

# **Chailey News**

## **August 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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## CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Herons Ghyll:	Wednesday 9.30am	Sunday 11.30am Holy Days 12 noon
Haywards Heath:		Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm
Uckfield:	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.30am
Lewes:		Sunday 9am 10.30am

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

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**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

## **AUGUST SERVICES 2023**

**Sunday 6th August *The transfiguration of our Lord***  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 13th August *Tenth after Trinity***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 20th August *Eleventh after Trinity***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 27th August *Twelfth after Trinity***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 3rd September *Thirteenth after Trinity***  
**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.**



*'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,  
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven'  
Matthew 16:19*

Dear friends,

Welcome to the August edition of our Church & Community Magazine.

This month we are looking forward to welcoming Bryan McAlley to the Newick Afternoon Club on the 10th of August at the Barn Centre who will be speaking about the hugely successful Repair Café at St Peter's Chailey and the history, philosophy, and practice of the Repair Café

Following our repair and restoration theme St Mary's will be hosting our 'Restoration Station' Summer Holiday Club at Newick Primary School on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th August if you haven't signed up yet please contact Ali at [alichurchinterparishfamily@gmail.com](mailto:alichurchinterparishfamily@gmail.com).

Don't miss the Intergenerational Opera Gala Evening on Sunday 13th August at 7pm.

This year in the Churches calendar we are following the Gospel of Matthew, and the more I read the more I realise that Jesus did not stay in one place very often.

For many August is a month of transition, a changing of times and places, plans are made to start new schools, universities, Gap years, new jobs, and for some to retire, and did you know that August is the most popular month to move house in the UK.

Change can be challenging, and moving often comes with an element of excitement but it can also come with more than its fair share of anxiety and fear.

For those of us who choose the way of the Christian faith, being a follower of Jesus can often mean moving out of our circles of comfort and going to other places – geographically, culturally, economically, spiritually.

Because if there is one thing Jesus did, it is that he went – out of his home, out of his town, out of his community – to engage with other cultures and people, to listen and dignify their stories, no matter their culture or station in life.

Jesus was a listener and witness to outcasts and sinners, drinkers and tax collectors, strangers, and foreigners, the rich and the poor. He uplifted women who were considered by the society of the time of being unequal to men. He dignified people of other faiths or no faith at all and showed them the values of the Kingdom of God, through his teaching, through his healing, through his listening, and through his meeting them where they were and putting love into action.

For those of us with a Christian faith, the Scriptures teach us that it is also our mission to go out into the world and put the love that we have learnt into action. As the writer of John's Gospel quotes Jesus, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And as the first letter of John tells us, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

Sadly, for millennia the leaders of many religions have failed to put love into action and have used their doctrine and dogma for exactly the opposite of love.

Christians, and followers of many other faiths too are called to be ready to make the commitment

to go beyond our own boundaries.

As a Christian I am called to listen, to love and serve, to use my gifts in the struggle for dignity and justice for my neighbour and for people who are outside my comfort zone?

Do I always get it right, of course I don't!

But does that mean that I can't try again, and again, and again. Of course, it doesn't.

For some of us August will be a month when we need to be ready to challenge ourselves to forge new friendships, open ourselves up to new perspectives, and build bridges where once there were walls?

As the writer of Hebrews tells us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time, and our attention.

And we are called to invite others into this way of Love, and when we do, we bless ourselves in the process.

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

*Rev Paul*

At St Peter's, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our parish. **Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff, and to sustain the future of St Peter's and the churchyards at both St Peter's and**

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, churchyard, music, buildings, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to **our future mission and ministry.**

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor or their executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact Paul Corver our Churchwarden on 07770 688618 or email [stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk)

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too.

It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.





## August Diary

We are taking a break in August so there will be no Messy Church, Youth Group or Open Doors. We look forward to welcoming back our regulars and new members in September.

*Sundays* - We meet at 10.30 am for a time of worship and we warmly invite you to join us.

Chailey Free Church, South Chailey, BN8 4AN

For more information contact:

Roger on 01273 890114

Dave on 07770 537676

or Pete on 07757 388477

[www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com)

# 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'.

# One Hundred and more Years Ago

From the Parish Leaflet for August 1913

August 6th – A delightful Garden Fete took place on this date at Warrenwood kindly lent for the purpose by Mr and Mrs Green. It was organised by the Chailey Girls' Club with the object of raising funds to furnish the newly erected Parish Room.

The grounds at Warrenwood are admirably suitable for such an event being spacious and having picturesque surroundings. A thunderstorm threatened early afternoon but happily it passed away and fine weather prevailed. There was plenty to interest the visitors with competitions galore including hat trimming for men and twelve couples taking part in a tennis tournament.

In the midst of sylvan scenery ladies in fancy attire gave attractive entertainments. Students from the Ladies School of Gardening at Glynde appeared in 'Chairs to Mend' the Misses Kay, Kenward and Cripps of Newick presented 'Lavender, sweet lavender,' and the following members of the Chailey Girls' Club, Mrs Wilson, the Misses Margaret Blencowe, Margaret Cotesworth, Beatrice Bunt, Evelyn Beard and Winnie Homewood, were seen to advantage in 'Buy a Broom.'

*Note: In 1902 Frances Garnet Wolseley set up Glynde College for lady Gardeners. She pioneered horticulture as a profession for women, publishing Gardening for Women in 1908, Women on the Land in 1916 and later promoted professional training in garden design.*

Annette Shelford - [annette@shelford.net](mailto:annette@shelford.net)

# Chailey Litter Pickers

The Chailey Litter Pickers are a small and enthusiastic group who do a monthly litter pick along the verges and roads 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. The monthly picks take place on different days of the week as well as Saturdays, to enable as many people as possible to take part. The next pick is on Tuesday 1 August at 10.00am starting from St Peters Church. Bin liners are provided and grabbers and hoops can be given to those who need them. We encourage pickers to wear stout shoes/boots and protective gloves. New volunteers of all ages are very welcome, and there is no obligation to commit long term. The more the merrier, and every little helps!

Some of us recently supported the Windmill Guides and Rangers on their sponsored litter pick around South Chailey. The girls did a brilliant job and collected lots of litter with great enthusiasm. It was lovely to see some of the younger generation looking after their local environment, and having fun at the same time.

More information about the Chailey Litter Pickers and the dates of the picks can be found on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

*Sarah Droscher*

## Chailey Bonfire Society

The annual £1000 prize for our 100 club was drawn at The Five Bells on 11th July. The lucky winner was number 27 Theodore Tomlinson. The regular £50 winner was number 75 Dan Farrow. Congratulations and thank you for your support.

The renewal of the 100 club will be due in the next few weeks and we have numbers available for the coming year. Numbers are £26 for the year, and you will be entered into a monthly draw to win £50 and then there is a chance of winning our £1000 prize next summer. If you would like to help raise funds for the society, please contact Chris Farrow [chris.farrow@ddicks.co.uk](mailto:chris.farrow@ddicks.co.uk) for more information.

### Dates for your diary:

Jumble Sale	16th September	-	11am at the village hall
Penny for the Guy	7th October	-	12pm onwards visiting:

Old Hamsey Lakes, Grantham Close, Kilnwood Lane, Shepherds Way, Greenacres, Gradwell End/Park, Martlets, Millbrooks, Green Lane, Setfords Field, Markstakes Corner, Lower Station Road, New Heritage Way. Finishing at The Five Bells.

Badge Night	7th October	-	6pm until 9pm at The
Five Bells.			
Bonfire Night	11th November	-	celebrating 100 years of
Disney			
Christmas meal	2nd December		

There are many ways you can help Chailey Bonfire. We are currently looking for help to put together a raffle hamper of items such as: nonperishable food items, toiletries, chocolates, and wine. We are also looking for odd pots of paint. If you can donate anything, please get in touch with Diane 07773 935403 to arrange collection.

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](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

Our Nightjar patrol continued in June and early July. Successful soundings and sightings were heard and achieved, and they have made appearances on most commons which is good news. Thank you to those interested people whom we have met on the commons and for showing an interest in these rather unusual night flying birds.

The wildlife refuges on Red House and Memorial Common commons have continued to provide a valuable area for the ground nesting birds such as woodlark, chaffinch and nightjar to successfully raise their young, by minimising disturbance from dogs and people. We shall be removing the signs shortly and thank you for respecting the marked areas.

Chailey Commons Society has robustly defended our much-loved Local Nature Reserve from two proposals to build substations at the main access points to Romany Ridge and Memorial Commons. The Open Spaces Society also gave evidence against these proposals in which UK Power Networks is attempting to site substations on open, common land that is LNR and in one case, also SSSI.

The Society objected strongly to the plans since the initial public notices in May 2022 through to the Public Hearing held on 6th & 7th June 2023, in front of the Defra Planning Inspector Mr. Mark Yates in Newick Village Hall. The Society has set out several alternative solutions including on private land outside the commons and is now looking at next steps to take with the landowners, its members, and the many supporters in the local community.

Cattle are now grazing on Red House Common having moved up from the lower commons. Please let Andy Mitchell, the Countryside Officer know if any signs are missing. Please also report any issues with gates or fences to him by email [Andy.Mitchell@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Mitchell@eastsussex.gov.uk). If there are any problems with the cattle, please report this to the farmer directly on 07710 031820.

We are looking for a new pony checker to join our team who monitor the four Exmoor ponies on Red House Common daily. Each person checks them two days a month – whatever the weather! We can give some basic training and lots of support from the team. Please contact JoJo if you are interested on: [wayfamily@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wayfamily@hotmail.co.uk).

Next event: Wednesday August 16th 10.00.a.m. – 12 midday on Memorial Common – Bug Hunt for children and accompanying adults. Meet at the car park by the A272. Bring along nets, pots and magnifying glasses if you have them for a fun morning looking for interesting bugs.

For further information, visit our website – [www.chaileyccommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileyccommons.org.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/chaileyccommons/](https://www.facebook.com/chaileyccommons/) or [friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmarkstakescommon/)

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*

## Chailey Cricket Club

So far quite amazing in that this season we have had only one match affected by the weather. That was abandoned at tea. That said, like many of you gardeners, we could do with some more rain (not too much) to rejuvenate the grass. Ideally, if it could be arranged, rain at night so we can play in the day.

Our results have not been on the positive side this year, but that said the true team spirit has shone through and everyone who has played has enjoyed the matches. Results since last article:

11 June - lost by 18 runs

Brighton St Peters 166 – Bhavik 3 for 34 and 2 each for Alex Cox (2 for 1); James Brooklyn (2 for 26) and Jamie Kahn (2 for 39). James Chaplin chipped in with the remaining wicket.

Chailey 148 – Vijay Venke 37, Jamie Kahn 27, Cameron Davis 18 and 11 from James Brooklyn

18 June – abandoned at tea interval

Balcombe 180 for 6 innings closed – James Brooklyn 2 for 36 and 1 each for James Chaplin, Jamie Kahn and Josh Coppard. The other wicket was a run out

Chailey – no opportunity to show their skills.

25 June – lost by 9 wickets – worst loss for some while

Chailey 80 (yes 80!) David Dembrey 22, Marc Sellis 15 and Chris Mackinnon 10

Rodmell 81 for 1 – Alex Cox 1 for 15.

Long afternoon as the wicket gained was on the 3rd ball of Rodmell's innings which lasted just under 20 overs.

2 July – lost by 39 runs

Gully Cricketers (Crawley) 176 for 9 innings closed after 42 overs – Marc Sellis 3 for 19, S Shankar 2 for 13, Jamie Kahn 2 for 40 and 1 apiece for James Chaplin and James Brooklyn.

Chailey 137 – James Brooklyn 35, James Chaplin 22, David Dembrey 21, Chris Mackinnon 17 and Chris Clayton 13.

9 July – won by 4 wickets. We have waited since before Covid to get this fixture off the ground. Luckily the rain held off and both set of players and supporters (yes, we occasionally get some) enjoyed the day.

Chailey CC 'Old Boys' 200 for 9 innings closed at 35 overs – Danny Andrews 65 (still plays occasionally for us), Dave Rogers 30 (up from Southampton - last played 1 game in 2016 and 1 in 2018), Kelvin Spiers 17 (last played for us in 2003), Richard Galletly 15 (down from Leicester – last played for us in 1999), Toby Glyn 10 (last played in 1 game in 2015). Other contributions were 15 from Toby's son Henry and 10 from guest player: D Killeen.

Also batted – or attempted to! – Mark Haylett 6 (last played for us), Keith Gilbert 5 (last played for a game for us in 1999), Jeremy Blick 0 who last turned out for us in 2016 when we were in the league. John Padgham whose last competitive game for us was in 2016 did not bat.

Chailey 204 for 6 plus one batsman retired not out – Faruukh Azmat 50 (retired not out), James Chaplin 50 not out – his maiden half-century, Chris Clayton 27, Chris Mackinnon 20, David Dembrey 18 and Alex Cox 12.

CCCOB wicket takers were: 2 for Kelvin Spiers, 1 each for Dave Rogers, Richard Galletly, Jeremy Blick and 1 run out.

Hopefully this fixture will continue in year to come and include one or two more ex-players from other parts of the country, and who knows from around the globe. That would be unlikely as some of our players now reside in either Canada, Australia or New Zealand. However, may be too far to come for the day!!

August matches: 6th Wadhurst (h); 13th Crawley Down (a), 20th Eastbourne Martlets (h) and 27th Streat & Westmeston (h)

*Chailey Cricket Club – your village cricket club*  
[www.chailey.play-cricket.com](http://www.chailey.play-cricket.com)

# Friends Of Chailey Heritage

**AGM of Friends took place at Chailey Heritage Foundation on 26th July .**

Ann Jones here. I've been Chairman of the Friends of Chailey Heritage for too many years! Our daughter Jo started at Chailey Heritage in 1980 and Chris and I have been involved since then.

The Friends is a very small Charity, our committee is voluntary and each of us recognises how special the Heritage is and how special the children and young people are, who are lucky enough to be at the Heritage. We send out an annual Newsletter to interested people. Please let me know if you would like one.

The Chailey Heritage Foundation has its own professional Fund Raising team. Their expertise enables them to tap into Trusts and they run fund raising events. The Fund Raising team raise money for large capital developments. Friends do not fund raise but just use legacies and donations to finance small financial gifts which go directly to the children and young people who attend the School and residential section. Friends annually support the Celebration Day which the children, staff and parents enjoy. We support the Leavers' Annual Ball, Scout Camp, the Farm and underwrite the riding which costs a huge amount each year but is loved by the children. The physical and mental benefits of riding are huge.

Please email me if you would like a copy of the minutes.

*Best wishes Ann - jonespellingford@aol.com*

## Chailey's Community Harvest Flower Festival!

You may remember our item in May Chailey News regarding the above Community Festival. To remind you, it referred to our Harvest weekend, 6th to 8th October when we are planning a Community Harvest Flower Festival.

Invites were circulated and many replies received, however if you were one and have NOT replied yet, there is still time.

Your group can get involved in either of 3 ways: - you don't have to be a flower arranger!

- 1) Your group/organisation can arrange a display Friday morning in situ.
- 2) Your group/organisation can bring a pre-arranged display to fill the allocated space.
- 3) Your group/organisation can donate towards the cost of flowers, and an arrangement will be undertaken on their behalf by our church flower ladies. The cost of option 3 will vary according to the size of the floral display. (£15 for medium, £25 for large and £40 for very large)

Each group/organisation will be asked to provide 50 words of information to be included within the program for the event. It would be great if your arrangement reflected your group in some way.

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Our provisional program is

### **Friday 6th October**

Church open 10am to 1pm for groups to attend and set up arrangements  
2pm – 6pm Flower Festival OPEN Refreshments available

### **Saturday 7th October**

10am – 5pm Flower Festival OPEN Refreshments available  
7pm Festival concert arranged by Andrew Rees, {ticket event}  
This is an opportunity to enjoy music amid the scent of our Harvest flowers

### **Sunday 8th October**

8am Service  
10am Harvest Festival Service taken by Rev. Paul Mundy  
12mid-day – 5pm Flower Festival OPEN Refreshments available  
6pm Harvest Supper (Co-ordinated by Rev. Paul)

All participants to festival, and church members invited. We would hope that representatives of the various participating groups will join us for this traditional Harvest Supper in the church. Floral displays can be taken away after the supper for others to enjoy in their own settings.

We are pleased with the initial response, but would still like to have every group in Chailey represented.

If you as a group or business wish to be involved, and have not had an invitation letter and registration form from us, please contact the event co-ordinators,

*Peter & Brenda Martin & Diane Ellis.*  
*Email us on: Peter.m62@btinternet.com*

## **Chailey Horticultural Society**

'We had a very enjoyable summer show on 15th July. As usual the general standard of exhibits was very high and despite the difficult weather conditions a good number of entries. Our problem remains attracting visitors in the afternoon to appreciate the effort and skills of the exhibitors. Our Autumn Show is on the 9th September in the village hall so please come and enjoy a pleasant relaxing afternoon in convivial company and consume cakes and tea.

We now have a hose pipe ban and I see no prospect of this being lifted until well into the autumn. All saved rain water is long gone so most of the water used will be mains water which can be too cold if used directly on to hot plants. The same applies to water from wells. So if possible fill a few watering cans and leave them standing for a couple of hours to warm up.

It is tempting to water potatoes but the ingredients in mains water often produce a rather scabby skin though the tubers are quite safe to eat. Alternatively waste domestic water can be used provided not too much soap or detergent has been used.

Cut down the raspberry canes that have fruited to ground level and tie in the new canes for next year. Ensure autumn fruiting canes are well supported and stop once they reach about six feet.

Continue tidying up the strawberries and securing runners to replace any that are more than four years old.

Regularly check brassicas for caterpillars and remove any brown or diseased leaves. Start harvesting early main crop potatoes and I fear because of the drought be prepared to be disappointed!

Tomatoes both inside and outside will be ripening and remove the lower leaves to allow better sunlight penetration.

Aphids can be a real problem on greenhouse aubergines and sweet peppers. I clear them with a jet of water and don't forget to look on the underside of the leaves.

Spray the leaves of greenhouse cucumbers to deter red spider mite but keep the leaves of marrows and courgettes dry to avoid fungal problems. Don't let courgettes get bigger than about four inches since once they start to produce seeds they will stop forming new fruit.

Sow winter lettuce for either growing in the open or under cover. Try winter density , artic king , winter gem or Brighton!

Keep runner beans well watered and pick regularly to ensure continued cropping. If you have a surplus I strongly recommend runner bean chutney!

Please remember our autumn show

Good Gardening

*Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708*

## **Maria Caufield MP**

We all know that things are tough for people at the moment on the back of high energy bills over the winter and the cost of food and fuel also hitting pockets hard. While the Government helped over the winter by paying half of everyone's energy bills and the cost of fuel dropping since Christmas, inflation remains stubbornly high and interest rates have had to go up to try and manage this. Both for renters and mortgage holders, this is having a big impact on the monthly budget at home and I am seeing the impact of this in my local Surgeries across the constituency from Ringmer to East Dean.

That is why the government met with banks recently to put in place the following measures to help those struggling with their repayments. Firstly, anyone struggling with mortgage payments can now safely talk to their lender without fear of it affecting their credit rating and for those who have started to miss payments there is now a 12-month delay in place before any repossession can take place which gives people time to get repayment plans back on track.

One of the biggest issues is for those coming off fixed rate deals who will be hit by the new higher interest rates and so it is now possible for people to lock in a deal six months ahead of a fixed term coming to an end so they can shop around to get the best deal available and not have to accept whatever is on offer when their fixed rate comes to an end. It will also be possible for those people in this situation to switch to a completely new mortgage deal including switching to interest only for six months to help reduce monthly payments for a short period.

Inflation is expected to fall before the end of the year which will mean interest rates will start to stabilise but it is important to support people over the coming months until this happens.

# St Peter's Primary School

Chailey St Peter's Church of England Primary School are celebrating being awarded an excellent SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools).

The inspector who visited in June included in his findings that *'the deeply embedded vision solidly underpins and flows consistently through all aspects of school life'. 'Highly effective, mutually beneficial partnerships exist with the local church, community, and schools in the federation as well as local clusters' and 'passionate Christian leadership at all levels is wholeheartedly supported by governors, staff and parents' at Chailey St Peter's Primary School.*

*Joanna Barton - School Secretary  
Chailey St Peter's CE Primary School  
Part of the Bluebell Federation 01825 722939*

## Thompsetts Charity Grants To Young People

Applications for money from Thompsett Charity can be made for 2023. To remind you, Thomas Thompsett enabled a Trust to be set up in 1926 for grants to boys and girls in the parish of Chailey to promote their education, including social and physical training.

The Trust is pleased to hear from individuals or groups based in Chailey who could be helped financially.

Only a small amount is available annually for distribution but if you would like to be considered for a small grant, please email to The Trustees, Thompsett Charity, via Ann Jones [jonespellingford@aol.com](mailto:jonespellingford@aol.com) Applications by 26th August 2023 please so they can be considered at the meeting of the Trust at the end of August.

*Ann Jones, secretary, Thompsetts Charity Trustees*



August is always our month for an outing so there is no meeting in the Village Hall that month. In August we are hosting a tea party for a party from Crowborough, who came last year for tea and enjoyed it so much they asked to come again. This also provides a useful addition to our funds. At the end of the month we are having an afternoon of Poetry reading.

In July Joanne Foat came to give us an extremely interesting talk about the history of the Land Army Lumberjills. During WW2 when the Lumberjacks were away fighting for King and country the Land Army Lumberjills did a wonderful job of providing the country with wood. The women continued the heavy work of chopping down trees by hand to provide timber for pit props and telegraph poles as well as for charcoal factories and firewood for homes.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Guests and prospective members are always welcome, where for the nominal charge of £3 they can enjoy the talk and also some delicious home made refreshments

*Margaret Smith (01825 723519)*





## **CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ CELEBRATES 5 YEARS OF TEA, CAKE AND FIXING!!**

Yes – Chailey Repair Café celebrates 5 years of fixing your stuff this August!!

None of us thought when we first opened our doors on 11th August 2018 that we would grow so quickly and achieve so much. In those days there were only 2 other Repair Cafes in East Sussex – now there are over 20 in West & East Sussex, with more springing up all the time...

We have now attempted more than 4000 repairs, including over 400 during the Covid lockdown, when we carried on repairing your items in our homes and our work has been the subject of numerous articles in the local press and radio. None of that could have been possible without the support of the local community and of course the tireless work of our 36 hard working volunteers – they are simply the best!

We now have a huge stock of specialist tools and many spares which enable us to tackle some really obscure items – as long as you can carry it, we'll look at it! (But no microwaves please – they have a dangerous bite!!)

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 and then watch while your repair is done in front of you..

You'll find us at St Peter's Church, Chailey on the A275 at Chailey Green normally on the second Saturday of each month (8th July, 12th August, 9th September and so on) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes!

Not sure if we can fix your broken item? Contact us at [chaileyrc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyrc@gmail.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

*Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team*

## **Memories of Chailey Past**

Over the years my mother, Margaret Coles (nee Hobden), has kept many of us amused with her stories of life as a young girl in Chailey. I have been gathering her stories and memories together in one place and thought it would be a good idea to let the current residents of a Chailey have a glimpse into the past. Many of the stories will have 'evolved' over the years but I hope they will give a flavour of Chailey village life 80 or 90 years ago.

Mum was born at Neal's Farm on 18th July 1925 to Fred and Anne Hobden. Hobdens have probably been in Chailey for over 400 years. The family has been traced back to Ricardus de Hopeden, who bought lands in the manor of Firle in 1296. The family had a well-established business using steam lorries and traction engines to work on the roads in winter and help with the harvest in summer.

The firm employed about 20 men, 3 or 4 of whom lived permanently in vans hooked behind the traction engine and trailer. When they went threshing or road making, they just hitched them up and went off. The wagons also took water to houses that were not connected to the mains. The Heritage was one of these and, as a result, mum and her cousins were invited to the Christmas parties there. The vehicles were all kept

'down the yard' which used to be Snells, but is now Woodburn, I think. As well as her father's workshop there was a forge and carpenters' workshop. After mum was born, her grandfather (James Hobden, we'll come back to him later) had 2 bungalows built down the yard; one for her family and one for Uncle Jim's family. Mum remembers her grandparents living at the top of the lane and her granny keeping a strict eye over visitors! There was just one water boiler between the 2 houses so Saturday evenings a pot of water was boiled on the range and mum sat in the bath in front of the range.

Now back to her grandfather; he always had a bit of an eye for the ladies and eventually ran off with the maid. When he died he left everything to her, including the firm, so her dad and Uncle Jim had to buy it back. Her grandmother's grave, Philly Hobden, is by the entrance to St Mary's. However, her grandfather is in there too but not mentioned on the headstone. He just gets an elbow in the ribs from Philly in perpetuity.

Mum was in the church choir, Sunday School and went to school in South Chailey. Her memories of the school are that Miss Longhurst, later Mrs Hazeldene, became head teacher and, although quite small, could control any troublemaker with a look. When Mrs Hazeldene got married, mum remembers they were all invited, and the bride wore a yellow dress with a large picture hat. Mum played stoolball at school, which cost her a front tooth, and the teacher who took games (Miss Turner, later Mrs Chatfield) wore a long coat with fox fur collar. Mum also played tennis a lot.

Treats were going to the Flower Show, with Smiths Fair in the evenings, going on a pork pie special day which involved walking along to the station and catching the train to Eastbourne, having a pork pie along the way.

As well as going to Sunday School at St Mary's, mum used to work the bellows for the organ and I believe she managed to find her initials inscribed behind the organ when she was taken there prior to the change of use to a residential property. She said sorry, if a few decades too late. Her father was a lay preacher, so Sundays revolved around St Mary's.

When the war came her father and Uncle Jim were classified as essential agricultural workers so were not called up. They levelled what is now the graveyard behind St Mary's and a good deal of what is now the playing fields to allow vegetables to be grown for the war effort. This was on condition they could have a space once it became a graveyard, and you will find their graves in the corner by the pavilion.

Although probably overgrown now there were slit trenches and a search light battery on the common, I remember helping Garth Christian clear gorse and bracken to help the orchids grow and the sky larks nest, and uncovering the remains.

During the war mum was a runner for the air raid wardens and on fire watch duty. She remembers returning home from duty one night and a German aircraft coming over the Chailey Newick road; a voice from the ditch said "come over here Margaret Hobden" and she ended up sitting in the ditch with one of the main "residents" of the Kings Head public bar. She has since ridden her bike into a ditch and been pulled in to a ditch by her dogs, so one of her favourite sayings is "I sit in a ditch".

It was during this time she went to Box's Commercial College in Brighton to learn short hand and speed typing. German aircraft frequently off-loaded unused ammunition on the way back to base from London and she had to shelter in shop entrances along the sea front as they did so. The first time she experienced this was when she realised it wasn't rain on the College roof but spent ammunition from a dog fight overhead. They then had to get a particularly large girl out from under her typing desk where she had got stuck in her fright.

Once the war was over mum left home to join the Womens Royal Naval Service, but that is another story!

*By Robert Coles*

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society

No lecture for August but we have great plans for September and our new season. Have you ever thought about the history of the bed? Apart from Shakespeare leaving his second-best bed to his wife Anna, did you know that in times gone by, married or single one rarely slept alone, and in the case of the Great Bed of Ware sometimes as many as ten people!

However if your interests are to more traditional subjects, Sian Walters will be talking on the National Gallery which celebrates its 200 birthday this year. We also will be welcoming back Andrew Davies, one of our most popular speakers. Often on the Radio and TV Andrew will be taking us on a journey through London's Railway Stations. Lastly I would like to mention our May lecture when Rosamund Bartlett will tell a special history of Ukraine through its Art, Architecture and Folk Lore traditions.

If you are tempted and I hope you will, do join us on September 13th! We are in the Civic Hall Uckfield, the parking is free and our lectures start promptly at 2.30. The cost is £7 but if you are interested in joining, please contact me. The cost is £47 and for that not only do you get 10 most stimulating lectures and the chance to meet new friends as well as old ones, but also the opportunity to go on some of our specially organised visits.

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At CYE, the residents loved being out on the water, feeling the spray and seeing the other boats in the harbour. Back on dry land, they also had the chance to go crabbing and take part in an archery tournament. It was a wonderful day out and we're already looking forward to next year. Visit our youtube channel on <https://www.youtube.com/@beverntrust3680> to watch a wonderful video of the residents enjoying their CYE day out. It's quite a distance for us and another reason why we're working hard at fundraising for a new minibus! For more info on our Minibus Appeal, please visit <https://beverntrust.org/other/minibus/>

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Pre-booked telephone and face-to-face appointments are available with generalist and specialist advisers in Seaford on Mondays and in Newhaven Tuesdays to Thursdays. Face-to-face appointment availability due to return in Lewes in September, in the meantime telephone appointments remain available on Fridays.

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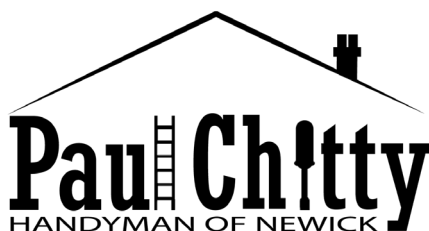
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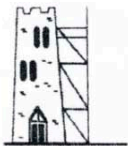
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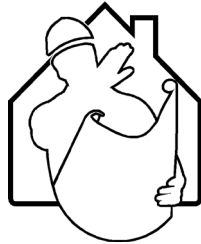
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