

# Chailey News

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# November 2023

# The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



## WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

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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**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

## **NOVEMBER SERVICES 2023**

**Sunday 5th November *Fourth Sunday before Advent***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 12th November *Third Sunday before Advent***  
***REMEMBRANCE DAY***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10.50am Service starting at war memorial**

**Sunday 19th November *Second Sunday before Advent***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 26th November *Sunday next before Advent***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 3rd December *ADVENT SUNDAY***  
**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.**

# Rectors Ramblings

Remember, Remember the month of November.

Dear friends,

We have a very special 10am Service on 19th November as the Community of Newick come together with Thanksgiving for the work of the Newick Distress Trust, we would love to see you there, and if you have children or grandchildren please bring them along too and they are welcome to stay in the Service or jopin in with Owls Club in the Barn Centre.

November sees the height of the Bonfire season when we remember the capture of Guy Fawkes on 5th November 1605 and the arrest of his fellow conspirators. The Government responded immediately to this attempt to blow up the King and Parliament with an Act entitled '*An Act for a publique Thanksgiving to Almighty God everie yeere of the Fiftte day of November*' this was passed in January 1606 and proclaimed the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot should '*be held in a perpetual Remembrance*' and that the day be '*a holiday for ever in thankfulness to God*'.

This annual '*remembrance*' was to be marked by a morning service in every parish church at which a special prayer of thanksgiving was to be offered up.

One wonders; if the State had encouraged a greater tolerance of shared beliefs, rather than intolerance and persecution the conspirators would not have felt the need to try to dissolve King and Parliament in such a permanent way?

"Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a Memorial Day, observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War I, to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

Next year will mark 110 years since of the start of the First World War, hardly a cause for celebration, but on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, we are given a time to pause, to take a moment from our busy hectic lives to remember.

When this November we see the row upon rows of white crosses, on the tv, in the newspaper, the cross reminds we are remembering those:

Who have given their lives fighting for their country, for the freedom of others, for us?

Who are fighting for the liberty of others right now and defending our country?

Who are mourning the loss of a loved one, a friend?

Who are suffering from the physical and mental scars of war or persecution?

It is a time to honour all those who put their lives on the line, serving their country, and it is an opportunity to remember Jesus, who paid the ultimate price on a cross.

Remembrance Day is about sacrifice... As Christians, we follow someone who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us all. Jesus still calls us to a fight, though not the same sort of fight that we see in war zones across our beautiful yet broken world, but the fight to see the world changed, healed, and restored. To see injustice challenged, to see wrongs put right, mercy flow like rivers, and ultimately and most importantly to see society transformed from hate to love.

Remembrance Day is more than just reminiscing; it's about giving thanks to God for those who put their lives on the line every day, both overseas and closer to home, our Fire Crews, Police Officers, Paramedics, Lifeboat crews, Coastguards, Nurses; to name but a few.

This November we will remember.

I was blessed to be invited on a trip to the Flanders Battlefields back in September with 8 splendid pals from Newick & Chailey, where we visited the graves of several of the lads remembered on our memorials. It was striking and powerful to see how many schools still visit the sites of some of the heaviest fighting in World War 1. To stand shoulder to shoulder across the generations as we laid wreathes commemorating the fallen, and praying together for a different kind of future, gave me hope in a world where hope can feel in very short supply.

For Christians the Gospel directs us to God, who in Christ feels pain, and faces death and goes through these realities.

He does this to show us that death is not the end, and he promises to be present in every age with to those who wait, and weep and pray.

As Jesus reminds us at the end of Matthew's Gospel.

*“Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matthew 28.2*  
*Have a blessed November and a safe Bonfire Celebration, 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 Newick on Saturday 11th November we will have a short Act of Remembrance on the Green from 10:30hrs with a two-minute silence at 11.*

*At Chailey our Act of Remembrance will form part of our Bonfire Procession on Saturday Evening of the 11th from 18:30hrs.*

*Remembrance Sunday 12th November at Newick meet on the Green at 10am to process to St Mary's for 10.30hrs*

*Remembrance Sunday 12th November at Chailey starts at 10.45hrs*

## **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'.

## **Christmas Craft Market**

**At St. Peter's Church, Chailey Green, BN8 4DA. 25th November 2023 10am-2pm.** £2.00 entry to include refreshments. Stalls from local crafters and businesses. Lots to see, Christmas gifts to purchase, Generation 11 Gin, cakes, produce, jewellery, candles, cards, handmade gifts, chocolates, local artists etc. Raffle with super prizes.

## **Citizen's Advice** 15-19 Chapel Street Newhaven BN9 9PN

Citizens Advice will be offering a Drop in and Advise session at Chailey St Peter's Church on Friday 3rd and Friday 17th November 10 30 am - 12. Information and advice can be given on

- Cost of living
- Benefits
- Debt
- Housing
- .... and much more

This is a great opportunity to get easy access to advice locally without having to travel long distances for appointments. Local transport can be provided by the Newick Good Neighbours service from Chailey, Newick and Fletching please ring 07933096033

[www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk)



# November Diary

**Monday 13th** - Messy Church 4.30pm-6.30pm.

For the whole family (children must bring an adult)  
Crafts, games and activities, singing and stories. Finishes with a meal together. Suggested donation £1 per family.

**Thursday 16th** - Youth Group 6pm-8pm

For young people in school years 6-11. Fun & games, a tuckshop and food and a chance to ask big questions about life.

**Saturday 18th** - Big Quiz Night in aid of Tear Fund's fight against world poverty. 7-9pm. Snacks provided.

**Wednesdays** - Open Doors 11am-3pm.

Come along for chat, cake and a cuppa! All ages welcome.

**Sundays** - We meet at 10.30am 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

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

# St Peter's 'Gift Day'

St Peter's 'Gift Day', 1.00- 5.00pm, November 26th, with Cream Teas and Musical Entertainment.

St Peter's Church, which has stood at the heart of the community for some 800 years, needs your support.

There is a misconception for many that our parish churches are funded through the central funds of the Church of England, unfortunately this is not true, and each parish church is solely funded through the generosity of its congregation and community. If we are unable to financially secure the future of St Peter's and for our ministry, then sadly we cannot guarantee that St Peter's will still be at the heart of our community for future generations of Chailey residents. Maintaining an 800-year-old building incurs constant expense of over £12,000 per year just to keep it open (utilities, church office telephone and internet, organ and churchyard maintenance etc.). In addition, there are near future one off costs for roof repairs, bell tower inspection work and clock repairs.

Even if you are not a regular churchgoer, you might have attended a baptism, wedding, or funeral, joined in with a social or other event, or just appreciate the fact that the church is there for everyone in the parish who needs it.

However, you may never have attended St Peter's, but perhaps just appreciate its heritage and historical significance, and that is wonderful too, but we still need your support to secure the buildings future.

St Peter's is open daily for anyone to come and find some peace and solace in the perfect place for contemplation.

St Peter's is committed to our community engagement, with a monthly lunch club, a weekly baby and toddler group, monthly Repair Café and our regular craft fairs, art exhibitions and concerts.

St Peter's also works in collaboration with St Mary's Newick providing funding for Families and Youth Workers, running a hugely successful Youth Club and having a regular presence in both the primary and secondary schools in Chailey parish. St Peter's Pastoral Care Fund (PCF) is helping those in our community who are most in need, and thank you so much to all those who have given to PCF over the last year.

Your generosity can really make a difference. Gifts can be made by BACS payment to the account details below. Alternatively, if you attend the Gift Day detailed below you can donate using cash, by cheque, or by card on the day.

Chailey PCC, Sort Code 09-01-55, Account 06923088, stating reference 'Church Funds'.

Cheques can also be posted in the Church letterbox or given to a Churchwarden.

If you already give regularly to St Peter's, could you consider raising your regular donation by even 2% or 3%? In this situation, every little bit really does help a lot!

St Peter's will be holding a special 'Gift Day, on Sunday November 26th, 1.00 – 5.00pm, and we would love for you to make a difference to the future of St Peter's so please come along in person to make a financial gift of any amount and enjoy a cream tea and musical entertainment.

Finally, if you feel a gentle nudging to become a 'Regular Giver' to St Peter's, then please ask us about a Parish Giving Scheme Form or pop along on the 26th November, where details and forms will be available.

*Rev Mundy conveys the following:*

*If you don't give because no one's ever asked you, I'm asking you now.*

*If you don't give regularly because you've never got round to it, I'm saying today's the day. If you don't give much because you think St Peter's doesn't need it, I'm telling you that it does.*

*If you don't give a lot because you don't have a lot, I'm saying your giving something is an example to everyone else.*

*If you don't give more because no one's ever said thank you, I'm thanking you right now.*

*If you already give until the pips squeak, I'm saying that's wonderful, and nudge the person next to you to do the same.*

*Thank you*

## One Hundred and More Years Ago

From the Parish Leaflet for November 1910

### Sheffield Park Reading Room

On Wednesday November 23rd a highly successful concert was given in the Reading Room. Mr Norman gave a spirited rendering of 'The Bugler' and later on 'Three Jolly Sailors.' Miss Grounds' well-trained voice was heard to much advantage in 'The Harp that once through

Tara's Halls' and 'The Promise of Life.' The patriotic song 'Stand by the Union' given by Mr Reddish evoked storms of applause, and he was even more rapturously received in 'I like your old French Bonnet.' Mr and Mrs Bolt were exceptionally happy in their choice of duets, 'The Keys of Heaven,' and 'Where are you going my pretty Maid?' both of which earned a well merited encore.

The humorous element was supplied by Mr Flavin. His selections of 'That's my idea of a Lady,' and 'Mrs Brown's Tea Party' were so well received that he sang for an encore an exceedingly fine rendering of 'The King.' Mr Flavin's singing is a happy example of the fact that it is possible for humour and refinement to go hand in hand.

The proceeds amounted to £5 10s.

Note: St Agnes Sheffield Park was the Chapel of Ease built in 1908 to St Peter's. It was demolished in 1937. I can only presume that the Reading Room was next to it. If anyone knows anything about it I'd love to know!

*Annette Shelford*

## **theWI** **INSPIRING WOMEN**

Last month the group held their Annual Meeting and a new committee was chosen, after which there was time to socialise and enjoy refreshments. Colin Bostock-Smith will talk on 'Life in Comedy' at the next WI meeting, at the village hall, on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm. Colin is a retired comedy writer, who spent thirty-five years working in television, stage and radio. The stars he wrote scripts for include Bob Monkhouse, David Jason, Rowan Atkinson, Anne Robinson, Russ Abbott, The Two Ronnies, Griff Rhys Jones, Pamela Stephenson and Basil Brush. He was also one of the major contributors to Not the Nine O'clock News and latterly spent ten years in a two-man writing partnership with the late Clive James composing the scripts for the Clive James Show. This promises to be a most interesting talk, particularly as it will include video clips of some of Colin's successful sketches. Guests and prospective members will be made most welcome. For £3 please do come and enjoy the talk, along with delicious homemade refreshments,

*For more information call Mandy Dembrey on 07546 592739*

## **Chailey & Newick Painting Group**

**Annual art exhibition - Saturday & Sunday, November 18th & 19th, 10 – 5, Chailey Village Hall.**

There will be an exciting display of new paintings by the members of this lovely, friendly art club to share with visitors over the exhibition weekend and we very much look forward to welcoming you all to Chailey village hall.

As usual there will be plenty more for you to enjoy – members demonstrating their craft, a huge variety of artists' greeting cards, an 'every ticket wins an original painting' tombola raising funds for St Peter & St James Hospice and, of course, tea, coffee and our fabulous home-made cakes. (Cash would very much be appreciated for the refreshments and tombola; it will save our Treasurer a lot of headaches!)

Admission is free, there is disabled access, easy parking and always a warm welcome. See you there!

Visit our website [www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com](http://www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com) where many of our Group activities and members' paintings can be viewed, and where you can find a handy contact facility.

# Chailey Bonfire Society

We are pleased to announce that our recent jumble sale raised just over £1000. Thank you to everyone who was involved and to everyone who donated their jumble. Our other fundraising event this month was Penny for the Guy on Saturday 7th October. We had a great afternoon visiting the roads in Chailey, meeting new people, and raising awareness of what we do. We were able to raise £600 in our collection buckets. Proceeds from both these events will go towards our bonfire celebration and the Christmas party for the senior members of our village.

Bonfire Badge Night was recently hosted by The Five Bells, and we welcomed old and new members to join the society for 2024. It's not too late to join and membership is £10 per family of two adults plus children or £5 per adult. You can contact us via Facebook or email [secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk](mailto:secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk) if you would like further information.

**Bonfire celebrations - Saturday 11th November.** Preparations are well under way, and we are very busy organising everything to put a great night. Sadly, we will not be holding our planned fancy-dress competition. Float entries will be judged at the procession formation point. We would still like to see children and adults dressed up in their finest Disney costumes and we look forward to seeing you on the procession route.

**The road closure will be in place from 6pm until 9pm. The A275 will be closed in both directions from Mill Lane to Beggars Wood Road. There will be no access to the A275 from any residency or side access on the procession route nor from Cinder Hill and Markstakes Lane.**

The procession will start from outside the former Horns Lodge and go north towards Chailey Green before returning to the firework field. Approximate timings for the event are:

- 17.30 Procession formation
- 18.00 Roads closed
- 18.15 Procession sets off
- 18.40 Procession turns at St Peters Primary School
- 18.45 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Chailey Green
- 19.10 Procession moves off
- 19.20 Procession arrives at The Five Bells
- 19.50 Procession moves off to firework field
- 20.10 Procession arrives at firework field
- 20.20 Firework display

We hope that you will join us for the procession and firework display. **Please note that dogs are not permitted on the firework field.**

Finally, Christmas is just around the corner, 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 Litter Pickers

The Chailey Litter Pickers are a small and enthusiastic group of volunteers who do a monthly litter pick along the roads and verges of Chailey. We have collected many hundreds of bags of litter over the years, and have helped to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. It is, of course, a never ending task, but surprisingly good fun. The monthly picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. The next group pick is on Friday 10 November at 10.00am starting from the Sports Ground at North Chailey. In addition, some members of the group pick their own areas of Chailey at other times. Bin liners are provided and we can give out high-vis, grabbers, hoops and protective gloves to those who need them. New volunteers of all ages are very welcome, and there is no need to commit long term. The more the merrier, and every little bit helps!

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

*Sarah Droscher*

# Chailey Cricket Club

Our 2023 season has now ended, and our 'end of season 'do'' has taken place.

Details of the club awards will be shared with you all, once each recipient has received them – there are three awards that are not based on runs, wickets or catches: Players' Player, President's Shield and Most Improved Player. These three awards are not given out until the presentation evening. So, not to spoil the surprise for these winners, details will be announced once they have received the relevant trophy.

The remaining fixtures to report on:

10 September away to Felbridge & Sunnyside. Chailey won by 68 runs Chailey 215 for 6 in their allocated 40 overs Peter Dembrey 91, Aditya Bharwani 39 n.o., James Brooklyn 20 and Chris Clayton 14 Felbridge 147 all out in 37.3 overs Peter Dembrey 3 for 11, David Dembrey 2 for 23 and 1 apiece for Cameron Davis, Simon Tims, Dev Lumbaa, Sachin Sharma and Aditya Bharwani.

17 September at home to Southwick Wanderers. Chailey won by 8 wickets. Southwick 165 for 8 in their allocated 30 overs. James Chaplin 3 for 20, Josh Coppard 2 for 18, James Brooklyn 2 for 39. The remaining wicket to Peter Dembrey. Chailey 166 for 2 in 20.5 overs Danny Andrews 53 retired not out, Peter Dembrey 50 retired not out (these two put on 91 before Peter went for a rest), Chris Mackinnon 22 not out and Josh Coppard 15.

24 September at home to Beeding & Bramber. Chailey won by 55 runs. Chailey 206 for 4 in their allocated 30 overs. Again, we had batters retiring once they got to 50 or as Danny Andrews did during a break for drinks. Josh Coppard 54 retired not out; Danny Andrews 46 retired not out, Faruukh Azmat 25 not out, Chris Mackinnon 22 and Mr Chairman David Dembrey 15. Beeding & Bramber 151 in 29 overs. David Dembrey 4 for 20, James Chaplin 2 for 32 (These wickets ensured that he won the bowling trophy for the most wickets). Faruukh Azmat, Josh Coppard and the star of the show 13-year-old Tilly Davis all took 1 wicket apiece. Tilly's first wicket for Chailey.

Some of you may be thinking, why do our batters often retire once they get to 50. In general, the feeling is that unless the opposition demands the better batter continues and acquires as many runs as they are able, that a watershed of 50 runs to retire not out feels appropriate. Retiring not out means that they can return later, if needed. Furthermore, this understanding allows the batting to be shared around and not taken up by a few. So far, everyone is accepting of this.

The same can be said of the bowling; we are inclusive as possible such that, wherever possible, most are given an opportunity to display their 'skills'. Friendly cricket! Like our ethos? Then try us out next season.

Club performance for 2023: Played 20, Won 8, Drew 1, Lost 10 and 1 abandoned. One further match was cancelled. Not a bad return considering we won the first match and then did not win until early July. Let us hope we start a winning streak earlier next year.

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

## New "Lost Woods" project calls for volunteers

**Can you help find the oldest trees in Sussex? New "Lost Woods" project calls for volunteers**  
A new project to restore and protect ancient woodlands across the Low Weald and Downs is looking for volunteers to help locate all the area's ancient trees.

The Lost Woods project, supported by a £2m grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, is looking for volunteers and community groups across Sussex to join a team who will receive training in identifying ancient trees and making records of their condition.

They are also appealing to the public to send in sightings of old trees within the project area, including those in their own gardens.

The project covers 314 square kilometres, spanning from Lewes in the east to Storrington in the

west, and volunteers will be asked to survey 1 sq km patches at a time in the search for ancient or veteran trees.

Ancient woodlands are the richest and most complex terrestrial habitats in the UK, and are home to more threatened species than any other. Despite this, ancient trees have little legal protection.

**Lost Woods project manager, Sarah Williams, said:**

“Across Sussex and the UK as a whole, we don’t know where all our ancient trees are and so we can’t protect those facing threats from development. The majority of ancient trees don’t have any legal protection, even though they’re really important living habitats and they’re often beloved local landmarks.

“We really need to find our ancient trees and we’d love communities in Sussex to get involved in this giant citizen science project; either as a trained volunteer to go out and make records of our oldest trees, or by telling us about an ancient tree they’ve spotted. We’re really excited to see what trees are discovered.”

Using the ancient tree locations, the Lost Woods team will identify land that can be planted with new trees or left to naturally regenerate so that some of Sussex’s ancient woodlands can be reconnected. This will create new nature corridors and strengthen habitats. The project team will also work with landowners on plans to restore ancient trees.

**Bob Epsom, Woodland Trust outreach adviser for Lost Woods project, said:**

“Ancient trees are incredible habitats, a single ancient oak tree can be home to over 2,000 species of wildlife, plants and fungi. We hope people will join us as volunteers to find these irreplaceable trees that have been a part of our communities in Sussex for centuries.”

All records will be added to the national Ancient and Veteran Tree Inventory, which is available to the public, planners, developers, and ecologists to help identify where our most important trees are located.

To sign up as a volunteer to map ancient trees, or tell the team about an ancient tree in your garden or on land you own, visit [www.lostwoods.org.uk](http://www.lostwoods.org.uk).

The five-year project, made possible thanks to National Lottery players, will support disadvantaged community groups in Sussex to access and enjoy woodlands, restore ancient woodlands across the project area, and offer subsidised training courses in woodland management and green woodworking skills. There are many opportunities to get involved or volunteer in the project’s programmes.

Top tips on how to spot an ancient tree

Old trees can be identified if they have some or all these features:

- A wide trunk and a smaller canopy compared to trees of the same species
- A hollowing trunk
- Rougher or more creviced bark
- Stag-headedness (dead antler-like branches extending beyond the canopy)

To sign up to volunteer, or tell the Lost Woods team about an old tree you’ve spotted,

visit [www.lostwoods.org.uk](http://www.lostwoods.org.uk)

## Chailey Commons Society

The weather has been unusually warm for the Autumn, and it appears that the Jet Stream has been moving north of the British Isles and drawing in warm air from the near continent. A phrase we seem to hear now is – there will be a Spanish Plume affecting our weather. Nice if you like it warmer but we do need seasonal patterns to keep our countryside healthy.

The Chailey Flower Festival was held over the weekend of October 6 – 8th in St Peter’s Church Chailey Green where local groups and businesses had been invited to arrange displays. The Commons Society put together a display called ‘All Brown’ and foliage of bracken and heather, fruits and berries, grasses and a few earth balls were combined to create an autumn effect arrangement in a window space. There were over twenty displays depicting the nature of the organisation mounting them and the overall effect was a magnificent show all around inside the church.

We held our autumn bird walk led by Adrian on Memorial Common and, although this is a quiet part of the year, we counted twenty species including a cormorant flying over, a small flock of Meadow pipits migrating south and a flock of Redpolls feeding on the birch seeds.

We enjoyed a talk from Max Mudie who updated us on his detailed photography of local fungus finds, and this was followed by a welcome return of Martin Allison who led us on a fungus walk

around Memorial Common

Next event: - Thursday November 2nd at 7.30.p.m. Indoor meeting in the Chailey Village Hall when we welcome David Bangs who will give a talk 'Land of the Brighton Line' featuring his detailed description of the land and ecology beside this well know railway line. Refreshments and parking and visitors welcome.

The cattle have now left the commons as the days are growing shorter and they have returned to over winter at the farm. The four Exmoor ponies remain in Red House Common.

If you are interested in the local nature and wildlife and our activities, we always welcome new members so please get in touch and come and join us.

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

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*



## **CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – GETTING READY FOR WINTER!**

We're putting on our winter woollies (darning them if necessary first!) and getting ready to fix the stuff you bring to us each Autumn. Just a few things to be aware of please before you

visit.....Although you can bring as many items as you wish to be repaired, we only permit you to book in one at a time, in fairness to those who will be in the queue behind you. Once your first item has been looked at, you can of course book in the next and join the list – if you're there early enough, there's a good chance we can also look at the next one.

If your radio, CD player, or any other electrical appliance connects to your power socket at home using a small black power supply box which plugs into the back of the radio, please don't connect it using any other power supply!!!! They may all look the same, but they are not and you may well cause irreparable damage to your item! Bring it to us and we'll do our best to fix it for you.... Remember – if you bring us any electrical item, please bring the leads you use to connect it! We have a box full, but might not have the correct one for yours....

Don't forget this is a good time to give those bikes a once over – our bikes team will be happy to help with wobbly wheels and brakes or gears which are less than wonderful.

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 on the second Saturday of each month (14th October, 11th November 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 [chaileyc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyc@gmail.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

*Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team*

## **Chailey Horticultural Society**

The clocks have changed, the days are shorter and the nights colder. All this means winter is fast approaching.

A lot of the vegetable garden will have been cleared of summer and autumn crops and left bare. So what to do with it? The danger is that heavy autumn and winter rains will not only washout a lot of the nutrients they will leave the ground more stoney. The ground therefore needs some form of protection. The true enthusiast will plant overwintering green manure to be dug in in the spring. An alternative is to cover the ground with a thick layer of compost but this may be difficult to achieve. Covering with black plastic is commonly used but is unsightly and may increase slug and snail populations as well as keeping the ground too dry. Old carpets can also be used. This protects the soil from too much rain but does allow some moisture through. The choice is yours! Ensure overwintering onions, garlic, shallots and beans are kept weed free. I have given up on overwintering peas as one really cold night will destroy the entire crop.

I plant peas in modules under cover in early February and plant out when the worst of the frosts have passed. Douce Provence is the best followed by Meteor.

Remove yellow leaves from sprouts and ensure brassicas are well supported and protected from pigeons.

November is a good month to plant new fruit trees and soft fruit bushes and canes. Plant to the same depth as that of the container. With canes, once planted firm down with your feet and then apply a layer of garden compost. With fruit trees dig a hole twice the size of the root ball and fill back with a half and half mixture of earth and compost. They will need staking and grease bands to protect against codling moth.

Collect leaves as they fall. They can be turned into leaf mould by filling a dustbin bag and leaving for around twelve months. Alternatively they can be added to the compost heap but always ensure a good mix with cardboard and paper to avoid compaction and water logging.

When the leaves have fallen clear round the base of fruit trees giving them a clear two feet between trunk and lawn. Fork this over and then apply a handful of garden lime and another of magnesium sulphate. Then some general fertiliser and cover the whole lot with garden compost. Don't forget grease bands to prevent codling moth on apples and pears.

Clear out greenhouses and poly tunnels and clean and sterilise glass and staging.

In a poly tunnel I plant a few overwintering onions and garlic to give a slightly earlier harvest along with overwintering loose-leaf lettuce. Space well apart to allow a gap for plant tomato plants in the spring.

Routinely check stored onions and potatoes as one rotter will rot the rest!

*Good Gardening*

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

## **Maria Caulfield MP**

I recently spoke at the Planning Inquiry in Ringmer against the proposed Thakeham development and explained to the planning inspector that the people of Ringmer are not against housing and in fact have taken over 900 new homes when all applications are totalled together but the infrastructure is creaking from sewage to GP services. Thakeham is yet another development with a starting price of £680K that will not help house local people and is in direct contrast to the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans are voted on by local people through a referendum and say where housing can and can't go in an area. Ringmer was one of the first to get it's plan done but since the Lewes Local Plan, which is the overarching planning document for the district, went out of date, it puts the Ringmer plan out of date too.

Despite pleading with Lewes District Council to get their Local Plan back in date, they have said it will be at least 2025 until they will be able to do so and at the planning inquiry the lack of a Local Plan was the key argument the developers used for allowing their speculative application. Wealden District is in exactly the same position having never had a Local Plan and so the villages and town within the district are at the mercy of developers as we have seen at Mornings Mill and Hindsland near Polegate.

Updating or getting a Local Plan in place is not difficult especially now the Government is scrapping housing targets and moving to a Brownfield first strategy. The South Downs National Park Authority are updating theirs right now so it doesn't go out of date in two years time and so will continue to protect the green spaces inside the park . If they can do it so can Wealden and Lewes district councils. Indeed other neighbouring Planning Authorities have recently successfully had their Local Plans approved with much lower housing numbers than their housing allocation with Worthing and Adur being two local examples. Adur got theirs through with just 57% of their standard method allocation by providing supportive evidence and Worthing with a 74% shortfall.

As the local MP my frustration is that we have got the Government to remove housing targets and made it easier to update Local Plans but if our local councils don't develop the local plans to say where housing can or can't go we will not be able to halt the concreting of our green spaces.

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society

The Civic Hall, Uckfield, November 8th 2.30: Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski 'And so to Bed from Medieval Times to the 18th Century.'

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We are in the Civic Hall Uckfield, parking is free and the lecture will start promptly at 2.30. The cost is £7 but if you are interested in joining, please contact me. We do need new members so please think about it, the cost is only £47 and for that you get all the lectures, our newsletter and the opportunity to go on one of our specially organised visits.

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*Monica Todd*

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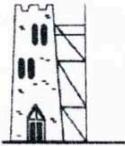
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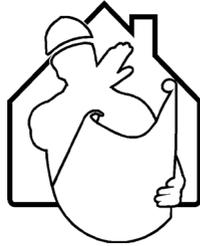
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