

# Chailey News

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South Chailey

Cottage Wood

May 2015

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# The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



## WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6.45pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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## CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Herons Ghyll: Wednesday 9.30am Sunday 11.30am Holy Days 12 noon

Haywards Heath: Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm

Uckfield: Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 9.30am

Lewes: Sunday 9am 10.30am

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

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**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

## MAY SERVICES 2015

- Sunday 3rd May**      *The fifth Sunday of Easter*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All age family service with  
music by Robinswood.
- Sunday 10th May**      *The sixth Sunday of Easter*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 17th May**      *The seventh Sunday of Easter*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion  
3-5pm Church afternoon teas.
- Sunday 24th May**      *Pentecost*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 31st May**      *Trinity Sunday*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 7th June**      *The first Sunday after Trinity*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets

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.



Dear residents of Chailey,

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24.

One of the most shocking incidents I have recently read about in the newspaper, was the report of the man, in Telford, who climbed up onto a multi storey car park, with a view to ending his life. A crowd gathered below and started chanting 'do it, do it' and 'let's see if you bounce' and all the while recording it on their smart phones. He did 'do it,' he didn't bounce and he died. It was then posted on YouTube.

It concerned me for days and days, whilst pondering 'what's happening in this country?' 'How can it be?' Then our daughter came up with another end to a 'do it' story. She is a Police officer in London and she telephoned to say that she was being presented with a bravery award and would we go and watch the presentation? My husband went as I was doing Lent lunches and the School run. He was amazed as the story unfolded.

A lady who was suicidal had climbed up onto a ledge at a block of flats and was positioned the wrong side of the barrier. The Police were called and our daughter arrived on the scene. After proceeding quietly towards her she managed to grip her around the waist and hold onto her, there she stayed for one and a half hours. She knew that if the lady jumped she would definitely fall with her, so tight was her grip. Our daughter had the presence of mind to take out her phone and show her photos of her daughter Martha, with the hope that if the lady knew Lucy (our daughter) had a family she might not 'do it.' They spoke of dear Martha and of Lucy's husband Eddie. All the time Lucy was thinking 'I wish I had a photo of my Dad, she wouldn't jump if she knew he was a Priest, but then she laughed to herself, as she thought she probably would. She talked her down and this is a young lady who gets spat at nearly every day, because of her job. Crazy, mad world.

In the Bible we read "Don't say, 'Come back tomorrow and then I'll help you' Proverbs 3:28. The Bible says: 'Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbour now, don't say "come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you" Proverbs 3:27-28. Procrastination is deceptive. You don't think of it as disobedience because you intend to obey God. It's just that you're going to do it...when you have more money, when you're not so busy, when you're holidays are over, when the kids go back to school, etc. Before God gives you an increase, He observes you with what you've already got. For example, there's no point in asking Him to give you more money so you can bless others, if your not blessing people with what He has already given you. You say 'But I don't have much at the moment.' It's not just about money. Are you capable of speaking a word of encouragement, or giving an hour of your time, or going out of your way to help someone in need? When God tells you to do something, He wants you to do it on His schedule, not yours. 'Jesus said to another, "Follow me." He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral." Jesus refused... Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home." Jesus said "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off until tomorrow. Seize the day" (Luke 9:58-62). The result of delayed obedience is lost opportunity. So do it now!

Apologies if you were held up in a queue of traffic from the 5 bells to St Peter's School three weeks ago. Here follows the reason why. Daisy and my husband had just returned from the School run and I opened the front door just wide enough to say 'can you go and get some fish and chips? Betty thought I was talking to her, slipped through

the gap and was gone. She had no money and was obviously going to steal the fish and chips as she had done with the gold coins. Once a thief....

She bounces when she escapes (no reference to the opening comments, but she does) because she thinks that if she bounces we will be unable to catch her. She bounced over to the Church and admired Norman Stevens handiwork, the beautifully restored board behind the Church wall depicting St Peter and the fishermen (I still love the board Norman). She bounced over to the reading room to see if she could join an exercise class. She bounced to the post box to see the collection times, she bounced to all the neighbours to see who was in. She bounced to the telephone box to see if it was still 4 pennies and press button A when you got through and all the while the Vicar was NOT asking me if I wanted a pickled onion with my chips. Then she bounce into the road, from one side to the other, bounce, bounce, bounce, she looked at the primroses, back to the pencil fence at St Peter's School, back to the fields to see if there were any cows in the fields, bounce, any buzzards up in the sky? All the while the traffic whizzed past.

Daisy and her friends faces went from white to grey to green with each bounce. Slow motion bounces now. My husbands sighs were as loud as thunder and all aimed at me! I thought to myself 'Betty if you had really had a stroke I could catch you.' Then a miracle happened. A lady in a green car stopped. She put on her 4 way flashers, signalled the traffic to stop. Knelt on the tarmac, patted it and shouted to me 'what's her name? My asthma and MS had overcome me and I mouthed 'Betty.' She patted the ground again, still on her knees and said 'come here Betty,' she stopped bouncing and ran over to her. If you are reading this 'lady with the green vehicle,' you are my very best friend and you can come to my party. Thank you. You went the extra mile for us and there is no traffic on the extra mile. I hope God really blesses you. I know He will.

*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**

## May Parish Register 2015

Marriages

24th May

Paul Moxon and Christina Stubbs

## Lay Parish Pastoral Care Team

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

Name:

Home Address:

Telephone Number:

# Chailey Free Church



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

You are invited to the

## Spring Chailey SWISH clothes swap party

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

7.30 – 10.00pm

Chailey Free Church

Swap clothing you no longer wear for something new to brighten up your wardrobe.

For details, see [www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com)  
or contact Janet on 01273 400785  
or contact Ann on 01444 471600



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

This month our fortnightly Lunch Club will be held on May 7th and May 21st. Delicious, home-cooked lunches will be served in the church from 12.30pm. These include a main course (with a vegetarian option), choice of pudding, tea or coffee, all for £5 a head. Do come along for what is proving to be a most enjoyable, social event. We can provide transport if needed - just phone Fiona Pearl on 01825 723135.

Now that spring is here why not call in for Afternoon Tea on May 17th? Cream teas, cakes and sandwiches are all on offer in the beautiful surroundings of our church. There are many lovely areas to walk nearby, woods and fields to explore, and the picturesque green itself. Teas are currently scheduled for the third Sunday of each month between 3pm and 5pm.

Everyone is welcome at Pete's Pentecost Party on May 23rd. This is being held as part of the Pentecost Eve celebrations across Sussex, designed to launch the new Diocesan Strategy with a bang! Beacons will be lit across the region and parties and barbecues held. We will be having our own barbecue and fireworks at Chailey Village Hall from 5.30pm. Come along and join in!

## Dates for Your Diary

May 9th	Concert: Mid Sussex Choir	7.30pm
May 23rd	Pete's Pentecost Party, Village Hall	5.30pm
May 25th	Open Gardens at Northfields, N. Chailey	2pm - 5pm
June 28th	Jazz on the Green	
July 4th	Car Boot Sale, Village Hall	10am-2pm

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the many new and exciting projects we are undertaking. You do not need to be a church member, just someone with a little time to spare who would like to be involved. For an informal chat about how you might help, please call Fiona Pearl on 01825 723135 or Nicola Lack 01825 721107.

Further details of all our events can be found on the church website [www.stpeterschailey.org](http://www.stpeterschailey.org)

Kind regards,

*Nicola Lack*

## 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](mailto:fiona.pearl@btinternet.com)) Tel: 01825 723135. - Janet Barnes (email [janet.barnes42@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.barnes42@btinternet.com)) Tel: 01825 722574.

## St Peter's



## School

In the week before the school closed for Easter the children took part in an egg rolling competition and another decorating eggs. On Friday the school went to a service at the church.

The school has been inspected, recently, by OFSTED and is graded as a good school. OFSTED, using high jump terminology, says that the bar has been raised since our last inspection. In view of the high standards maintained throughout the school and the achievement of targets far in excess of the expected norms, then using the same analogy, the school has cleared the new bar setting by some distance and thoroughly deserves a metaphorical gold medal.

*Bill Clarke. tel. 01273 400131.*

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

On April 7th we welcomed June Felstead from ALSAR Search dogs Sussex. It was very interesting talk, particularly enjoyed by the "animal lovers" amongst us !

We seem to be very busy, as an organisation, and at Chailey we had our Jumble Sale on 28th March. We really appreciated the help and guidance from Mandy, along with the locals that turned up to help or purchase

The Annual Meeting of East Sussex Federation W.I. at Eastbourne was a really enjoyable day. Not only was there the "business" we were entertained by 2 good speakers - Mary Gwynne & Mark Stacey. Mary has written the W.I. cookery book celebrating 100 years, plus she was on television only last month. Mark is a regular on our screens on the antique programmes, but an eloquent speaker. Along with the lunch that we took ourselves off to, a good day was had!

Our May meeting on 5th May will be an occasion when we can discuss the "Resolution" of the year, and pass on our views to our representative going to the Royal Albert Hall for the National Annual Meeting on 4th June.

As always we welcome new members and visitors at a small charge of £2. In the meantime, we hope to have seen many of you at the St. George's day fair.

*Carol Brown - 01825 723757*

## Grandparents Group at Chailey Children's Centre.

We are a friendly crowd of oldies, and not such oldies (caring for young children keeps you young I find!). We meet up on a Wednesday from 9.30-11.30, with our charges, for fun, play and chat. As the children's centre is now closed during the school holidays we will only be meeting in term times. So do think about joining us on May 6th & 20th June 3rd & 17th July 1st & 15th

More information from the Children's Centre or from me Susannah Griffin on 01825 724335.





Full Moon 4th May @ 04:43  
Last Quarter 1th May @ 11:37  
New Moon 18th May @ 05:14  
First Quarter 25th May @ 18:20  
Note: Times are in Chailey local time – GMT+1

For the last month, you may have noticed 2 'daylight' stars appearing early on in the evening. Look to the East, and about 25 degrees above the horizon, Venus is making a beautiful sight. That very bright planet is reflecting the light from the Sun our way. Venus has phases, just like the Moon. If you point a small scope or binoculars towards Venus on the 10th May at 9pm, it is 77% illuminated from our perspective here on Earth.

Now Spring is in full flow, the last stars of the Winter Circle are setting in the late evening. The constellation Leo, with Regulus shining brightly to the South means we are in what Astronomers call 'Galaxy Season'. Looking to the South during the Spring allows us to see outside our own Galaxy, the Milky Way. At this time of year, the billions of stars which give the Milky Way its name is low down in the sky.

To the right of Regulus in the South-West, Jupiter is the bright dot you can see. Join one of the many events where Amateur Astronomers show off the wonders of the night sky. When I am not using my own scopes here in Chailey, I often help out at Herstmonceux on the scopes there, showing the public Jupiter and other beauties in the night sky.

Now the nights are getting shorter, Amateur Astronomers such as myself look forward to the end of Summer, and the beginning of the new season towards the end of July.

Clear Skies!

*Richie Jarvis*

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<http://www.facebook.com/richiedeepsky>

## Volunteers Wanted

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](mailto:fiona.pearl@btinternet.com) or phone 01825 723135

# **Bee swarms... what do I do?**

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

If you see such a wonderful sight, please don't be afraid. Keep a little distance and watch nature at work.

They have usually eaten loads of honey before they left the hive to sustain them on their journey, so are very placid albeit noisy. They will settle somewhere in a huge ball (between the size of a rugby ball or melon).

Please do not consider calling a pest control person to kill these precious insects.

Bees are struggling enough with pesticides, poor weather and lack of forage due to more intensive farming.

I am more than happy to come and remove these bees. I do not charge, but a donation to my charity (Air Ambulance) is always gratefully received. I live in Newick but will travel to recover swarms.

*Heather McNiven Tel. 07792551413 or 01825 722066*

## **Friends of Chailey Windmill**

The Windmill and Rural Life Museum will be open on National Mills Day, Sunday 10th May and Sunday 31st May. On both occasions 3-5 pm.

The small display of military exhibits has now been expanded to include research material compiled by the Chailey Commons Society which relates to our village's military history and archaeology from the 18th century to the present time. Any further items relating to Chailey's war-time past will be most welcome.

National Mills weekend is May 10/11th and the Downland Radio Group will again have their equipment in the Mill to make contact with other mills in the UK and Europe. The Group welcome visitors but access will be limited to the ground floor of the Mill.

*John Smith - 01825 723519*

## **Chailey Link Walk**

The Chailey Link Walk was a village Millennium project and the annual walk will take place on Monday 4th May, starting at 10 am from the North Chailey Sports Ground, where brochures will be available. As usual the walk will be followed by a barbeque for the participants. Children who complete the walk will receive a certificate provided by the Chailey Bonfire Society.

The walk is approximately six and a half miles long, but a short cut is available reducing the distance to four miles. Many walkers bring their dogs and the stiles have been adapted to ensure easy access. The route, linking North and South Chailey, is almost totally over footpaths except for a short stretch along Cinder Hill. It is varied and includes the heathland on Chailey Common, ancient woodland, splendid bluebells and spectacular views of the South Downs.

*John Smith - 01825 723519; Trevor Smith 01273 891008*

# **An Interview with William Hobday our magazine cover artist**

Written by Ann Jones , April 2015.

I first met William when he started coming to St Peter's Church, Chailey. Rain or shine he turns up on his motorbike sporting his leathers. It wasn't long before I realised we had a shared interest in art and enjoyed chatting about his work. You will all have enjoyed William's pen and ink drawings on the front cover of the Chailey Parish Magazine, taking over from Sarah Reynolds, our previous cover designer.

William casually mentioned to me that HE HAD BEEN SHORT LISTED FOR THE ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION. I put this in caps because that is the importance and awe I felt when he mentioned this feat.

The Royal Academy started this, the world's largest open-submission contemporary art exhibition, in 1769, and it has been held every year since, without exception. These days artists are asked to send digital images of their artworks, from which the judges shortlist up to 4,000 entries from 12,000 entries, to go on to the second round. If an artist is successful they have to deliver their artwork to the Royal Academy for the next round of selection. On 1st May William will be told whether he has made it to round two. The Summer Exhibition runs from June 8 until August 16 at the Royal Academy, Main Galleries, Burlington House, London. Tickets are on sale now.

ANN So William, how long have you enjoyed drawing?

WILLIAM I suppose I've been drawing seriously for 17/18 years since college. I went on to university to study furniture restoration and craftsmanship, BA Hons. At York university I studied antique building conservation and learnt to sketch very quickly. For the last 4/5 years I have only worked in pen and ink. I display some drawings at a cafe in Keymer and I'm planning a large exhibition in the summer.

ANN Have you always lived in this area.

WILLIAM I was living in Brighton but realised I missed the countryside. Nature was what I most enjoyed drawing so I moved to Ditchling where I was for 7 years before moving to Chailey. Most of my subjects are inspired by trees and views in Chailey. The piece I submitted to the Summer Exhibition was titled "Fallen Tree" which I saw near to where I live.

ANN We all marvel at the intricacy of your drawings and the amount of detail you manage to put in just using pen and ink. I can't imagine how long you must spend on the magazine cover?

WILLIAM "I draw for at least an hour every morning due to my other work commitments and usually put in more time at the weekend. I do work up to six hours a day if I'm working on a commission and hope to get more commissions this year so I can concentrate on my artwork. If inspired, I can work for two or three hours but it is quite intense and tiring. I suppose it must take about twenty four hours of work to complete a cover design but I haven't really counted! I can work quite quickly now on getting the structure of a tree as I have done this so often.

ANN Thank you William and best of luck, hope you have good news on 1st May, we all want to know the result.

# Chailey Sports Club

With the generous support of Chailey Parish Council, Chailey Sports Club is about to embark on an ambitious plan to refurbish the old Pavilion and provide a facility for the various Sports Clubs and the community to use for the next 20 years.

To make up the final amount needed, everybody at the Sports Club is now planning a series of fund raising activities where all monies raised will be used to support this ambitious but much needed project. There's a plan for a treasure hunt and a quiz night to come, but the first fund raising activity will see all the clubs that form part of the Sports Club come together to get covered in mud!

The Mud Monsters Run takes place in East Grinstead on 7th June and is a 5km or 10km challenging run across difficult and very muddy terrain with obstacles all the way round to ensure everybody gets dirty. The members of the Sports Club will be sponsored to complete the run, so, if that sounds like your sort of thing, or it absolutely doesn't but you would like to support the fund raising, please contact [garystrangwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garystrangwood@hotmail.co.uk) and I will send you details of how you can join our team or help by sponsoring us.

The Mud Monsters organisation have got us off to a great start by agreeing to pay 10% of our entrance fees back to us as a donation to this great cause.

Look out for details of the Treasure Hunt in August and the Quiz Night in October!

*Gary Strangwood - Chairman, Chailey Sports Club*

# Chailey Commons Society

What a wonderful time of the year it is at the moment. The daffodils, primroses and early blossom gave us such a good show this year and the trees are now bursting forth with new leaves. The commons are taking on a green look again and the bracken is breaking out everywhere.

The winter clearance has given the heathland a new chance of recovering and we look forward to seeing the heather appearing again. The grazing stock are now on the lower commons again and will roam across from Romany Ridge to Memorial Common.

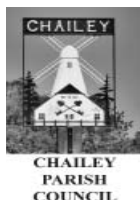
Our AGM took place in March and this was after a fascinating talk given by Ray Hale on the search for endangered animals in Borneo illustrated with great pictures of the local species. This was our last indoor meeting until September.

We continue our programme of outside activities with a special walk, called 'Meet the Exmoor Ponies' on Saturday May 16th at 2.00.p.m. from the car park at Romany Ridge. Monty Larkin, Grazing Coordinator from the Sussex Pony Grazing and Conservation Trust will show us these fine animals in their natural habitat.

On Saturday 30th May at 2.15.p.m. there will be a Children's Treasure Hunt so come along and join Ian Woolsey and the intrepid treasure hunters. Suitable for children aged 5 and over. See our website for the starting point or ring us nearer the time.

For further information visit our website – [www.chaileyccommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileyccommons.org.uk)

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*



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Reading Room bookings: please leave your contact details on our telephone.

Chair: Cllr Mark EVANS 01825 722554

**Parish Clerk to Chailey Parish Council:** We regret that our Clerk, Vera Grainger, has resigned with effect from April 17<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate that her successor, Bettina Newell, will be appointed our Clerk from April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council's Office address and other contact details are printed above for your information. As a result of the Election to be held this month, the Annual Council Meeting (for elected Councillors to take their oath and other business matters) will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Planning committee will meet on May 26<sup>th</sup>. During the change-over period there will be no Village Information Point sessions.

**Refuse collections:** As a result of Bank Holiday Mondays, your refuse collection will be one day later than usual this month.

**Grazing the Common:** At the end of March Jo Heading, our Ranger, moved the ponies to the combined Southern Common (Memorial, Romany Ridge and Pound commons). They will be joined by the Longhorn cattle and the Hebridean sheep (once they have been checked over by the grazier) and all are likely to remain there until October.

Drivers and cyclists will want to note that the stock will therefore have access to, and may graze alongside Beggar's Wood and North Common roads.

**CHAILEY Neighbourhood Plan:** At its meeting in February the Steering Group identified three task groups or study areas to form the backbone of our Neighbourhood Plan:

**Environment & Housing, Local Community & Transport & Community Facilities.**

The Neighbourhood Plan takes the present state of our village as a starting point to consider how our village might change in the 15 years to 2030 and to state within the Plan what will be desirable changes or influences. We should welcome volunteers to contribute to any one of these areas. We hope that residents with opinions, young and old, and residents with knowledge of our village and the surrounding area will want to contribute their knowledge and advice to one of the study areas. The Steering Group is taking as its model the Newick Village Plan which seems to us to mirror well the facets of life in the Northern villages: If you are interested, please e-mail Vera Grainger as above to say which task group you might be willing to join.

**Our budget for last year:** in January the Parish Council set its Precept (the money it needs to fulfil its duties) at a sum little changed from the current year. However, during the current year the Council was able to draw on its reserve for several costly projects which will contribute to the well-being of our village. Chailey Windmill was repaired and then repainted (and we are already setting aside funds for the next repainting!). A basketball net was erected at Rowheath to add to the football goalposts on this Common which the Council hopes will be increasingly used by young people as a recreational facility. An important contribution was paid to St Peter's Church to pay for tree preservation and works to the Church porch, part of a major refurbishment.

The Parish Reading Room was repaired externally and then redecorated. The Victorian Pump House, built in 1897 on South Street, was repaired to serve as a bus shelter. This concludes a project which links the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria with that of our own Queen Elizabeth.

**Chailey School:** parents will know that the students of Chailey School again achieved notable GCSE results with 72% of the final year achieving 5+ A\*- C including English & Maths, the Government's key level of progress, putting the School third out of 55 similar schools nationally. This result is significantly better than any of our neighbouring schools. The result in Mathematics was particularly pleasing, placing Chailey by a long chalk at the head of all schools in East Sussex. David Laws, Minister of State for Schools, has written to congratulate the School, its staff and pupils, on the excellent improvement over each of the last three years, which means Chailey School has proven to be one of the top 90 non-selective state-funded Schools in England.



# Open Garden @ NORTHFIELDS

**East Grinstead Road, (A275)**

**North Chailey BN8 4JB**

**Bank Holiday MONDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**2-5pm**



**NEW for 2015**  
**Graham-ophones**  
**Music from 78's**

A garden under development

~imagine a patch of grass

[no soil but plenty of Nettles and Brambles]

~ full of Rhododendrons & Azaleas

...with new front garden -once a drive!

Beach Grass garden, Polytunnel and vegetable patch!

*Over an acre to wander through at your leisure.*

**Teas & homemade cakes available**

***plus plant stall.***

**£4 admission (Under 12's FREE)**

*In aid of St Peter's Church Re-ordering fund*

# Chailey Horticultural Society

May is the month to prepare frost tender plants for planting out when all danger of frost has passed. In our area that is the end of May to early June. So now is the time to prepare runner beans, French beans, courgettes, marrow, squash, tomatoes and sweet corn. Runner or French beans can be started in the greenhouse by planting eye down in pots. When I plant out runner beans, I plant a seed between each plant which will mature later and extend the cropping well into autumn. There are many varieties of runner bean, but do try Moonlight. It is a cross between a runner bean and a French bean. It sets well, crops well, is stringless and has a good flavour. There are dwarf French beans (Maxi is a good variety), and climbing (Cobra is the best variety). Courgettes, marrow and squash are best started in the greenhouse by planting individually in four inch pots with the seed on its side to prevent rotting. Courgettes are perhaps the most useful and prolific and can be grown in a flower border in large pots, grow-bags or, best of all, on top of the compost heap. They need regular watering and continual harvesting to encourage a good crop.

Tomatoes are best planted out when the first truss is in flower. Most outside tomatoes will only support four trusses. When these have set, pinch out the top. The best small tomatoes are Sungold and Gardeners Delight. For medium size tomatoes, try Ailsa Craig and Alicante. Of bush tomatoes, Super Marmande produces large irregular, meaty fruit. The main drawback to outside tomatoes is late blight. There are now some blight resistant varieties available, such as Suttons' Crimson Crush. More about blight protection next month. Sweet corn is well worth growing, as fresh cobs straight from the plant taste much better than anything shop bought. Buy plants and plant them in a block, not in a row, because this helps pollination. Advice next month on when to harvest.

Finish pruning almond, apricots and nectarines. Also consider window boxes, hanging baskets and all those lovely bedding plants. Please support the plant sale from 10-12 on Saturday 16 May in front of the Horns Lodge.

Good gardening.

*Peter Estcourt - 01273 400791*

## NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society  
Plumpton Village Hall. 2.15 Tuesday May 12th

**SACRED SPACES** a lecture by Jon Cannon

If you travel anywhere today I can guarantee that one of the items, most likely to be on your itinerary, will be a visit to a splendid cathedral: Notre Dame for instance or, if you are lucky enough to be further afield, who would not wish to visit Angkor Wat? Religion has been the inspiration for some of the greatest buildings in the world.

In this lecture Jon Cannon will with many wonderful illustrations lead us through this extraordinary story of architecture and belief. He will explain how each faith developed, their traditions and rituals and how it affected the way their buildings. How for instance does a mosque differ from a church? We will also learn that they have many similarities!

Jon is a remarkable speaker, and I quote from his website: 'I have a vocation, and it's to do with places; with communicating, enthusing, analyzing – in short, extolling – about the nature of 'old places', and what makes them tick. I get especially excited about the sacredness of place and the human place-making that results from it.'

So do come to this 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*

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### Newick Country Market

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

The soil will be warming up now ready for summer planting so it is time to plan your garden. We have a wide selection of plants available for you to choose from.

Vegetables will also be more plentiful this month, 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. . We also have handmade greetings cards and knitted items, paintings and animal portraits. 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 your friends when you have finished shopping if you wish to.

Information and orders 01825 768544

### Newick Cinema

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Oscar Winning Eddie Redmayne stars in:

**The Theory of Everything (123 minutes) 12A**

**Director:** James Marsh

**Starring:** Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones

24th May 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.

The Theory of Everything is the story of the most brilliant and celebrated physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking. Given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at 21 years of age he became galvanized by the love of fellow Cambridge student, Jane Wilde, and he went on to be called the successor to Einstein, as well as a husband and father to their three children. As Stephen's body collapsed and his academic renown soared, fault lines were exposed that tested the lineaments of their relationship and dramatically altered the course of both of their lives.

*Junes's film is "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel " showing on 28th June*

### Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

Do not miss a good night out! NEWICK AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY's

Production of **"PRESCRIPTION FOR MURDER"** by Norman Robbins. A thriller that will keep the amateur detectives amongst you guessing to the end. **6th – 9th May 2015**

Curtain up 8.00 pm – Bar opens 7.15 pm, raked seating with cushions. **Tickets £9.**

Box Office: 01825 722359/ 01825 722985. [www.newickdrama.org](http://www.newickdrama.org) for internet bookings  
Or direct from Newick Butchers or at the door on performance nights.



# Wivelsfield Films

Sunday 17th May doors/licenced bar 7pm; film 7.30

## The Theory of Everything 12A - Description as opposite page

Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfields Green RH17 7QG. Free, easy parking at the hall.

Tickets £6 on the door, in advance from The Post Office & Village Stores or The Cock Inn, or via the Facebook page of Wivelsfield Film or [wivelsfieldfilm.wordpress.com](http://wivelsfieldfilm.wordpress.com)

## Summer Exhibition and 30th Anniversary 2015!

Uckfield Art Group are celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year! The Summer Exhibition is on Saturday 23rd May. Doors open 10am - 4pm for original paintings, drawings, greeting cards and other hand-crafted items. New work will be the main feature of the Exhibition. Come and see the "Big Picture" that lots of members will have worked on together. It will be based on a famous painting.

Relax a while with a refreshing drink and enjoy delicious home-made cake. There will be a Children's Craft Table where they will be able to create something special to take home. Vote for your favourite image - the Artist with the most votes will be awarded the Tom Broad Trophy to treasure until the November Exhibition!

Free entry and plenty of free parking as the venue is surrounded by the main town car park! Disabled access so everyone can come!

Like us on Facebook - a new venture for us! [www.facebook.com/uckfieldartgroup](http://www.facebook.com/uckfieldartgroup). There will be a collection point for washed plastic milk bottle tops to help fight cancer at the Eastbourne District General Hospital so please bring them with you.

For more information about the exhibition please ring Annie on 01825 765021

[www.uckfieldartgroup.co.uk](http://www.uckfieldartgroup.co.uk)

Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield, East Sussex. TN22 1AR

## Chailey News - June Issue

The deadline for the June issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 19th May. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

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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*