

Chailey News

Free



December 2014

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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DECEMBER SERVICES 2014

Sunday 7th December *The Second Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion followed by Pete's Pantry
Music provided by Robinswood

Sunday 14th December *The Third Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Children's Christingle

Sunday 21st December *The fourth Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Nine lessons and carols

Wednesday 24th December *CHRISTMAS EVE*

3.30pm Crib service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Thursday 25th December *CHRISTMAS DAY*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family service

Sunday 28th December *The First Sunday of Christmas*

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.





Dear Residents of Chailey,

Well, another year nearly over and we've had quite a year. We have seen God's hand in raising the funds we needed to re-order the church and how wonderful it is to see part of the work finished. Our congregation and church wardens work tirelessly to make St Peter's friendly, warm and comfortable. Please come and visit, either on 7th December or at one of our Christmas services. You will be made very welcome. God is doing a new work and we thank Him for all the blessings we share.

Daisy revealed to me that for the whole of her life, eleven short years, she has always wanted a cape! When the opportunity presented itself and the children at her school were invited to dress up for the day, in aid of 'Children in need', she grabbed the chance with both hands. The dress code was 'a super hero', a character from their favourite book or TV programme. Thus 'Pudsey Bear cape girl' was born.

We spent the afternoon making a cape from a table cloth, sewing it by hand (she now wants a sewing machine for Christmas!) decorating it, and finally came the modelling of it. She said it was the best thing ever!

One would think that her hearts desire would be greater, but she feels she has all she needs with us, especially where Betty is concerned. All that she has been through and continues to go through, and all she wanted was a cape! Finally, the last piece of the fancy dress, after she had put on her Pudsey Bear uniform, was her socks. 'Super heroes always have their socks pulled up high' and she tugged them until they came up to her knees.

That is why I love her so, she loves simple things and enjoys working alongside me, she doesn't care what anyone thinks.

She didn't care what her friends thought, she had her precious pink cape, with a large red button sewn on the wrong side to enable her to fasten it at the neck, so she could fly. In the bible it says "Therefore take no thought, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink' or 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed'? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6 v 31-33

Daisy was brave going in to school in her tablecloth cape. I didn't think she would. The irony of our lives is that most of the time, even though people may form opinions of us, we never get to find out what they are. Their judgement remains unspoken. Sometimes we can be paralysed by people whose names we don't even know and I even speculate about thoughts that they may or may not have. Madness indeed but crippling all the same.

As my MS progresses I am unable to be the Vicar's wife I used to be. It is impossible. Instead I have to be the best Grandma that I can be, that is now the calling on my life and God knows that He has called me to this task. He enables me and equips me, not as I would wish, but according to His purpose.

I am trying to reduce my anxiety about what others might be thinking about me and to

become a little more like Jesus. He couldn't have cared more about people, and couldn't have cared less about what people thought of Him. Instead His primary objective was to please His Father, who forms His opinion of us based on a heart scan rather than a cursory glance.

The key to any of us maintaining the health of an accountable partnership is to keep Jesus central to discussions and attitudes. But our own agendas, insecurities and issues can sometimes creep in, thus creating unhealthy dependencies. It is vital to keep every step shrouded in prayer, submitting it all to God, every step of the way. When accountable relationships bear the Kingdom hallmarks of vulnerability and grace, an amazing channel for personal growth and freedom can open up. Wasn't this exactly what Jesus offered His disciples?

Note to self: If I want to be a superhero I must pull my socks up.

Happy Christmas

From all at the Rectory.

December Parish Register

DEATHS: Norman Watling 29th October 2014

Royal British Legion Chailey subbranch: Poppy Day

Initial counting shows a total approaching £4000 due especially to Debbie Freeland's sponsored walk contributing over £ 1000 and to a very generous donation from Chailey Parish Council. Many thanks also go to all the dedicated door to door collectors in this rainy period and of course to the static points around the village.

Results are yet awaited from the Women's section's Autumn Fayre and coffee morning on 15 November and from the Remembrance Sunday collection at St Peter's Church following the wreath laying in glorious sunshine at the War Memorial.

James Radcliffe Poppy Appeal Officer 01825 723215

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



Carols and Readings by Candlelight

*Including a festive classical
performance by local musicians*

Chailey Free Church

Sunday 21st December 2014

4.00pm - Followed by buffet tea

All Welcome!



Chailey Free Church

Sunday services:

10.30am - Morning Service

6.15pm - Evening Service



Come and join our celebration on

Christmas Day

Chailey Free Church

10.30 - 11.30am

Everyone welcome

Christmas presents, Christmas play, carols...

Then home for the turkey!



Christmas Lunch

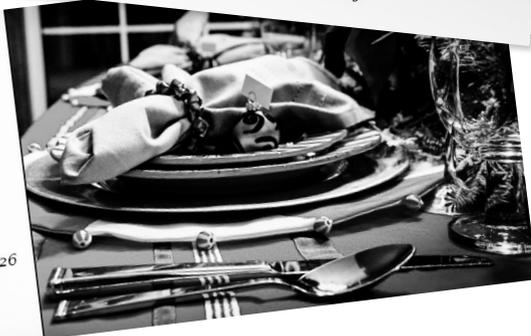
*Don't be alone this Christmas,
share Christmas Lunch with us*

*Chailey Free Church
25th December 2014, 1.00pm*

*(Why not come to our 10.30am
Christmas service too)*

*Phone Janet & Tony on 01825 766826
to book your place at our table*

No Charge



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

Grow Your Tenner



You could turn a £10 donation to Chailey Heritage Foundation into £20 by donating on line through Localgiving.com and help children and young people with disabilities lead active, healthy and independent lives.



EVERY donation of ten pounds, or less, made between now and 31st January 2015, through www.localgiving.com/chaileyheritage will be matched. **Your £10 donation will grow to £20** and will enable us to buy specialist equipment for children and young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs. Any amount you are able to give will be hugely appreciated and will help make a real difference to the lives of these young people.

Chailey Heritage Foundation is a pioneering charity dedicated to enriching the lives of young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs.

If you would like further information about the work we do, please contact us fundraising@chf.org.uk or call us on 01825724444 ext 718. www.chf.org.uk
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Friends of Newick Health Centre

We have received a very generous donation of £1200. from Greig the publican of the Kings Head which has enabled us to provide a defibrillator for that site. We are now currently trying to raise funds for a defibrillator for South Chailey to be situated on the Free Church Site. A defibrillator is used when someone's heart stops and needs to be restarted. The time taken to restart the heart is critical and as the time it has been taking for the Ambulance Service to respond (at present around about 8 minutes) can be too late. Therefore having a defibrillator on hand and easy to use by anyone (the unit tell you what to do) literally can be the difference between life and death. The cost of a defibrillator and waterproof case - the unit has to be accessible 24 hours per day- is approximately £1195. So far we have received a generous donation of £250.00 from Chailey Parish Council, so we need to find a further £945.00 which we need to raise as soon as possible. Can you help by making a donation? If you can then please send it to our Hon.Treasurer, Trevor Burgess, Little Bretts, 1 Goldbridge Road, Newick BN8 4LD. If you are a tax payer please mention this, so that he can send you a Gift Aid form which will enable us as a Charity to obtain a sum of 25% of your donation from HM Customs and Revenue.

Peter Todd Chairman/ Hon.Sec

Chailey W.I.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.45pm, when we have Mr John Cave giving us a talk - Comedy songs and guitar. This will be our Christmas meeting, although we do have our Christmas lunch the following week - 9th Dec. We welcome new prospective members and guests, with a small charge of £2. Meetings start at 7.45pm. and are held in the Village hall.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The November meeting was very interesting with the speaker giving us a chat and musical interlude about the history of Jazz music.

At the end of November - 29th - for those who read this early we have a "Whist Drive" at 7.30pm. in the Village hall. All welcome with an entrance fee of £3.

Our 1st meeting of 2015 will be on 6th January, when Chris Jenkins will be talking on "Reforestation in Brazil". Not only is this 100 years of W.I. nationally, but Chailey W.I. will be celebrating 50 years.

Carol Brown - 01825 723757

Chailey Bonfire Society

Congratulations to Novembers 100 club winner – number 80 Eddie Sheridan. Thank you for your continued support.

This year's badge night helped us to sign up 27 new members and many more renewed their membership from last year. If you were not able to make to badge night and would still like to either renew or become a new member, please contact us at contact@chailey-bonfire.co.uk or by calling Gini Jarvis on 01273 400989. Membership is just £3.

Despite the horrendous weather we are pleased to say that our bonfire celebrations were a success. The extended march included a stop at the war memorial at Chailey Green that was welcomed by many people and having the bonfire and firework display at the new site proved successful. Our thanks to everyone who was involved.

We hope that you enjoyed the evening, if you have any comments (good or bad) please contact us on our email contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk and we will take all comments into consideration for next year's celebrations.

Our next event of the year is the Senior Citizens Christmas party on Saturday 6th December and we look forward to seeing everyone involved.

Our Christmas raffle will be at the Horns Lodge after 6th December – tickets are £1 each so please pop along and buy your tickets for the chance to win some super Christmas goodies.

Don't forget that we can provide a free event bar service, taking all the hassle out providing drinks to your guests. All proceeds from drink sales go towards our bonfire night celebrations and Senior Citizens party. If you would like more information, please contact Diane on 01273 401900 or email contact@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>

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas from everyone at Chailey Bonfire Society.



Full Moon - 6th December @ 12:27
Last Quarter - 14th December @ 12:51
New Moon - 22nd December @ 01:36
First Quarter - 28th December @ 18:32
Note: Times are in Chailey local time – GMT+0

If you were watching the news at the beginning of the month, you hopefully saw a wonderful story all about the little lander known as 'Philae'. I have been watching the journey of the lander Philae aboard the space probe Rosetta for a while now. The story of the Rosetta probe is one of setbacks and triumphs. To me, the story gives a glimpse of what humanity is capable of achieving, despite the problems along the way.

You also may not be aware just how many British scientists and companies contributed to the Rosetta mission. Parts of the Rosetta and Philae probes were manufactured and tested here. The Project Scientist of the Rosetta project is Dr Matt Taylor, a British scientist working in the Netherlands for the European Space Agency (ESA). Of course, it is not just British scientists and engineers who have spent the last 20+ years working on Rosetta.

The original idea was a joint NASA and ESA mission. NASA was to contribute the comet orbiter, and ESA a comet lander and sample return probe. Unfortunately, NASA had to cancel their part of the project due to budgetary constraints in 1992, but were still able to contribute instruments and expertise to the project. As well as America (NASA) and the European contingent, Australia and Canada were also played their part in the story, making the Rosetta mission an achievement for humanity.

This will be only the 7th Solar System body that Humanity (and its robots) have landed upon - the Moon, Mars, Venus, Saturn's Moon Titan, and the Asteroids Eros and Itokawa. The launch was originally scheduled for 2003. The target was comet 46P/Wirtanen. The launch had to be postponed due to a catastrophic failure of the Ariane 5 in 2002. A new target was needed, a comet in the right place on its orbit, and at the right time. Scientists chose comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko as the new target, and Rosetta and Philae were sent on their way in 2004.

The orbiter is named after the Rosetta Stone as the probe is intended to give us a better understanding of the formation of comets and the early Solar System, just as the Rosetta Stone held the key to deciphering the Egyptian writing system.

Philae, the landing part of the spacecraft, was named after the Philae Obelisk, which bears a bilingual Greek and Egyptian hieroglyphic inscription.

During the flight to the comet, Rosetta executed 3 flyby's of Earth, a flyby of Mars, and a flyby of 2 asteroids (2867 Steins and 21 Lutetia.) It took 10 years to reach 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. In 2011, it was put into hibernation mode until it awoke on the 20th January 2014, to the enormous relief of everyone watching.

On the 6th August 2014, Rosetta arrived at its target, and began a complicated orbit, getting ever closer. It was finally close enough to be captured by the comets tiny gravitational field on the 10th September. During this time, Scientists began mapping the comet in close detail to select a suitable landing site for the Philae lander.

The landing site chosen was initially named 'J', one of five potential landing sites. A competition to give the landing site a proper name was held by ESA, and Site 'J' became 'Agilkia'. Agilkia is the island on the River Nile where an Ancient Egyptian temple was reconstructed after the building of the Aswan Dam threatened to flood the temples original location.

On the 12th of November at 08:35, Philae was detached from the Rosetta spacecraft. It took 7 hours to reach the comet. When Philae arrived, it gently hit the surface, and unexpectedly bounced! Due to the low gravity of the comet itself, Philae reached a height of approximately half a mile above the surface, and didn't come back down again for 2 hours! The second bounce was 7 minutes long.

Due to the low gravity, Philae was designed with a rocket thruster on its top to hold it down, and 2 harpoons to secure it to the comets surface, so that it did not drift away. The thruster was found to be malfunctioning during the checks prior to launch. The harpoons also did not work when Philae reached the surface, resulting in the bouncy tiger-like behaviour.

Philae finally came to halt about half a mile away from its intended landing site, but was still able to carry out many of its experiments. Unfortunately, its new location is less than ideal, as it is only exposed to sunlight for 1.5 hours a day, not enough to recharge the batteries on the lander.

Contact with the lander was finally lost on the 15th November at 00:36, after the batteries on the lander dwindled. All is not lost though, as it is hoped that in August 2015, when the comet is much closer to the Sun, the batteries may recharge enough for Rosetta and Philae to communicate with each other again.

As for the science gathered from the mission so far, Scientists have already learnt much about comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko - including that the gases erupting from its surface smell suspiciously like urine!

The volume of information already gathered will take the teams many years to properly digest, and will expand our knowledge of our surroundings. The mission still has another year to run as the comet approaches the Sun. As it gets warmer, more gas and dust will be thrown out into space. With Rosetta so close by, I expect to see many more awe-inspiring pictures of this particular piece of our Solar System!

I hope you have enjoyed reading about Rosetta and Philae's adventures around our Solar System. This mission is a fascinating one to me - I hope I have sparked some fascination in you as well, and that you continue to follow the story as it unfolds over the coming year.

I also recommend that you visit <http://rosetta.esa.int> for all the latest on the mission, and also to read more about the story so far. It is well worth a visit, as the pictures captured by Rosetta and Philae are stunning in their own right!

Richie Jarvis richie@nebul.ae: <http://nebul.ae>

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

St Peter's



School

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, nationally and Road Safety Week locally. The children will be learning about keeping themselves safe both at school and on the roads. They will also be advised how to deal with internet bullying. The police are coming in to speak to classes about e-safety. Year 5 are taking part in a road safety poster competition again organised by the police.

The children enjoyed the science trip to Herstonceux which took in creative problem solving skills, watching a science show and a tour of the observatory. As usual our children's behaviour was an example to other groups.

A team of runners took part in the cross country at the secondary school and year 5 pupil Holly Smith is going forward to the finals.

The P.T.A. raised a substantial amount of money with a film night and a cake stall and will make a donation to the Ebola Appeal. The children made a contribution to UNESCO at the harvest assembly and also supported the Poppy Appeal.

The teaching and assessment of the new curriculum is going well (see our website) We are also having a maths. evening for parents to show them the new calculation strategies and our expectations. When I was at school I could understand the need for algebra and geometry but could not see the need for trigonometry. I t wasn't until I started in engineering that I twigged. When I became a chief inspector I used to get annoyed with so-called skilled machine operators who used to bring their drawings to me to work out their angle settings.

The time for new resolutions is approaching fast so I'm giving up on my efforts to get words to mean the same as they did when I was a boy, words like chill and cool. Instead, I am heading for a Christmas lunch with my daughter, who will serve up roots, stalks, nuts and leaves from the Cambridgeshire countryside.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors, here's wishing our readers a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year and as Tiny Tim always says at this time of year, " God bless us, everyone."

Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131

Chailey Common grazing animals update

Those of you who walk or ride on Chailey Common regularly have probably noticed that the grazing animals have had a shuffle around. There are now no animals grazing on Memorial, Pound and Romany Ridge commons. The cattle have returned to the farm for winter and 3 of the ponies are grazing at Lane End. The remaining 12 ponies plus a large number of Hebridean sheep have been moved to Red House Common. They will remain there until April.

I hope that visitors to the common have noticed that the animals are assisting greatly with opening up more areas of the commons and keeping scrub regrowth and bramble levels down. This is vital to maintain and enhance this rare heathland habitat. It is still early days in terms of the plans to bring the common back into favourable condition and we are still relying heavily on mechanical control but once selected areas of mature and dense scrub have been cleared, this paves the way for the animals to follow on behind and tackle the re-growth.

The graziers and I would like to say a big thank you to those people walking their dogs on the commons who are keeping them under close control. We really appreciate your co-operation. Unfortunately however, there are still a small minority of people who are not observing the requirement to keep their dogs under close control around livestock. There have been a small number of incidents on Red House Common recently where out of control dogs have chased sheep and attacked them. This has resulted in a great deal of stress for the sheep. Some of the sheep are becoming very timid and stressed which means they do not eat and might start to lose condition.

Please would anybody who notices dogs worrying the sheep or not under proper control inform the graziers as soon as possible. Call Carole or Kevin Uridge on 01444 471352 or 07791 784415. If the problem persists, we may have to consider requesting that all dogs are kept on the lead where sheep are grazing for the welfare of the sheep.

Any issues relating to the ponies should be directed to the Sussex Pony Grazing and Conservation Trust on 07917 420296.

Jo Heading - ESCC Senior Ranger

Chailey Commons Society

As autumn changed into winter, we had a lot of rain but the mild temperatures which lasted through October made the onset of the dark days a little more bearable. The shortest day will be with us on Sunday 21st December together with a new moon on Monday 22nd.

The winter work has commenced again on the commons with more clearance on Pound Common completed and other areas still to be done. The grazing ponies have moved up to both Red House and Lane End together with the sheep to Red House. The lower commons are stock free for the winter period.

For our October meeting we had a fascinating insight into the new 'Sussex Bird Atlas 2007 – 2011' given by our own Ian Woolsey, who not only showed some of the fine detail and maps but also provided the sounds of the birds in his talk.

This was followed by our annual, not to be missed, Fungus Foray with Rosalie Sinclair – Smith leading us around Pound Common. The rain had come just at the right time and we were rewarded by discovering lots of fungi, both large and small. Most spectacular were a new crop of the 'Devils Fingers' (*Clathrus archeri*) with its red tentacles sticking out just like a starfish on the ground, and the easily recognised 'Fly Agaric' (*Amanita*

muscaria) under the birch trees.

There are no meetings during December so may I wish you a Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

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

William Coleman 01444 831098



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER *By Sharon Davy* **BLUEBELL RAILWAY SUPPORT**

The Bluebell Railway has a 3 ½ million pound turnover: Sheffield Park Station lies within our Parish and the District of Lewes, whilst most of its line is in Mid Sussex. The Bluebell is our biggest visitor/tourist attraction in the Lewes District and it's important that the Council continues to recognize the social, tourist and economic benefits which the Bluebell Railway generates.

I, along with other local Councillors and representatives have been asked to support the Bluebell Railway in their Heritage Lottery application to develop a new Locomotive Exhibition Hall. I believe that this project can forge links with the new University Technical College in Newhaven, as this new school will specialize in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, so it will give an opportunity for 14-18 year old students to learn more about how this form of transport has played such a key role in social and industrial developments in this country. With this in mind, I asked the Principal to contact the Bluebell Heritage funding bid – I'm happy to report he has written a letter of support. Likewise, I asked Lewes District Council to provide very modest financial support in their initial application process and it is good news to learn that we have the support of the Leader of the Council for this project.

The Bluebell Railway has a long way to go through the labyrinth of grant applications, but I hope my actions go some way to ensure their success. It's important I continue to represent the interests of Chailey and our villages in the Northern part of the District. Our voices must be heard and considered - just as much as those in the town of Lewes, the coast and those living within the protection of the South Downs National Park.

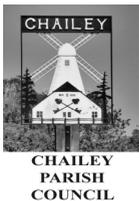
PLANNING DECISION (Chailey and Wivelsfield – joint ward)

The developers – Gleeson have won their Appeal against a refusal from the Lewes District Planning Committee – Planning Permission has been granted on land to the south of North Common Road, Wivelsfield Green and the developer has applied for costs. The appeal is granted for erection of up to 75 dwellings. No weight was given to the 162 residents who objected to the original Planning Application. The Parish Council also objected and has identified other sites for development. This will, of course, come back to the Committee at some stage to discuss the details, but planning permission has been given by the Inspector.

May I take the opportunity of wishing you a very healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr *Sharon Davy* (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

Telephone: 01444 831 336 email sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk



Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (01825 722651) **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.

Chailey Parish Council wishes all residents seasonal greetings and a happy and healthy new year.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Friday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In December there will be only one session which will be held on 12th December between 10.00 and 12.00.

Parish Allotments Waiting List

The Parish Council has allotment plots which are situated at North Chailey and the Council maintains a waiting list for residents wishing to have an allotment. Although December might be a little early for planting vegetables; allotment holders are able to relinquish plots in April before they are committed to any cultivation for the following year. The waiting list for plots therefore tends to reduce in March and April as plots are given up. If the thought of growing your own fruit and vegetables appeals to you please contact the Clerk to add your name to the waiting list before March.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Parish Council has decided to register Chailey (our whole community) as a Neighbourhood – the first step in producing a Plan for our village. The Council is aware of several speculative developments, and considers it sensible to define in a Neighbourhood Plan the elements of our community and how we, as a community, see it developing over the years to 2030. It seems to us that the Plan produced by our sister village Newick offers a role model. Those interested can consult that Plan on the web and also the Plan developed by Lindfield Rural, a similar **Parish to our own**.

A Neighbourhood Plan must be developed through public consultation and the close involvement of residents – it is not the Council's responsibility to write and, following the Annual Meeting last April, the Chairman is contacting those residents who have already declared an interest in helping. However, we need increased involvement from residents of the Southern areas of our village.

Chailey's Neighbourhood Plan will develop through the Planning Committee which meets on the first Tuesday of each month. We are inviting those residents interested to our next meeting (Tuesday January 6th. at 1930) when it is our intention to establish a Steering Group in the expectation that our application to register Chailey as a Neighbourhood goes forward.

If you expect to attend this meeting, it will be helpful if you contact the Clerk so that we can arrange seating.

Your Parish Council Needs You! Do you have an interest in computers or love technology? Do you regularly Tweet, use Facebook or other forms of social media? If so, Chailey Parish Council would really like to hear from you.

We are a Working Party, currently conducting a review of our website to make it more relevant and accessible to everyone in Chailey both young and old. The current site could do with a re-vamp. Are you up for the challenge? Maybe you have some time to spare and would like to put something back into our village. We should really like to offer this opportunity to a talented resident of Chailey.

To find out more please contact Mark Evans: 01825 722554 or markate@bigfoot.com before December 14th.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December. The next Council meeting will be held on 16th December; 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

Free help and advice

Residents of towns and parishes in Lewes District are affected by welfare reform changes and by austerity, as well as general need for information and advice.



Sit down and get side-by-side assistance about any issues at one of our Information Points or at the Information Centre in Newhaven. We can signpost and refer to specialist advisors and holistic support services. We follow up to see if appointments have been helpful. People can also use the phones and computers to help themselves. Our aim is to improve people's ability to tackle their own problems and to listen to the whole person.

We will:

- Coordinate access to free, quality assured information and advice
- Provide additional Debt and Benefits advice by CAB
- Provide Housing advice through BHT
- Coordinate access to available support services: support into employment, food banks, fuel poverty
- Ensure access by people in rural areas of Lewes District, disabled people, families, older people and BME community

Contact us – there are no eligibility criteria:

In person:

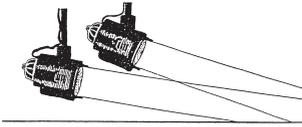
Chailey Children's Centre on Tuesdays from 10 – 12 (families only)
Southover House, Lewes on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 12
Info Centre, Unit 9, The Hub, 3 Drove Rd, Newhaven Mon- Fri 10 – 4

By email: infohub@sussexcommunity.org.uk

And by phone: 01273 517375 Mon- Fri 10 – 4



OTHER LOCAL NEWS



**NEWICK
AMATEUR
DRAMATIC
SOCIETY**

“Flare Path”
by Terence Rattigan

3rd – 6th December 2014

Curtain up 8.00 pm – Bar opens 7.15 pm mulled wine and hot mince pies also available raked seating with cushions

Tickets £9. Box Office: 01825 722359/ 01825 722985 www.newickdrama.org for internet bookings Or direct from Newick Butchers or at the door on performance nights.

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society
Plumpton Village Hall. 2.15 Tuesday December 9th.

The Frick Collection. If you ever visit New York put this first on your list. It is not the biggest or the richest but it has one of the best collections of art to be seen anywhere in the world. Henry Clay Frick made his money in industry and gave his house, a beautiful mansion on Fifth Avenue and its contents to the nation. Vermeer, Bellini, Rembrandt, Holbein, Titian, el Greco, Goya, van Dyck, Fragonard and Boucher all these masters can be seen here in intimate surroundings. It does feel as if you are in a private house, it is truly wonderful and I could not recommend it more strongly!

Our lecturer Hilary Williams lectures at the Wallace Collection as well as at the British Museum where she is Art History Education Officer and NADFAS liaison officer. She also guides Special Interest private tours of the State Apartments at Buckingham Palace.

Come and enjoy what should be a really lovely lecture. Visitors are always most welcome and the cost is £7 on the door with, as at is near Christmas, festive refreshments 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.

And can I also wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas!

Annette Shelford.

Newick Country Market

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

On Friday 12th December we will be in the festive mood with Christmas Carols and mince pies with your tea and coffee, so come along and stay a while.

We have a good selection of locally grown vegetables, home baked cakes and savoury items which are always popular with customers, as well as eggs, preserves, locally produced cheeses and charcuterie. Handmade greetings cards and knitted items, paintings, animal portraits and plants are also available. Orders can be taken for any of the above.

Christmas orders will be available for collection on Friday 19th December which is the last market of the year. The market takes a short break over the New Year and re-opens on Friday 9th January 2015.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Information and orders 01825 768544.

Mid Sussex Choir

Registered Charity :1037046 Musical Director: Andrew Sutton



Christmas Concert

Saturday 13th December 2014 at 7.30pm
St. Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Haywards Heath
Featuring chorales and choruses from

Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Plus carols and Christmas songs for audience and choir

Tickets £12 in advance (£15 on the night)
From: Janet Barnes Tel: 01825 722574
Children under 16 free with accompanying adult

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Best wishes from everyone at CHEC