

Chailey News

April 2023

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The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm 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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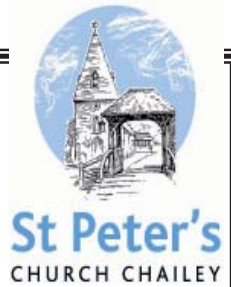
ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

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 2023



- Sunday** 2nd April *PALM SUNDAY*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Thursday** 6th April *MAUNDY THURSDAY*
7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy and
service of the Shadows
- Friday** 7th April *GOOD FRIDAY*
2pm Meditation at the Cross
- Sunday** 9th April *EASTER DAY*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Easter Day Communion
- Sunday** 16th April *The second Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship
- Sunday** 23rd April *The third Sunday of Easter*
10am Parish Communion
11.15am APCM
- Sunday** 30th April *The fourth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Service at Newick
- Sunday** 7th May *The fifth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All other Eucharistic Services are from Common Worship: Order One.

We welcome everyone warmly and families and children are always welcome at all our services.



Rector's Ramblings

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road, and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

Dear Friends,

Whenever you are reading this, be it during Holy Week or in the days after Easter Sunday, I pray you can find the space to reflect on the bitterness and beauty, the pain, and the joy of the Easter Story, which speaks so powerfully into our precious yet suffering world at this time.

Easter is a busy time in church, with the services of Holy week and Easter Sunday. This month we have, Easter Trials with Easter egg prizes at St Peter's, choral recitals in Holy Week, Reflections at the Cross at both Churches on Good Friday and of course a Sunrise Service at St Mary's on easter Day.

In amongst all this, on Holy Saturday our faithful flower teams will transform our churches from the austerity of the Lenten penitence to the celebration and Joy of Easter Day.

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old Testament and New Testaments, emphasising the flower's importance to Christianity, King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

"His cheeks are like a bed of balsam, banks of sweet-scented herbs; His lips are lilies Dripping with liquid myrrh." Song of Solomon 5:13 and

"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these". Luke 12:27."

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity – the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand and in the staff or hand of Saint Joseph husband of Mary. The Bible tells us that Joseph was a "just man" (Matthew 1:19). Several legends state that Joseph was selected to be Mary's husband after his staff "blossomed"—a sign from God that he had chosen the young man for this responsibility. This is why many statues of St. Joseph depict him carrying a staff topped with lilies in bloom and relates to the fulfilment of the promise given in the reading from Hosea. *"I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; He will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon."* Hosea 4-5:.

Easter lilies are also thought to represent Christ because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

In this Easter Season why not find some space in the business of life and pop into our beautiful churches of St Mary's & St Peter's. Have a look around the church at the Daffodils and Easter Lilies displayed, because they are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn.

Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has no meaning without His Resurrection.

May you find the beauty and hope of the Risen Christ this Easter, and may your hearts

burn for a different future, just like those pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus in the days to come.

Keep joyful, keep the faith, and keep doing the little things that make a difference to those you love and those in need.

Paul

P.s.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Flower Teams both at St Mary's Newick & St Peter's Chailey and if you are interested in joining one of the flower teams then please do be in touch with myself or one of the Churchwardens and our contact details are in the magazine.

Pastoral Care Fund

St Peter's church has set up a specific fund to help families in Chailey who are suffering from hardship and difficult circumstances. Help is available to anyone in the village, not just to church members. If you know of anyone who needs financial or material help and who would benefit from access to this fund, please contact Rev'd Paul Mundy, one of the Church Wardens, or email 'stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk'. This fund is ongoing and if you feel you can contribute, however little, it would be very much appreciated.

Donations can be made at any time to the Treasurer or directly to the bank. (Chailey P C C, Sort Code 09-01-55 Account 06923088. Please state 'Pastoral Care Fund'). Cheques can be posted in the letterbox outside St Peter's bell tower or handed to a Church Warden.

If you are able to gift aid your donation, please include a note with your name, address and postcode, or you can email a note to the Treasurer via: 'stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk'.

St Peter's Church Coronation Weekend

Special Event - Come and join us at St Peter's for a very special 'Songs of Praise' event with Tea and Cake. 4.00 - 5.30 pm Sunday May 7th. If you would like to nominate your favourite hymn for us all to sing, and at the event be willing to explain why it is important to you, please email one of the Churchwardens with your suggestion by May 1st (email addresses on inside cover of the magazine)

The Parish Leaflet April 1910

'The USE of CONFETTI at weddings has of late years become far too common. This meaningless custom coupled with yet another objectionable practice, namely of placing glass globes on graves, is foreign in origins and disfiguring to so sacred and treasured a place as the churchyard. We have fortunately abolished the latter, as no such memorials of the dead can now be placed on graves. But I am anxious that the practice of throwing confetti should also be discontinued and I trust this reference to the matter will suffice to put an end to the practice. Rice, which is a symbol with meaning, may be freely used.

Note: Rose petals now are the order of the day for weddings and happily rules governing what can be put on graves are not quite so strict.

Annette Shelford

Bee Swarms

During these next few months, some honey bee colonies will grow too big, and split, with half leaving the hive to find a new home. They are usually at their most gentle, but can look alarming to onlookers .

These bees are precious, they will gather in a large 'ball like mass', whilst they consider their next move! When they have gathered is the time to phone for us..

Please can you ring Nick 07931 751556, Heather 07792 551423 or Ken 07970 635034 and we will come and take them safely away. We do NOT charge for this service. many thanks..Heather McNiven

Chailey Bonfire

Big thank you to everyone who was involved with our jumble sale earlier this month. It was great to see so many people come along to grab a bargain. These events take a lot of organising and cannot be run without help from our members and volunteers from the village, we thank you for your support. We will let you know how much was raised next month.

We now move onto our biggest fundraising event for the year:

St Georges Fete on Saturday 22nd April. The fete is a great opportunity for an afternoon of family fun. We have live music, BBQ, dog show, funfair rides, and a licenced bar. We also have a huge variety of stalls selling all sorts of wonderful things. If you would like to have a stall please contact Yasmin on 07368 868999 or you can email Yasmin.black93@gmail.com for further information.

St George's is our biggest fundraising event of the year. Organisation started many months ago; but as always, we need lots of additional help to run the event. If you would like to get involved: help to set up on the day, run stalls, meet and greet on the gate and the very important tidy up afterwards – you may be able to help by making us some cakes for our refreshments stall or donate a prize for our raffle. There are lots of ways of helping us. Please get in touch with Diane secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk 01273 401900 if you can help in any way.

The bonfire AGM is on Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm at The Five Bells. If you would like to find out more about the bonfire society and get more involved, please do come along, everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining the committee and would like more information before the AGM, please get in touch and one of the society officers would be happy to have a chat with you.

Finally, if you shop online, you can help raise funds for Chailey Bonfire by signing up to the link below. Over 4000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use this link for your online shopping.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chaileybonfiresociety/?utm_campaign=raise-more

You can keep up to date with all our bonfire events by joining our Facebook group – just search “Chailey Bonfire Society”.

Chailey Commons Society

As the days lengthen, we welcome the return to lighter evenings, and the signs of wildlife becoming active again on our heathland. On the sandy ridges you may see the circular entrances to tunnels (about 1cm diameter) made by the native Minotaur beetle, a smart black beetle that emerges at night to gather rabbit droppings. Overhead, look out for the soaring buzzards and occasionally also the agile red kites that also are increasingly seen over the Commons.

Our Annual General Meeting took place in March so now we are off into a new year of activities outside on the Commons. New members are always welcome so, if you would like to join us, come along to our activities, and find out more.

In April we have two walks on Memorial Common meeting at the sports ground car park. On Saturday April 15th at 8.00.a.m. we will have a Bird Walk with Adrian and on Saturday April 29th at 2.30.p.m. there will be a spring walk and a chance to explore the boundary of the common land looking at flora and fauna. Details of our future events are posted on our new notice boards which we have installed on each common by the car parks.

As an advance notice for May, we will celebrate the Coronation Weekend on Monday May 8th with a volunteering event to join the 'Big Help Out', a special event organised by charities across the UK. Please come along and join the Chailey Litter Pickers and Chailey Commons Society for a litter pick across the Commons. Meet 10.00 a.m. at Red House Common car park.

The Exmoor ponies on Red House Common have come through the winter well and they have continued browsing the gorse and bramble shoots and are often hidden from view in amongst the thickets of gorse. The plan is to move them to Lane End Common which is better suited for 4 ponies and look for more Exmoor ponies for Red House Common. A team of pony checkers check them daily.

Wildlife refuges - now that the main bird nesting season is under way, we always recognise that some of our heathland areas are known to be important for birds such as Nightjar that make their nests on the ground, which can be disturbed by walkers and dogs off the main paths. To help Nightjar and other ground nesting birds please look out for any wildlife refuge areas marked out between March and July. Public rights of way will not be affected, and fortunately, there are many established paths across the Commons.

For further information, visit our website – www.chaileyCommons.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chaileyCommons/ or friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey Cricket Club

A reminder that we will be starting our season on Saturday 29 April away at Lewes St Michaels – venue Convent Field, Lewes. Other May fixtures:

7 May away at Cuckfield
14 May away at Streat & Westmeston
21 May home to Gentlemen of Lewes
28 May home to East Dean & Friston all start at 14:00

As ever if you wish to join a friendly, sociable and good cricketing side please contact one of our officials whose details can be found on our website. Otherwise please contact the

Secretary on 07904842128.

We are still hoping that there is someone out there who would be prepared to act as umpire or scorer.

Seeing rabbits up at the ground stirred a wondering why some batsmen are referred to as 'rabbits'. It refers to lower order batsmen who are expected to be dismissed cheaply almost every time. If one is referred to as a 'ferret' it suggests that one is worse than a rabbit! This term apparently comes from hunting with ferrets where the hunter "sends in a ferret after the rabbits".

The term 'rabbit' can also refer to a top order batsman who is out frequently to the same bowler. An example in test cricket – Michael Atherton who was Australian Glenn McGrath's bunny as he had Atherton dismissed 19 times.

This brought back memories when we were playing at Amberley, a small ground, when one of the Amberley batsmen hit a ball straight back past the bowler to the boundary. He scored a four, but the ball could not be found. No undergrowth. The assumption was the ball had disappeared down one of the many rabbit holes.

In the 1970s / 1980s (not sure exactly when) we were playing at Upper Dicker. Prior to the commencement of the season Dicker had mole drained their outfield. The opposition batsman drove the ball along the ground towards the boundary. One of Chailey's fieldsmen ran full pelt to cut it off, which he did by stepping on it, but his momentum took him way past the ball. He turned back. The ball was nowhere to be seen. Not in the surrounding grass but as he was retracing his steps, he found that when on stepping on the ball he had driven it down one of the drains which had widened because of the dry weather. You had to be there to witness the expression on his face and the fellow cricketers falling about in laughter.

To suggest that we do not have a rabbit problem would be wrong. With an increasing number of rabbit holes around the ground, last season we lost a ball that disappeared down a rabbit hole. Still waiting for the rabbits to throw the ball back!

Hope to see some of you at one of our games soon – remember we only play on Sundays (our first game this year is an exception). All our 20 fixtures can be found on our website: www.chailey.play-cricket.com. Once on the site head for 'Fixtures and Results', then 'All Fixtures' and then to whichever month you wish to investigate.

Chailey Cricket Club – your village cricket club
www.chailey.play-cricket.com

Chailey Horticultural Society

It has been a difficult winter for gardeners with a lot of cold weather and relatively little rain. This has delayed warming of the soil to allow early planting and done no favours to overwintering crops. For those without a heated greenhouse this has delayed the start of crops requiring a long growing season such as chillies, aubergine and sweet peppers. I think propagators are essential and it is vital to ensure that growing seedlings get maximum light to avoid them going leggy.

Late March to early April is the time to plant seeds of outside tomatoes. It is about 8 to 10 weeks from planting to being ready to go outside in late May and early June. Outside the soil will be warming up. Traditionally the soil was warm enough for planting when the gardener could sit comfortably on it with a bare bum!

At the end of April plant main crop potatoes and meanwhile earth up first earlies as growth appears as protection against frost. Beetroot, chard, spring onion, lettuce and radish can now be planted directly.

Traditionally now is the time to plant for the coming winter by sowing brassicas, parsnips and leeks. I don't think it is worth the amateur gardener growing brassicas from seed as relatively few plants are required. Much better to plan what is needed and the go for plug plants.

Sow leeks in a seed bed and when they are the size of a pencil they are ready for transplanting perhaps into the ground just vacated of first early potatoes. There are numerous varieties. I think the main criteria are that they stand well through the worst of the winter and are still going in early spring. Musselburgh, an old fashioned Victorian variety satisfies all these requirements.

For parsnips grow a canker resistant variety such as Gladiator. Using a dibber make a hole about 6" deep and fill it with fine well sieved compost, water and plant 4 or 5 seeds on top and cover with vermiculite. Parsnips have a reputation for being slow and difficult to germinate so you can try and get the seeds to germinate before planting. Soak the seeds in water for about 4 hours and lay on a damp kitchen towel and cover with another towel and leave in the dark at room temperature for about a week by which time a small root will have appeared and they can then be planted out. Beware of slugs both above and below ground so use of a nematode slug treatment is a good idea.

Peaches, nectarines and especially apricots flower early before there are many pollinating insects about so whether inside or outside they will need help in the form of a soft brush.

The number of pollinating insects has been drastically reduced in recent years due to changes in agricultural practices, habitat destruction and particularly an unwise national policy in the uses of pesticides so avoid cutting grass too early and if it flowers leave it! Don't forget we have a plant sale in the village hall car park between 10am and midday on Saturday 13th May. There will plenty on offer particularly tomatoes, chillies beans, house and flowering plants so please come and support us.

Good Gardening - Peter Estcourt
pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708

Chailey Free Church Youth Group

Something exciting is happening at Chailey Free Church in April – we are starting a monthly youth group! We will meet at the church every third Thursday beginning on the 20th April from 6pm-8pm. The group is aimed at those in school years 6-9 and will include food such as pizza or burgers, a tuck shop, loads of games and a chance to discuss the big questions you might have about Christianity. For more information contact Jan 07913652920 or Dave 07770537676 or email contact@chaileyfreechurch.com.

St Peter's Church Chailey

We invite you to our new Community Cafe Wednesday 3rd May 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Refreshments, music, friendship, children's craft table. All welcome!

Maria Caulfield MP

Parish Councils have their say on changes to Planning

All local parishes are seeing their green spaces under threat from developers who in both Wealden and Lewes council areas, are using the lack of a Local Plan by the District Councils as a rationale for targeting sites for developments that neither meet local housing need nor are affordable to residents.

This has not been helped by national planning law, which up until now sees Local Plans, which set out where housing should and shouldn't go and what infrastructure is needed to support them, needing to be updated every five years, it enables planning inspectors to overturn local refusals for applications and sets unrealistic housing numbers as a guide to how much housing needs to be built in an area.

After months of Sussex MPs lobbying Government to change these planning laws, we have at last some light at the end of the tunnel. The national planning policy, the NPPF, is to be changed as part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which the Government is putting through parliament and proposals include; moving to a Brownfield first strategy which will protect our green spaces, making it harder for planning inspectors to overturn local decisions, ending the need to renew Local Plans every five years and scrapping housing numbers so local areas can set their own plans.

Our local Parishes are now responding to the NPPF consultation to feed in the changes they would like to see and we expect the new national policy to come in this spring which should make it harder for developers to target our local area and concrete over our green spaces. Every village from Chailey to Wivelsfield, Plumpton to Ringmer, Newick to Berwick and towns like Polegate have seen local decisions overturned by inspectors and sites not suitable for housing given permission against the will of local people. None of us are against housing but it must be in the right place, with the necessary infrastructure and affordable for local people if it is to meet our housing needs.

I will continue to lobby ministers to make sure the progress promised happens so that we can protect our wonderful local area from over development.

Chailey Parish Hall

The Hall Committee would like to thank all the Hall hirers for treating the hall with respect. Even in the cold weather we hope to have the hall at a reasonable temperature thanks to the vigilance of Peter Whitworth and his new adjustable technology.

The lighting in the Hall has been improved and further improvements are envisaged, finances permitting. We are particularly looking at improvements for power saving.

The Hall now has Wi-Fi for everyone's use. The car park is in a good condition and it helps having the newly marked out spacing. The new lighting has made a huge difference.

There are available sessions for regular and occasional hire at the Hall. Please contact Lorna on the new email address chaileyparishhall@btinternet.com

Please join us for the Hall AGM on Wednesday 24th May at 5pm in the Parish hall. Meet the Committee and make any suggestions for improvements.

Ann Jones. Chair of the Hall



TIME TO DUST OFF THOSE CYCLES AND MOWERS!!

We were seriously busy at February's Repair Café at St Peter's Church Chailey, tackling no less than 80 repairs in 3 hours, including all the usual suspects – a much loved doll, some beautiful glass ornaments, clocks, hoovers, food processors, some small items of furniture, damaged clothing, radios and cd players, broken ceramics and, of course, a singing musical toy!!

As we head into Spring, we'll now start seeing your cycles which have been loitering in sheds and need some attention as well as mowers and garden tools which need sharpening - our state of the art sharpening machine will soon sort them out as well as your kitchen knives and workshop tools!

We are thrilled to have been invited back to Chailey Bonfire Society's St George's Fete on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd April at Markstakes Corner, South Chailey. We'll be showing what we can take on and will be happy to discuss your repairs with you. See you there...!!!

Our 2023 dates are easy to remember – we are normally open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm. Our new 2023 posters and flyers with all this year's dates are now available at the Café, so you won't forget!

Chailey Repair Café is part of a world-wide movement where volunteer experts repair things free of charge – although a donation towards running costs is invited. Anyone can bring along broken items or clothing needing repair from home, and have a cuppa and a cake while they wait!

You'll find us at St Peter's Church, Chailey on the A275 at Chailey Green normally on the second Saturday of each month (11 Mar, 8 April, 13 May and so on....) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes!

Contact us at chaileycrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER *By Sharon Davy*

CHAILEY NEWS APRIL 2023 COUNCIL HOUSING SERVICE – GOOD TO HELP

I was pleased to help one of our South Chailey Council tenants who was finding it impossible to contact or speak to a member of the Housing Department that deals with emergency repairs. I am afraid that this is not an isolated case as far as giving good Customer Service. There is room for improvement. But the bright side of the story is the problem is being dealt with and I am glad I was able to help.

REPRESENTING OUR CHAILEY PEOPLE

I was taken aback to receive a telephone call at 5.45 pm from a 78 year old Chailey resident who was in a state of shock having been given a judgement to evict him from his own home

the next morning. A foolish judgement in the circumstances, as what was needed was adequate time to pay a debt. A new experience for me, but that evening, I wrote to all concerned putting forward a strong case for allowing more time. The next morning, I sat with the resident, waiting for the bailiffs to arrive, they didn't arrive, but the 'phone rang to confirm the eviction had been cancelled – giving more time. Miracles can sometime happen.

COUNTRYSIDE WALKS – RIGHTS OF WAY

So many of us enjoy our Chailey walks and stiles play an important part of our Rights of Way pathways and legal access. For some year or so, I have been trying to help find a landowner who can take the responsibility of replacing a depilated style. Finally, with the help of Rights of Way, East Sussex County Council, we will hopefully see a safe new style in the Spring for all to enjoy.

PLANNING AND MY CONTINUED CRITICISM OF SuDS

Our village has its own unique characteristic and the vast majority of us in Chailey think it is important that our village does not become urbanised. Localism plays a part in realistically ensuring our village remain vibrant and not set in aspect, but the key is promoting small, sustainable developments that reflect local needs and improve the quality of life for all, now and in the future.

With reference to my note in the March Chailey News, I apologise if this subject does not concern all our homeowners. I continue to bring attention to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that, in my view, is pivotal to the current sewage crisis and our ability to manage exacerbated flash flooding. Experience shows that where SuDS are well-designed and planned from an early stage, they can often be cheaper to build and maintain. The planning system is weak as far as far as this loophole. This crucial schedule of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Schedule 3 should be commenced urgently. It's time to implement Schedule 3 of the Flood and Waste Management 2010.

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



First of all, we had a pleasant surprise when we arrived at the Village Hall in March. The table cloth which we have had for many years and which disappeared just before Christmas, has returned! It was inside an envelope and had been put back in our WI cupboard in the Hall. We are very grateful for its return and thank anyone who was instrumental

in arranging for its return

The speaker in April will be Anne Whinney and her subject will be Hedgegog Haven. Last month Carolyn Harvey demonstrated some fascinating Decorations for Easter and we had a relaxing evening watching her nimble fingers produce various flowers and decorations.

We meet in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm and are always happy to welcome prospective members and guests who, for the nominal sum of £3, can join us to listen to our speakers and enjoy delicious home made refreshments afterwards.

Margaret Smith (01825 723519)

Friends Of Chailey Windmill

The Mill and Rural Life Museum will be open for the first time this year on Sunday 23rd April from 3-5 pm. It will also be open on National Mills Day Sunday 14th May. There will be no charge for admission but donations are welcome for the maintenance of this Grade II listed historic landmark.

The Mill will also be open on National Mills weekend May 13/14 when the Downland Radio Group will be contacting other mills throughout the UK and Europe. Visitors are welcome to the Mill all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

A new exhibit is a Mantrap which is a mechanical security device, typically used by landowners for catching poachers and trespassers. Since 1827 they have been illegal in England and so we are pleased to have a rare example.

When you visit the Mill you may like to seek answers to the following questions.
On October 4th 1933 a member of the royal household opened the restored Mill - who was it?

How do you know that during the reign of Edward IV they did not use pounds and pence?

John Smith (01825 723519)

Chailey Litter Pickers

The Chailey Litter Pickers are a small and enthusiastic group who do a monthly litter pick along the roads and verges of Chailey. Over the last few years, we have collected hundreds of bags of litter, and have helped to keep Chailey as clean as possible.

Our next litter pick has been set to coincide with and support the Chailey Bonfire Society Fete on Saturday 22 April. As well as picking the site throughout the duration of the fete, we will also collect any discarded litter that remains afterwards. We will also have a stall at the fete that will aim to promote the group, as well as raising awareness of the issue. Hopefully we will attract some new members to the group, particularly young people.

Anyone is welcome to join us at our litter picks, whether as an occasional picker or as a more regular one. We try to vary the days of the week (including Saturdays) for the picks. Bin liners are supplied, as well as grabbers and protective gloves for those who need them. It is surprisingly good fun, and we enjoy the appreciative waves and toots from passers-by and cars.

If anyone would like to find out more about the Chailey Litter Pickers, more information can be found on www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers

Sarah Droscher

CHEC Rebrand

As of 1st May 2023 Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre (CHEC) is rebranding and changing our name to '**The Incredible Design Company**'. Our products, team and mission remain the same. We look forward to continuing to provide the locality with top class printed products and to provide work experience to our team of disabled adults from our office at Kings Court, North Chailey.

The Incredible Design Company is a registered charity no 1093222 and a company limited by guarantee no 4409137.

Matt Barber - 01825 724376

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society

April 12th 2.30 Civic Centre Uckfield

Not in Front of the Audience. Censorship on the British Stage. Malcolm Jones

Nowadays it would seem almost anything is allowed in modern day theatre. However, before 1968 this was certainly not the case and nothing lewd or libellous could get past the Lord Chamberlain's Office. Even such famous playwrights as Bernard Shaw did not escape censor. On October 23rd 1905 his 'Mrs Warren's Profession' had but one performance before police arrived to arrest the cast and crew.

There was a loop hole though as Members Only clubs were subject to no such restrictions, or you could as Shaw did try your luck in New York.

Malcolm Jones has lectured on theatre for Rhodes Scholars and London Arts Discovery Tours for groups visiting the UK from America. He was also responsible for lectures, study days and workshops at the V & A Theatre Museum in Covent Garden. He has interviewed many leading actors and directors including Kenneth Graham, Zoe Wanamaker, Barry Cryer, June Whitfield and Don Black.

We always welcome guests so do come along if you are interested, just £7 on the door. If you would like to become a member do contact me and I will send you the details.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

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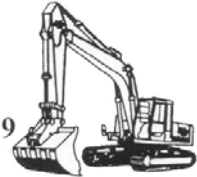


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