police as soon as possible if it is witnessed.

If you would be interested in a home security visit please contact your local officer.

Cold callers – Reports have been made of regular cold calling recently. This has mainly been through phone calls but occasionally there have been reports of home visits.

Please remember never to give personal information over the phone unless you know for sure who you are giving it to.

Never allow door callers in to your house unless they have a valid ID badge and a genuine reason to request entry (meter reading etc)

Any concerns then please call police.

Vehicle crime - The reports of vehicle crime continue across the district and include theft from or damage to vehicles.

The main problem has been theft from vehicles and we encourage residents to remove all valuables from your vehicle when it is not in use.

In particular never leave handbags or sat navs on display as these are the main items reported stolen.

Weather - The weather recently has caused a number of problems from floods to trees being blown down.

Residents are encouraged to use caution when the weather turns poor.

Take extra care when out in the poor weather especially if you are driving.

Be cautious on flooded roads, if the water looks deep do not attempt to drive through as there have been a few vehicles that have recently gotten stuck in flood water.

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 **101 - ext 563018**

Please note that if you are reporting an incident all calls should go through the police switchboard.

Non emergency 101 Emergency 999

St Peter's



School

At a recent governors' meeting teachers delivered two presentations, the first concerned the award of a level one award from UNICEF earned by the school and concerns children's rights. A UNICEF representative visited the school and the feedback from that visit was extremely favourable. The school is now working towards level two. The second presentation was an outline of how the money given to the school by the government for physical education was to be spent. We will buy some equipment and apparatus and some will go to providing professional coaching.

One of our governors sponsors a story writing competition annually and recently attended school to present the prizes. The exercise is part of the normal work the children in year six do so all of them take part. Three cash prizes are awarded to the winners, selected by the governor and he is advised by the class teacher. Because the standard was so good this year everyone in the class received a chocolate biscuit.

Years 2, 3 and 4 have been to the Roman Villa at Fishbourne. They took part in a Roman Life workshop and spent time in the various museum areas. The children enjoyed dressing up, touring the kitchen and writing Latin on wax tablets. The children will share their learning about the visit with their parents at a fabulous finish afternoon.

My favourite place to visit in Sussex, apart from the Horn's Lodge, is Birling Gap so I was sorry to see the massive cliff fall there. I took several prize winning photos there. One won the East Sussex Council Centenary photographic Competition and the transparency from which the winning print was taken is buried in a time capsule at Lewes Castle and will be dug up in a hundred years time. The chairman of the Council seemed a little discomfited when I volunteered to dig it up then.

We are looking to recruit some more volunteers from the village but who are not connected to the school to be governors, No experience needed and there is only one meeting a term for all the governors and one sub-committee meeting. If you can help please contact the school.



Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131. School 01825722939.

Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (01825 722651)

Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409)

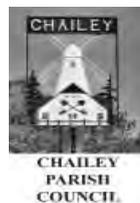
For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Friday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In April sessions will be held on Friday 11th April and Friday 25th April between 10.00 am and 12.00.

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. 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



Superfast Broadband Update

Work to build the new broadband network in the first areas of the East Sussex rollout is well ahead of schedule despite the recent torrential downpours and flooding. Throughout the wettest winter since records began, engineers have already installed over half of the new street cabinets in preparation for connection in the first phase. It is anticipated that Hadlow Down will be the first community to be fibre enabled before Easter with surrounding communities to follow in the coming months.

With the work schedule several weeks ahead, surveys are already underway in the areas of the second phase, including Buxted, Chiddingly, Danehill, Halland, Newick and Uckfield with engineers assessing the best location to install the new green street cabinets.

Lewes Food Banks

The food banks in Lewes, Malling and Landport receive basic stock from weekly deliveries from Fare Share who collect unwanted or near-sell-by-date food from supermarket depots. However, extra food is always needed and the food banks welcome any donations from local residents and businesses.

They are grateful to receive pasta and rice, biscuits and cereal, other non-perishable foodstuffs such as tins of meat, fish and vegetables or tea, coffee and sugar, toiletries and baby food. The three food banks are run by volunteers from local housing tenants associations. If you would like to make a donation please contact:

Landport Food Bank: debbietwitchen@gmail.com

Malling Food Bank: sarahneels@yahoo.com

Lewes Food Bank: pearlzia@ymail.com.

If you are in need of food for yourself and your family, there are a number of local agencies who may be able to refer you to a food bank for assistance:

Lewes District Council, Area Housing Officers. Tel *01273 484261* or email vicky.grimes@lewes.gov.uk

Citizens Advice Bureaux. Telephone *01273 473082* or email bureauxmanager@lewescab.cabnet.org.uk

Children's Centres Lewes. Telephone *01273 336870* or email ChildrensCentres.LewesCluster@eastsussex.gov.uk

ESCC- Discretionary Support Scheme. Telephone *0300 330 9494* or email dess@eastsussex.gov.uk

Highways: Pothole Repairs

ESCC Highway gangs fixed 95 potholes in our area during the week ending 7th March and have repaired a total of 585 in our area since 03 January 2014. Currently emergency potholes are fixed within 24 hours to a week, and less dangerous ones one to twelve months. However, from 1st April policy changes will mean all new non-urgent potholes will be repaired within one month of being raised by the ESCC Highways Steward.

Grass cutting: The grass cutting season will be resumed from the middle of March.

Drainage: ESCC Highway gangs are continuing to focus on emergency drainage issues and have employed additional resources to help with these queries. This includes a team who will be dedicated to removing any surface debris from the tops of the drains throughout the county.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April and there will be a Full Council Meeting held on 15th April; both meetings held in the Reading Room at Chailey Green starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday 28th April, 7.00pm

for 7.30pm start. This year the meeting will focus on the future of Chailey and the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan (see separate notice); refreshments will be provided.

Chailey Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 28th April 2014 7pm start

The main focus of the Annual Parish Meeting will be: **Chailey Neighbourhood Plan**

The Localism Act 2011 introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Parish councils can use new neighbourhood planning powers to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood. These are described legally as 'neighbourhood development plans.'

Neighbourhood development plans do not take effect unless there is a majority of support in a referendum of the neighbourhood. If Chailey Parish Council is going to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan, we will need your support and involvement as parishioners – there is no point in the Council forming a Plan without the backing of the Parish.

So please come along to Chailey Parish Hall on 28th April with your views and ideas!

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society Plumpton Village Hall Tuesday April 8th 2014 at 2.15

'Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens' a lecture by Andrew Davies.

Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens were the place to go on a fine summer's evening back in the eighteenth century. Visitors experienced the delights of watching tightrope walkers, hot air balloon ascents, concerts, wonderful fireworks and the unlit 'dark walks' were well known as a venue for amorous adventures. The writer Thomas Brown reported that 'the turnings in these little wildernesses are so intricate, that the most experienced mothers have often lost themselves in looking for their daughters,' - or at least that was their story!

The gardens were also the pioneer of mass catering, outdoor lighting and advertising. It was one of the most complex and profitable business ventures in Britain at that time. In 1749 a rehearsal of Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks attracted an audience of 12,000, and in 1786 a fancy dress jubilee attended by the Prince of Wales was thronged with 61,000 revellers. Another attraction was a re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo with some 1,000 soldiers participating.

So what happened? Why is it no longer with us today? Come and find out, it is a fascinating story. Visitors are always welcome to our lectures, the cost is £7 on the door with tea and biscuits afterwards and a chance to talk to the speaker. If you require any further information please ring Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

Annette Shelford.

Chailey Bonfire Society

March's 100 Club draw was won by David Mitchell with No 53 - Congratulations David. We also held our first Jumble sale of 2014, we were very lucky with the weather and managed to raise £420.00 Many thanks must go to the volunteer helpers who turned up on both Friday night for sorting and Saturday morning, we couldn't do it without you! Sunday 9th saw our annual Scaletrix event held at the Horns Lodge, even though the rugby was on in the afternoon we still managed to raise £120.00, the final placings were as follows Adults 1st – Richie Jarvis, 2nd - Richard Parry and 3rd Trevor Smith, the junior racing was a very close event with the lead changing hands many times but the final result was 1st – Lewis Perry, 2nd – Ollie Smith and 3rd Joe Farrow. Thanks go to Trevor and Richie for running the event with a special thank you to all the children who not only took part but also assisted Trevor with the track management!

April will see our annual St Georges Fete which this year will be held on Saturday 26th April at the Waterworks work field opposite to Markstakes Corner. There will be lots of stalls from nearly all the various organisations in the village as well as hot food stalls, the best cake stall around, and the of course the Beer Tent. There are various events being held in the central arena and this year we will be having a friendly fun dog show (look out for the posters with the details on a lamp post near you soon) There are also some table top stalls still available should you wish to come along and join in at just £10.00 per pitch, if you are interested please contact Clare Black on 07985112968. Please come and support the event as this is our biggest fund raiser of the year and every penny raised goes towards the firework display in November. Fingers crossed that the weather stays as nice as it while I write this!

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>. You can also contact the Bonfire Society by email at contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk.



New Moon - 30th March @19:45

First Quarter - 7th April @ 09:31

Full Moon - 15th April @ 18:09

Last Quarter - 22nd April @ 08:52

Note: Times are in Chailey local time – GMT+0

I hope you managed to get your star counts into the Campaign for Rural England last month.

In this month, have a look out for the planet Mars in the night sky. On the 8th April, Mars will be at opposition. Opposition means that the Earth is directly between our Sun and a planet. In this case, Mars. It is exactly opposite to the Sun. Shortly afterwards on 14th April, it will be closest to Earth at 57,406,300 miles distant.

Mars is very easy to spot. It appears as a bright red 'star' in the sky close to the bright star Spica in the constellation Virgo, and you can tell that it is not a normal star by watching for the twinkling. Stars twinkle because they are very very far away, and the light reaching Earth appears to be coming from a single point. Because Mars is much closer, and the light is coming from a large surface area, the amount of twinkling is much less. This holds true for most of the planets – they will always twinkle much less than the stars.

To find Mars, look to the East and find the bright red Star Arcturus in Bootes, about 30

degrees above the horizon, then look down and to the South-East to find Spica and Mars together. Mars is quite low at 9pm at 23 degrees above the horizon on the 20th April. Use the finder chart below to see if you can spot the red planet.

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 - richie@nebul.ae; <http://nebul.ae>; <http://twitter.com/richiedeepsky>
<http://www.facebook.com/richiedeepsky>*

Chailey Youth Group

“Chailey Youth Group say cheeeseeeeeee!”

Members of CYG have had an absolute ball at one of their recent events. We held a Photobooth evening where the young people were equipped with a whole host of “silly” items such as fancy dress, costumes, props and items you wouldn’t usually have in a photoshoot! The aim was to encourage young people to have fun but ultimately develop their confidence.

Each young person who took part commented on how it was “the best night ever!” And that they couldn’t wait to do it again. It was a fab evening and the lovely part was seeing usually shy or incongruent members taking part... An added bonus was that our photographer was an ex CYG member, friend and local young lady Yasmin Black. Yasmin has recently set up a photography business so this was the perfect opportunity to support local young people as well as offer something new and fun the our members.

Fundraising and funding news-

Please look out for our up and coming fundraising efforts to enable us to develop and continue to run the youth project. Us volunteers- Tracey Gunes, Ken FURMEDGE, Peter Kybert and myself love seeing the development made by our young people as we watch them grow... We want to see the group continue...

A huge thanks to all of our parents who are, as we speak looking at forming a fundraising committee to help us... This has all developed since a conversation with them at the end of our youth group 2 weeks ago explaining that a lot of the funding we have tried to access has become much harder to apply for or has become non existent. We are very very grateful for all of the support.

Thank you- Gemma Kybert - Chairperson CYG

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Newick Country Market

Newick Country Market is held every Friday from 10am until 11am In Newick Village Hall on the A272. PLEASE NOTE during Easter week the market will be open on Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday) instead of Friday 18th (Good Friday) 10 am until 11 am.

April is the month when we start to have more plants available ready for summer planting, so come along and see our selection and plan your summer display.

Vegetables will soon be more plentiful and there is always a good selection of cakes and savoury items as well as eggs, preserves, locally produced cheeses, greetings cards, paintings, animal portraits and knitted items, all of which can be ordered.

Come along early as many items sell out fast, and stay for a cup of tea or coffee and chat with friends when you have finished shopping if you wish to.

Information and orders: 01825 768544.

“Blithe Spirit”

By Noel Coward Directed by Ciaran Kiely

Wed, 7th - Sat, 10th May 2014

Newick Village Hall

Door & Bar open 7.15pm –Play starts 8.00pm



Come and join NADS at Newick Amateur Dramatic Society for a thrilling , spooky and Super (natural!) evening of entertainment in the company of Noel Coward’s Blithe Spirit.....

Tickets £9. Box Office: 01825 722359 / 01825 722985

Also available at Newick Butcher or on the door on performance nights Internet bookings: info@newickdrama.org

Ardingly Choral Society - Mid Sussex Sinfonia

J.S. Bach ST John Passion Sunday 6th April 7:30pm Conductor: Robert Hammersley

Tickets £14; Concessions £12 From Carousel Music 01444 417654 & Mrs Shirley Ventham 01273 831264

Wivelsfield FILMS

Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG Free, easy parking at the hall Sunday, 13 April 2014

Doors/licenced bar: 7pm, film: 7.30pm

Saving Mr Banks (PG) Comedy Drama

Director: John Lee Hancock, 2013

Starring: Emma Thompson & Tom Hanks

Inspired by true events, ‘Saving Mr. Banks’ is the extraordinary, untold story of how Disney’s classic ‘Mary Poppins’ made it to the screen and the testy relationship that the legendary Walt Disney had with author P.L. Travers that almost derailed it.

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

The Garden Show in Spring at Firle Place



Firle Place, Firle, Nr Lewes BN8 6LP 18 - 20 April
2014 10am – 5pm Daily

ART, Design & Your Garden

The Garden Show, Good Friday & Easter Weekend at Firle Place. Specialist growers will guide one to the right plant for your garden. There are plenty of garden, gift and home products and delicious country foods.

Plant Doctors on hand to help solve varied gardening problems to help your garden grow. Daily walks & talks with head gardener, Phil Fenech, to 'The Secret Gardens of Firle Place'. Firle House is open again after 3 years of major renovations. The recently restored, rejuvenated & burgeoning Firle Place Herb Garden will again be open. There are plenty of activities on site keeping the whole family occupied. Easter Egg hunts, craft activities, face painting, bouncy fun, jester juggling, puppet and magic shows, the wandering Jazz Trio. (Sat & Sun only) Huxley Birds of Prey

St Peters Church is holding a fabulous flower festival. All this and so much more. A great day out for the whole family. Life is good in your Garden!

Adults £7; Seniors £5; Child £3 (4yrs and under FOC); Family £18 (2 A & 4 C); Groups £4 (advance booking only 20+) Shop Mobility available

No dogs allowed in the showground but welcome on the walks www.thegardenshowonline.com - 01243 538456

Chailey News - May Issue

The deadline for the May issue of Chailey News is 15th April. 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