

Chailey News

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April 2015

The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6.45pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

Transport to services can be arranged: please contact the churchwardens. The Church is open during daylight hours.

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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Hérons 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 2015

Thursday 2nd April ***Maundy Thursday***
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy followed by
Liturgy of the Shadows
(Led by Bishop Richard Jackson)

Friday 3rd April ***GOOD FRIDAY***
2pm Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 5th April ***EASTER DAY***
6.15am Sunrise Service at Chailey Windmill
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 12th April ***The second Sunday of Easter***
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 19th April ***The third Sunday of Easter***
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
3-5pm Church afternoon teas.

Sunday 26th April ***The fourth Sunday of Easter***
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd May ***The fifth Sunday of Easter***
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service with
Pete's Puppets
Music by Robinswood.

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.



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY



Dear residents of Chailey, “So God created man in his own image, male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27.” Back to Germany and I am seventeen. It was such fun in the 1960s. There were many clubs where bands would come over from the UK to perform. The music was fabulous and I danced

the night away in the shortest of Biba skirts and the largest earrings. I used to fly back to England for 12 Deutch Marks to buy the latest Carnaby Street fashions or a new Beatles LP. To be the first to wear the latest designs or own the best LPs gave one great kudos.

I have always loved pop music and as I got older and approached 30 then 40 and then 50, I thought maybe the passion would diminish, but it never did, so now I'm wondering, “perhaps when I'm 70!” I still know all the current bands, solo artists, I know all the lyrics, all the dances and all the chart positions. And now I know why! It was all for Daisy. She is absolutely incredulous about my knowledge, my interest and my love of music. She tells her friends about me, that we dance and sing at the top of our voices. She tells me that I am “the coolest Gran in the World” and that her friends want to live with us at the Rectory. It was all part of God's plan. Jesus said, “the very hairs on your head are all numbered,” Matthew 10:30. We monitor things like the amount of money in the Bank, petrol in the tank or pounds on the scales. But hair? We style hair, colour hair, cut hair, but we don't count hair. God does. “God planned you, knows everything about you and loves you.” The Psalmist said ‘You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God’ Psalm 139:12-17.

Life at the Rectory is challenging for Daisy, we are never off duty. People knock on the door day and night and we welcome them in. Strangers call during Supper. People telephone at lunch time stating ‘We knew you would be in, it's lunch time.’ The reply ‘Yes and guess what? We're eating our lunch! ‘Oh I'll be quick,’ comes the reply, always. People write letters of complaint, the house can sometimes be full of drama. At one of our previous Vicarages, our next door neighbour worked for a funeral director and she would bring home and deliver to us urns of ashes. If we were out she'd leave them by the bread bin in the kitchen. How many times have I heard **“MUM”** from someone coming in from School and spotting them. If we are out shopping and my husband is wearing his clerical collar, people peer into our trolley. I can't imagine what they are looking for, but they always do.

A few years ago we had a Fete in our massive garden and it began to rain, everyone rushed into our 9 bedroom Rectory and I found people upstairs sitting on our daughters beds. It is a very strange calling. So Daisy needs some light relief and that comes with the pop music, she says that hearing the music makes her forget her past and she feels free. Wouldn't it have been sad if we had never shared that love of pop. You have to be yourself, who's going to be you if you are trying to be someone else? Do we really believe that we know better than God, about who we really are. When you know you are in God's will you can drop the mask, you don't have to convince people you're important, while secretly fearing you are not. Nothing is more boring, or disconcerting than someone who will ‘name drop’ in order to make an impression. Here's an Army story to prove that. “A newly - promoted lieutenant was eager to impress his under-lings, so when a young private walked into his office the lieutenant pretended to be on the phone with the general. “Yes, General, you can count on me, Sir,” he said as

he banged the receiver down. Turning to the private he asked what he wanted. "I'm just here to connect your phone Sir." Pretending to be what you are not is hard work. That's why you feel so tired being around people who expect you to project a certain image. Inside you is an unpretentious person. And its such a relief not having to act humbler than you are, or feign that you pray more, or know more about the Bible than you do.

The good news is that you never have to pretend with God, genuine brokenness pleases Him more than spiritual pretentiousness. To fulfil His will and become the person He wants you to be, you need to be honest about who you really are and I love pop music! I believe God made me to love music. All types of music. We have just had a concert in Church given by Coro Nuovo. They are choir led by our new organist and Director of Music, Andy Rees. If you get a chance to see them please go, they are fabulous! They sing a very fine Zadok the Priest by Handel, which I also love. I'm going to trust God. I'm not settling for 'What will be, will be' or 'fingers crossed' or 'good luck' or even 'it was meant to be.' No it wasn't, God isn't as vague as that. His promise is that He knew us when we were in our Mother's womb, He knows every hair on our head, He knows the end of our story, because He has gone before us to prepare the way. That's not luck, it is a promise because" He loves you, yeah yeah yeah."

I thought the end had come for Betty the Great Dane last week. As you know she suffers from separation anxiety and we cannot leave her alone for long. I had raced across to the Church to clean the lavatory, another perk of life at the Rectory. When I got back I was shocked to see one of Betty's eyes shut and the opposite side of her face had dropped. She had obviously had a stroke and I panicked about how on earth I would tell Daisy that she was near death. Betty looked at me with a pleading eye, I expect she wanted me to take away her pain. As I approached her, some blood dribbled from her mouth. As I looked closer she had a whole fine mesh bag of gold foil covered chocolate coins, left over from Christmas, wedged high up in her cheek and under one eye. The 'blood' was chocolate and she is a thief, she stole from Daisy's bedroom. Thanks for the laughs Betty. Now you've had a stroke, I will turn down the pop music if you are good. Or then again, maybe I won't.

From all at the Rectory.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 "

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.

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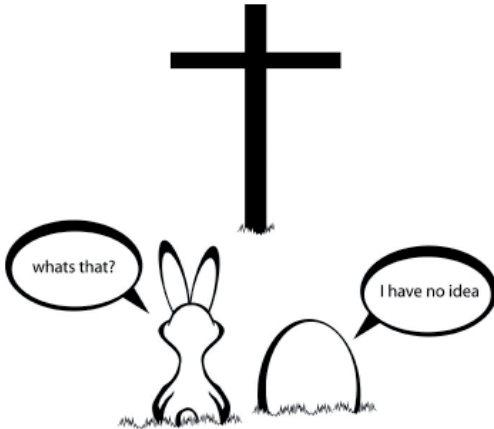
Home Address:

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Chailey Free Church



www.chaileyfreechurch.com



Come and find out at our
Easter Services

Thursday 2nd. Agape Meal and meditation - 7pm
Good Friday Service - 10:30am
followed by hot cross buns
Sunday 5th. Easter Praise Service - 10:30am

*All events are free
and everyone is welcome.*



Regular Sunday Services are
at 10:30am and 6:30pm.



Knit & Natter every 1st and
3rd Tuesday at 7:15pm.



Chailey Free Church, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN
Contact us for details on 01444 471600 or 01273 890114

News From St. Peter's Church

Our Lent Lunches, which took place in the church, were very well supported, and all donations will go to Oscar's Wish Foundation, a new local charity for mothers who have lost a child, set up by Gemma Kybert. Gemma will be known to many through her work with Chailey Youth Group.

In early March, Coro Nuovo gave us a superb evening of entertainment. Their repertoire included operatic music by Handel, Mozart and Verdi, traditional folk songs and pieces from Carousel and My Fair Lady. This choir was established in 2013 by Catherine Kent and Andrew Rees, who is their musical director. Andrew is a professional opera singer and has performed all over the world. We consider ourselves very lucky to have him as our organist here at St. Peter's.

We are now set to embark on some new and exciting ventures, which will see us reaching out into the wider community.

Afternoon Teas will be available in the church, starting on Sunday April 19th, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. This will then be a regular event on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Do come along for sandwiches, cakes and scones - and please tell your friends! Other projects soon to start are a weekly Mother and Toddler Group, a Lunch Club and an evening course entitled 'Your Church! Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask...'

Dates and times will be available on the church website once they are confirmed, or you can contact Nicola Lack on 01825 721107 for further information on any event.

Dates for your Diary

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| May 9th | Concert: Mid Sussex Choir | 7.30pm |
| May 23rd | Pete's Pentecost Party | 5.00pm |
| May 25th | Open Garden at Northfields, N. Chailey | 2.00pm - 5.00pm |
| June 28th | Jazz on the Green | |
| July 4th | Car Boot Sale, Village Hall | 10.00am - 2.00pm |

Friends of St Peter's Church Spring Concert

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Chailey invite you to a Spring Concert to be held on Saturday 9th May 2015 at 7.30 pm in the church on Chailey Green.

We are delighted to welcome back The Mid Sussex Choir together with soloists, the 4Tune Seekers Barbershop Quartet and the ever popular Margaret Watson on harp. The programme includes favourite excerpts from the Operas and other popular choral numbers. There will be an interval with refreshments.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the night with accompanied children under 16 free. Tickets available on the door or from: Fiona Pearl (email fiona.pearl@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 723135. - Janet Barnes (email janet.barnes42@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 722574.

Volunteers Required

Would you like to use your talents to help your church and local community?

We are looking for volunteers to help with exciting events planned to take place in church in the near future. If you would like help with any of the following, please tick and give your name and telephone number and any comments you may have:

WEEKLY LUNCH CLUB - Help needed preparing lunch, supplying puddings, and serving

meals. Also chatting to guests and making them welcome.

WEEKLY MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP - Help needed making teas and coffees, chatting to Mums and/or supervising children in play area.

INFORMAL EVENING COURSE ABOUT THE CHURCH - Help with serving wine/soft drinks and nibbles to those attending this informal friendly course.

AFTERNOON TEAS IN CHURCH - Help making cakes and/or serving tea and cake in church on the third Sunday afternoon each month.

Please return to Fiona Pearl or contact fiona.pearl@btinternet.com or phone 01825 723135



Mobile Phone's - A Result

Finally, I have received three responses from: Managing Partner, Local Government, Telefonica UK – Director Corporate Affairs, Telefonica and Executive Relations,

02. If you don't succeed – try and try again, so I hope my persistence in this matter will improve the service for 02 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

Chailey Parish Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee will take place in the Reading Room, Chailey Green, on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm. Please come along and put your views to the Committee and if you would like to join the committee you would be most welcome.

The interior of the hall is gradually being decorated. This bit by bit redecoration will take some time but at least in this way the hall can remain open to hirers without any inconvenience to them. The exterior of the hall is due to be decorated in August when our regular hirers are taking a break.

We have had a headache with the hall heating and many hirers have experienced a very cold hall which has been much regretted. We have worn out two boiler heating engineers and now have Martin Downey on the case dealing with possible plumbing issues. We hope the intermittent problem will soon be solved and we thank groups for their patience. I set the heating prior to hirers going in to try to bring it up to a good heat and we are able to set heating for the week. It is vital that the thermostat is not turned down and then left at a low temperature should hirers have the luxury of being too warm!! Any radiators turned off must be put back on for the next hirer.

Our cleaner cleans and checks the hall regularly but we do ask for hirers co-operation to sweep the main hall after use if it is necessary. It is fun to sweep the hall now we have a large scissor sweeping mop and can be done quickly. All the cleaning equipment is kept in the cupboard at the end of the kitchen.

Best wishes *Ann Jones 07891 746738 01825 508721*

Local Roads in Bad State of Repair?

Have you experienced any problems while driving along local roads? Do you know of any potholes or bad stretches of road which need repairing? If so East Sussex County Council have a special website dedicated to problem areas and would love to hear from you!

It only takes a few minutes to enter the details of the problem and pinpoint the area on the map.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/contactus/reportaproblem/streetproblem.htm

Chailey Commons Society

Now that Spring is well under way I always think of the saying 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers'. It is a natural process after all but how nice to think of it as being true and giving us a glorious display to look forward to.

The heavy work continued on the commons with more clearance of the overgrown trees and heavy undergrowth to give a mosaic on the landscape of the remaining trees and gorse to provide a patchwork of cover for the natural residents of the commons. The grazing is helping to correct the balance as well together with the brash clearance at ground level. Do please take care when walking, especially with dogs, as the ground nesting birds and reptiles will be around now. Careful control of dogs is essential to preserve the natural environment.

Our February meeting was very well attended and we all enjoyed a wonderful talk by Malcolm Emery from Natural England who told us about four of our county's National Nature Reserves. He compared them to each other and illustrated the differences which made it very interesting.

Our outdoor events start this month with our first walk on Romany Ridge Common on Saturday 18th April. Do come along and join our bird man, Ian Woolsey, who will lead a walk entitled 'In search of Warblers' starting at the car park at 9.30.a.m. All welcome and visitors too.

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

William Coleman - 01444 831098



Barn Dance

Fundraising event in aid of Chailey Heritage Foundation in the Memorial Hall at Chailey Heritage School on 2nd May at 7pm. There will be live music, dancing and a hog roast. Great

food included in ticket price. Tickets are £15. Get your tickets from GK's Cafe at Chailey Heritage, email: futueslifefskills@chf.org.uk or phone 01825 723723

The Bishop's Letter - An apostolic calling

Bishop Martin writes:

Good news is for sharing. Love reciprocated; the birth of your child; success after an interview; the publication of your first commission; medical results that give the all clear; we do not keep news like this to ourselves.

The good news that Jesus is risen from the dead has this same quality of needing to be shared. All four gospel writers say that. This is news confirmed by "the signs that accompanied it" (Mark 16.20), by its universal relevance (Matthew 28.19), starting from Jerusalem (Luke 24.47) but not confined to there, and it is costly in its demands on the leaders (John 21.18).

Easter Day this year brings to mind my recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land with people from this diocese. Our final celebration of the Eucharist at Abu Ghosh, the site of Emmaus, was a powerful reminder of what it means to be witnesses, sent out with good news to share.

We had stood where Jesus was born and grew up, where he taught, healed the sick and gathered the twelve disciples. We had walked the ancient path to Calvary and the empty tomb and been renewed in our identity as apostles.

The journey home was an apostolic pilgrimage, sent out with a renewed experience of our baptism, re-evangelised by the gospel and an overwhelming sense of the presence of risen Jesus with us.

My prayer is that across the whole of Sussex, all of us celebrating the good news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead will be renewed by a real and profound encounter with him, because he is present in every place that we are present (Matthew 28.20).

On Easter Day, when you leave church to return home, you will also be embarking on a pilgrimage of your own, carrying good news to share with others.

This is your apostolic calling. His message to you is strong, loving and simple: "Do not be afraid". You are person sent out to show others how to know, love, and follow Jesus.

+Martin

Friends of Newick Health Centre

We have now installed one defibrillator at Chailey Free Church, but unfortunately funds have not been forthcoming from the Kings Head as promised so that at the moment until we secure sufficient funding that unit will be on hold. Fortunately there is a Community First Responder living in that area who has been provided with a defibrillator by the Ambulance Service so there is some cover. The total cost of providing a defibrillator, its weather proof casing and wiring into the electrical supply is about £1350. We have some funds available but not sufficient to fit one at the present moment. If you feel that you would like to help us in providing a unit for North Chailey then please send a contribution to me. Many thanks. Peter Todd Chairman/ Hon. Sec

St Peter & St James Hospice

Newick and Chailey Support Group - Annual quiz

Annual quiz on Friday 17th April. Arrive at 7:30 for an 8pm start at Chailey Parish Hall, which is on the A275 adjacent to Five Bells Public House. The cost to enter is £15 per head, this includes, sausage & mash supper, brownie dessert and welcome glass of sparkling wine. Reserve your table (teams of 6) by contacting Emma on nationdixon@btinternet.com 01273 400292. All proceeds to St Peter & St James Hospice.

Thompsett Charity Grants to Young People

Applications for money from Thompsett Charity can be made for 2015. 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.

In the past the Trust has sponsored school trips, grants to individuals for Brownie, Guide or Scout events, equipment for disabled children.

Only a small amount is available annually for distribution but if you would like to be considered for a small grant, please write to The Trustees, Thompsett Charity, c/o Ann Jones, 20 Newick Drive, Newick, BN8 4PA or email Ann on jonespellingford@aol.com Applications should be in by the end of April for consideration in May.
Ann Jones 01444 831244

Chailey Heritage's Golden Ticket

By the afternoon of the 26th April 2015 almost a million people will have crossed the finishing line of the London marathon since the race was first run on 29th March 1981. The 26 miles and 385 yards course has hardly changed over that time. However, the 35th running of the event will be different from all previous races, in one key respect. For the first time in the event's history the organisers have allocated a ticket to Chailey Heritage Foundation, recognising the exceptional work this local charity does to support children and young adults with severe medical and physical difficulties.

Chailey Heritage was set up by Dame Grace Kimmins on a summers day in 1903, when she arrived at an old work house in Chailey with 7 young boys from the East End of London. The work house had no electricity and the nearest telephone was three miles away in Plumpton. Dame Grace dedicated the rest of her life to building a school which today supports a population of around 200 children and young adults, and is ranked by OFSTED as outstanding on every measurable criteria.

London Marathon tickets are like gold dust to the enormous number of charities that compete for them every year. If you would like to help me make this golden ticket count for as much as possible, and prove to the event organisers that Chailey Heritage should get a London marathon ticket every year simply go to www.justgiving.com/Edward-Dykes and make a donation. Alternatively, send a cheque payable to Chailey Heritage Foundation to Sally-Anne Murray, Chailey Heritage School, Haywards Health Road, North Chailey, East Sussex BN8 4EF. Anything you can give in support of this remarkable organisation will be enormously appreciated.

Edward Dykes

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society (NADFAS)

Plumpton Village Hall. 2.15 Tuesday April 14th

'Cook and Gauguin – the cult of the South Pacific.' Imagine how 16th Century sailors must have felt when, having survived the storms of the treacherous Cape Horn, they were greeted by lovely and apparently available and willing young women on the Island of Tahiti. Little wonder that it was described as the new Utopia, a beautiful and erotic paradise. In 1767 Captain James Cook landing on the island as part of his expedition, noted that he found the natives 'as friendly a manner as we could wish.' Many other Europeans followed and in this lecture Leslie Primo will look at the enduring

Western obsession with this exotic island.

Probably no artist is more associated with Tahiti than Gauguin and his sensual depiction of the women he met there. Gauguin rejected his wife, his five children, society and the Paris art world for a life apart in this far away land.

We are lucky enough to have Leslie Primo for this lecture, he currently lectures at the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and teaches a variety of art courses at Imperial College London. He is one of our best speakers, really entertaining and a mine of information

Come and enjoy what should be a really fascinating lecture. Visitors are always most welcome and the cost is £7 on the door and as always there will be a chance to talk to the speaker. If you require any further information please ring Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

Annette Shelford.

On 3rd March we enjoyed the return of Mr. Rupert Matthews with his talk on "Jack the Ripper". Being a very good historian he gave us an informative picture of life in Whitechapel leading up to the horrific murders. We would recommend this speaker. Hopefully not too many of us suffered bad dreams that night !

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Next month, April 7th, brings June Felstead from ALSAR Search Dogs Sussex, expected to be an interesting talk. We welcome visitors and new members at every meeting with a small charge of £2.

Chailey W.I. is preparing for the "Jumble Sale" on 28th March, and next month we will be at the St. George's day Fair on 25th April with a "jar tombola".

We have 4 members going to the "Annual Federation meeting" in Eastbourne. 1 going to the Buckingham Palace garden party, another to the "National A.G.M." at the Royal Albert Hall. It is all "go" in this centennial year !

Carol Brown - 01825 723757

St Peter's On World Book Day the children came to school dressed as book characters and in addition, during the day, when the school bell rang they had to stop what they were doing and begin to read.



School

With our Sports' Premium money we have been able to fund, for each class, a visit to a sports centre in Uckfield so that they can experience trampolining. We are grateful to those parents who provided the required adult support for this activity.

Red Nose Day has come and gone. Everyone came to school as red as possible. Year 5 and 6 pupils organised a successful and very popular cake sale. The school has raised £350 for the charity. I can't say I'm a Red Nose fan. Lenny Henry puts me off. He advertises a chain of hotels on television. Their beds might be as comfortable as he says but they put them in the street and on the beach. It so happened that on the day I was taking part in the late night quiz on B.B.C. Radio Across the South. A listener competes with the presenter, usually just for fun, but this time the presenter suggested that we should donate £5 for each question we got wrong and £10 if one of us was wrong and one of us answered correctly. The presenter had to donate £35, which he sent off while we were on air and my obligation was £10 which I've added to the school collection.

Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131

Chailey and District Horticultural Society

April is a busy month as the weather warms up the soil and days lengthen.

Plant main crop seed potatoes as I described last month, adding a couple of handfuls of grass cuttings around them to acidify the soil and discourage scab. Be sure to earth up the new shoots in case of frost.

With the warmer soil, this is the time to plant seeds. Carrots and parsnip seeds can be sown where they will grow, but beetroot and lettuce seeds can be sown inside (greenhouse or windowsill) for an early start. Plant 10 lettuce seeds at a time and when germinated transfer them into a 6cm biodegradable pot in universal compost, so that when planted out they will produce a strong growth as a result of the slight root restriction. Remember to water and protect from slugs. Little Gem produce good, small cos lettuce and all year round well-hearted, cabbage-type lettuces. There are also all the cut and come again varieties for leaves. Repeated sowings every two to three weeks ensure a continuous supply.

Beetroots have compound seeds (i.e. each seed contains a number of individuals), so there may be three or four shoots on germination. Keep only the strongest. Plant out into soil with no added compost. This avoids the development of too many roots. Boltardy for round beets, Cylindra for long beets.

At the end of April, start planting runner and french beans ready for planting out in June. Always plant with the 'eye' downwards because this is where the root emerges. Marrow, courgettes and pumpkins can also be planted now, with the seed on its side to avoid rot.

For those who have apricots, the trees will be in full bloom but there will be few pollinators about, so get out the fine paintbrush or wisp of cotton wool.

More next month. Please support the Society's plant sale from 10am on 10 May outside the Horns Lodge.

P G Estcourt -01273 400791 - pge44@waitrose.com

Chailey Bonfire Society

The 100 club in March was won by Debbie Freeland with No 73 Congratulations, thank you for supporting Chailey bonfire Society and we hope you find something suitable to spend your £50 on!

Last months jumble sale raised £400 for the society all of which goes towards Chailey's Bonfire Night and the Older Folks Xmas party. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, especially all our helpers, it is very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you!

St Georges Day Village Fete

Don't forget to come and join us on Saturday 25th April 12pm to 4pm at Markstakes corner for our St. Georges Day Fete. There will be lots of stalls and displays in the centre ring including Longman Morris Men Dancers, Burgess Hill Rumlbers, the Brownies Maypole dancing and Tae Kwondo. There will be Children's rides and games, tractors and a tractor ride, food and of course the very popular Bar. There are boot sale stalls still available for £10.00 each stall (please contact Clare on 07985112968). Back by popular demand this year is the Dog show. Here are the classes for this year: Prettiest Bitch, Handsome Dog, Hairiest dog/bitch, Best Pair, Waggiest Tale, Best rehomed/rescued, Best Veteran, Best Puppy (up to 18 months), Most appealing eyes, Best Crossbred, and the Dog the Judge would most like to take home. Entry is £1 per class. Entry on the day and classes start at 12:30. We are also running a scurrying class this year, classes will be split into small, medium and large.

This year we have decided to keep the fun going on into the evening. From 6.30 pm the beer tent will reopen and we have The Fireworks playing your favourite tunes for us. A hog roast will be available in the evening for you to buy. The raffle will be drawn in the middle of the evening. Tickets are available for £5.00 (entry only). Tickets available from The Horns Lodge or via the website www.Chaileybonfire.co.uk, or you can ask any committee member.

Don't forget that we can provide a no-cost bar to you, undercut pub prices, and take all the hassle out providing drinks to your guests. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Palmer on 07773935403 or email info@chaileybonfire.co.uk.

You can follow all our exploits and events on the Chailey Bonfire Society website <http://www.chaileybonfire.co.uk>, or our Facebook group – just search for 'Chailey Bonfire Society', or enter this address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChaileyBonfireSociety> and ask to join.

Chailey Bonfire Society Email: info@chaileybonfire.co.uk

Chairman: Cllr. Mark Evans (01825 722554)



Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01444 831453) (normally available 9.30am - 2.30pm Monday to Thursday)

Email: chaileypc@btinternet.com

Parish Office: **Scaynes Hill Village Centre, Lewes Road, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex RH17 7PG.**

The office is open to the public on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm and Thursdays 10.00am to 11.00am.

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 one session will be held on 24th April between 10.00 and 12.00.

Parish Council Chairman

Regrettably, Cllr. Don Cranfield has resigned as Chairman of the Council. Don was a Councillor for five years and served as Chairman since 2012. During his Chairmanship Don dealt with a variety of challenging issues and was instrumental in setting out the future vision of the Village by supporting the development of a Chailey Neighbourhood Plan. The Council is extremely grateful for Don's hard work, commitment and enthusiasm over the years.

Cllr. Mark Evans has now been appointed as Chairman of the Council and Cllr. Peter Olbrich as Vice Chairman.

Could you be a councillor?

- If you care about the area in which you live or work
- If you take an interest in current affairs and have a strong opinion on the issues you read about
- If you enjoy talking to friends and colleagues about what's going on in the area
- If you feel that certain sections of the community need stronger representation.....then you could be an ideal councillor.

What do you need to do? You will need to complete a nomination form for the forthcoming election on May 7th - forms need to be returned by 4.00pm on 9th April and can be obtained from Lewes District Council – telephone 01273 484117.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April. The next Council meeting will be held on 28th April; both meetings held in the Reading Room at Chailey Green starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chailey Parish Council



Full Moon - 4th April @ 13:06
Last Quarter - 12th April @ 04:45
New Moon - 18th April @ 19:57
First Quarter - 26th April @ 00:56

Note: Times are in Chailey local time – GMT+1

I do hope you watched and enjoyed Stargazing Live on TV last month.

This year, the show was focused on the Total Solar Eclipse which took place on the 20th March. The Total Eclipse was visible from Svalbard and the Faroe isles, but even down here in Chailey, the Eclipse was partial. I hope you managed to see it!

This month, I thought it would be interesting to talk about the stars we see in the heavens above us, and what they are. When we look up into the sky, the pinpoints of light we see are all distant suns, much like our own. Astronomers throughout the ages noted early on that some stars appear to be different colours. A great example of this is the Red Supergiant star Betelgeuse in the constellation of Orion, which many mistake for the red planet Mars because of its red colour. There are many more variations of colour than just red though!

The different colours we see are actually a reflection of the type of star, what it is made from, how long it will survive, and how hot it is. Blue are the hottest, ranging up to around 50,000 degrees centigrade. Red Stars are only around 3,000 degrees centigrade by comparison.

By studying many different stars over the last few hundred years, astronomers realised that the colour and brightness of the stars actually reveal information about not only its temperature, but also how long an individual star will shine for, and how old it is currently. As a general rule, the hotter the star, the more quickly it converts its fuel into heavier elements. Blue Stars therefore live fast, and die young – only a few million years. Whereas our Sun, being a mid-range, average Yellow Star, is around 6,000 degrees centigrade, and will live for approximately 10,000 million years. We are about half-way through its life currently, so no need to panic! And Betelgeuse? It started out as a Blue star, raced through all its fuel, and is now at the end of its short life, having partied hard. It has cooled significantly to around 3,200 degree centigrade, and is expected to go bang in the not too distant future. There is also the possibility that it might already have exploded in a supernova.

As the light from such an explosion will take 600 years to reach us, we will not know until the light of the explosion reaches Earth. If not, then it is expected to go Supernova anytime within the next million years. When it does, being close by, it might even be visible in our skies during the day! Betelgeuse is far enough away that it won't cause any damage to the Earth or Solar System though.

Clear Skies!

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

Chailey Branch of The Women's British Legion

Our annual St George's coffee morning will be held on Saturday April 18th 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, bottle raffle, fancy goods, books and cards. Do pop in and see us and give your support to this great cause.

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

A Very English Organ

St Andrews and St Mary th Vergin, Fletching, Saturday 18 April 7:30pm

A historical Journey, exploring the evolution of english organs through their music, with particular reference to Fletching church and its organ (Forster and Andrews 1880). With Peter Bassett. Peter has held posts from Dunstable Priory to the Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Brussels, and performed in France, Belgium and the Netherlands as well as the U.K. The programme, compiled especially for this event, includes music, both secular and liturgical, from William Byrd to Edward Elgar. Interval refreshments. Retirring collection. This event is in aid of 'Project Refresh'

Wivelsfield FILMS

Date & Time (start and finish) Sunday, 19 April 2015

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

Event Title: *The ImitationGame*, Drama 12A

Location & Full Postal Address: Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG Free, easy parking at the hall

Event Description: Cumberbatch gives the performance of his career in the role of British mathematician and cryptanalyst Alan Turing whose innovative machine cracked the German Enigma code and whose inventions would become the prototype of the modern computer. With a stellar British cast, this is also the best British film of the year merging potent drama with nail-biting suspense.

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval. Tickets £6 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 wivelsfieldfilms.wordpress.com See Wivelsfield Films on Facebook or wivelsfieldfilms.wordpress.com

Newick Cinema

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Oscar Winning: *The Imitation Game* (114 minutes) 12A

Director: Morten Tyldum

Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode. Mark Strong

26th April 2015 in Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LE

Licensed bar and delicious refreshments from **7.00 pm**. Film starts **7.30 pm**

Tickets: £6 on the door, or in advance by emailing detailed request to newickcinema@outlook.com, or ringing **Mike Berry** on **01825 723392**

There will be an interval for hot, cold and alcoholic drinks, ice cream and cakes.

Based on the real life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the film portrays the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

May's film is also an Oscar winner : "The Theory of Everything" starring Eddie Redmayne. Showing on 24th May

Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

Presents "Prescription for Murder" - A thriller by Norman Robbins - Directed by Ciaran Kiely
6th - 9th May 2015, Doors open 7:15pm for an 8:00pm start at Newick Village Hall.

The seemingly quiet town of Bere Knighton there is never a dull moment for Dr. Richard Forth. Not only does he have a hectic work schedule and an awkward friendship with his ex-girlfriend, but his wife, Barbara, is constantly ill and nobody knows what is wrong with her. When Eric Dawson, a stranger, claims to have known Richard's second fiancée - a woman Richard claims does not exist - Barbara's health worsens and she isn't the only one.

With bad luck spreading almost as quickly as bad news, it seems somebody is out to kill Barbara, and anyone else who gets in their way.

Box Office: 01825 722359/01825 722985, Also available at Newick Butchers, or on the door on performance night. Internet Bookings: info@newickdrama.org

Bowls for fun

The Isle of Thorns Bowls Club on the A275 at Chelwood Gate (in the Cat's Protection grounds) are having a fun day to come and have a go at playing bowls on 25th April 11-1 and 2-4. It is great fun and players with no previous experience are very welcome.

All you need are some flat shoes with no ridges on them and we have available all the other equipment. I hope some of you will come and join us at the club for laughter and gentle exercise. (Phone Barbara Bird 01342 323861 for more information if needed.)

Burgess Hill Syphony Orchestra

The new venue for our MAY concert is The Kings Church, Victoria Road, Burgess Hill

The programme of space, planets & stars includes:

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| The Planet Suite | Holst |
| Wars | Williams |
| Jupiter Symphony | Mozart |
| Symphony No.13 | Herschel |

The concert takes place on Saturday 16th MAY at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available at the door or from members. Under 16's are free when accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you have an enjoyable evening.

Monica Todd - 01825 722660

Newick Country Market

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

PLEASE NOTE during Easter week the market will be open on Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) instead of Friday 3rd (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.

Vegetables will soon be more plentiful and there is always a good selection of home baked cakes and savoury items which are very popular with customers, as well as eggs, preserves, locally produced cheeses and charcuterie. Handmade greetings cards, and knitted items, paintings, and animal portraits are also available. Orders can be taken for any of the above.

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.

Chailey News - May Issue

The deadline for the May issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 7th 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