

Chailey News

Free



December 2016

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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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

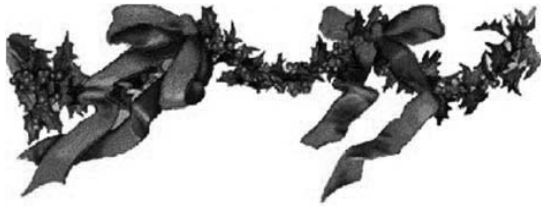
Haywards Heath: Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm

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

DECEMBER SERVICES 2016

Sunday 4th December *The Second Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th December *The third Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion

10am Children's Christingle

Sunday 18th December *The fourth Sunday of Advent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

3.30pm Children's Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December *CHRISTMAS DAY*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas Family Service

Sunday 1st January *The second 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,

As we approach the festive season, I thought I might share with you a Christmas Parable which I hope that you enjoy.

"Mike, what on earth inspires you to turn out to church in all weathers, especially when you could just as easy stay in bed on a Sunday morning, or at least do something exciting." Mike looked at Pete his workmate, then at his watch. "We'll take five and I'll tell you the story," he said.

"It was Christmas eve, and this young mother, was taking her daughter to church for the evening service. It was a really cold night and she had just put a scarf round her daughters neck when she decided to have another try at persuading her husband to go with them. "You sure your not coming?" she asked him, "who knows, you might even enjoy it." "No, not tonight. You know my feelings and I'm not a hypocrite. Anyway I prefer my spirit from a bottle, not that Holy stuff" her husband answered, "but you go, and enjoy yourself.

"I don't believe you, you'd do anything for anyone yet you won't come to church with your family, still if as you say you're no hypocrite." "Tell you what then, I'll come down later and meet you from church." He gave a slight smile. "Mind you do!" giving him a quick kiss on the cheek she took her daughters hand opened the front door and went out, leaving him on his own. As she left a sharp gust of cold air blew in complete with a swirling dust of snow, it reminded him that apart from his desire for a quiet evening in front of the tele' with a glass of whisky in his hand, tonight was not the night for going anywhere, especially to that cold church even if it was Christmas eve, but he supposed that he'd be able to brave it a bit later. It might have even left off snowing by then. 'Hm.. Pigs might fly.'

Half an hour later though, something happened that changed his life for ever, or was it that he'd never noticed before?

There was a thump at the window. Kids playing snowballs? He poured another whisky. Thump, then another thump. He tried to ignore it but how could he? If it carried on like this the little perishers would end up smashing his window. Eventually he pulled himself out of his chair and slipped back one of the curtains. It was too dark to see a thing, especially now the snow was getting even harder and he drew the curtain back again. Thump..that was enough. He went to the door but there was nothing there just a swirling mass of snow, driven by what was now almost a gale force wind and thankfully, once again returned to his chair.

Thump, thump thump. This was getting beyond a joke, he'd got to find out what it was. Grabbing his heavy boots from the kitchen, he pulled them on then getting his coat he quickly wrapped himself into it and finally grabbing his wife's furry hat he thrust it on his head and went outside. Even wrapped up as he was, the cold biting wind swept right through him, he could barely see the street light over the road and already the snow came over his boots. He went round to the lounge window. No signs of any snowball hits, but a flap and a thump and a small bird fluttered past his furry covered ears smacking into the glass. He looked around, there at his feet a number of the little creatures were flapping and floundering in the snow and he bent down to pick up the nearest one but it scraped its way out of his grasp.

'Poor little devils, they'll freeze to death.' He thought quickly, the car was in the garage, they can't go in there. It would have to be his shed, it would at least be sheltered in there, they should be alright.' So he went down the path to his shed, grabbed a broom then leaving the door open, went back and started to swing the broom in front of the birds to drive them down his pathway, but the more he swung it, the more they scattered. This was going to take a long time. It did take a fair while but eventually all were shepherded in out of the wind, and congratulating himself he made his way back to the front door almost tasting the whisky waiting for him inside. Back indoors, he pulled the curtains apart. That's when he saw it, one last bird still out in the cold until he realised he was

looking at his own reflection. He was that last bird, he was still in the cold. Then another thought, if he'd been a bird for just a few moments, how much easier his task, would have been then a rush of excitement.. God sent Jesus, His Son, as a man.

He heard the front door open , his wife was home. "I thought you were coming to meet us?" "Sorry" he said and he wrapped his arms around his wife and daughter, "how about us all going to church in the morning," it was all he said. Pete said "it's only a story isn't it, the whisky went to his head." "Well put it this way," Mike answered. "My wife had a real shock when she went out to the shed Christmas morning! and if you just think about what God did for us you'll get all the excitement you'll ever need. And I can assure you, the Holy stuff is much stronger than any spirit you find in a bottle." Can I suggest that you read (John 10:14-16, The good shepherd.)

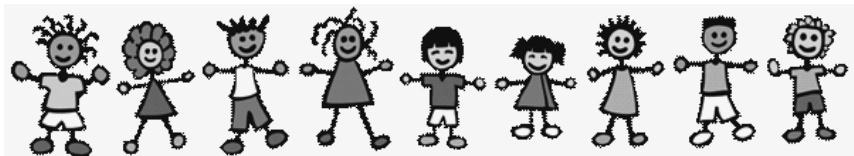
We would love you to come and join us at any of our services in church over Christmas.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

From all at the Rectory

Toddlers Group

We now have a Toddlers group up and running at St Peter's Church. This is a free group which meets in the church on a Friday morning between 10am and 11.30am. Toys and activities for children. Free refreshments during the morning. Baby changing facilities. We welcome new Toddlers and their parents, grandparents or carers to this group. Contact the parish office (01825 722286) stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



Lay Parish Pastoral Visiting 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

	Every Sunday
10:30 12:00	Morning Service Chailey Free Church
18:30 20:00	Evening Service Chailey Free Church



Monday 12th
December
at 4:30pm

www.chaileyfreechurch.com/messychurch



Share a chat and a cuppa

Coffee Stop

Friday mornings, 10 till 12

Christmas at Chailey Free Church



1

Christingle Service

4pm, Sunday December 4th
Service followed by a tea
Christingles provided



2

Carol Service

4pm, Sunday December
18th
Service followed by a tea
Led by Derek Heyman



3

Christmas Day

10:30am, December 25th
A short service to share this
special day with your family

Chailey Free Church, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN
Contact us for details on 01444 471600 or 01273 890114
Email: contact@chaileyfreechurch.com

Chailey Commons Society

The year seems to have passed by quickly again but has been accompanied by some stunning autumn colours which lasted well until the November frosts came. The commons have remained quite dry with the usual wet areas needing some winter rains to soak them again,

Our ever-popular Fungus Foray was on Red House Common and, despite predictions of a shortage of specimens to look at, some rain had fallen just in time and we could explore the common and find a surprising amount of colourful fungi including the wonderful red Fly Agaric, the prominent yellow and brown Sulphur Tuft and a whole collection of brown ones of various shapes and sizes. Our leader was Rosalie once again giving the benefit of her knowledge about this marvellous kingdom waiting to be discovered. We were glad of the children to help us with their keen young eyes and boundless enthusiasm, especially Alexander who seemed tireless in his efforts to search amongst the bracken and birch trees. We thank Rosalie for her enthusiasm and this is her last year of leading the walk as she is easing up on her commitments in this way. Who will lead us next year – could it be you I wonder?

We have also been out walking with the Ranger to help plan the winter work on the common, and have also met with Francesca from the PondNet Project, one of the three projects within the Freshwater Habitats Trust. She has special records for our ponds at Chailey, notably for the Pond Mud Snail and the Fairy Shrimp. We spent an afternoon pond dipping to find these creatures as they are quite rare and need recording. We are going to set up a small Pond Group to carry on surveys, so do let us know if you can help. There is no meeting in December so our next one is indoors in the Chailey Village Hall on January 19th 2017 at 7.30.p.m. when we hope to have a visit by Roy Hale to tell us about the story of Gideon Mantell the Dinosaur Doctor.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a good New Year

For further information, visit our website – www.chaileycommons.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/

William Coleman 01444 831098

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December when we begin to get into the Christmas spirit with a visit from everyone's favourite harpist, Margaret Watson, who will entertain us with her beautiful music.

In November our speaker was Kevin Gordon, a trustee of Seaford Museum, talking about the Lost Village of Tide Mill, situated between Newhaven and Seaford. The Mill was erected in 1761 and the village, housing about 100 workers, grew up around it. As the time of the tides changed, so the workers had to alter their working hours which including working during the night at times. The worst storm in living memory took place in 1875 causing much damage. The price of flour dropped and finally the mill was knocked down by the Railways in 1901, with the last residents being forced to leave in 1939. The area was cleared and then played an important part in army training during the war. This was a most interesting talk and we were delighted to welcome a number of guests and visitors.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall and if you would like to come along and join us, please do not hesitate to do so.

Margaret Smith (01825 723519)



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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year! Councillors wish all residents of Chailey a peaceful and joyous Christmas and happiness, good health and good fortune in 2017.

Chailey Common: Jo Heading, our Ranger, has written to say that there are now no animals grazing on the combined commons (Memorial, Pound and Romany Ridge). The Exmoor ponies are remaining on Red House and there are also ponies grazing at Lane End. [NB Emergency number for the Sussex Pony Grazing and Conservation Trust is 07917 420296]

Sports Pavilion: The Council is commissioning a refurbishment of the Pavilion adjacent to the Ground on Memorial Common, working in consultation with Chailey Sports Club. The first task has been to rewire the Pavilion to bring it up to current standards and this work will be completed during November. The Council has commissioned a surveyor to oversee the project and to act as principal designer on our behalf. We anticipate that the refurbishment (which will be funded in varying proportions by the Council and the Club) will begin on site before next Spring, working around the continuing use of the Pavilion.

Volunteers: It is regrettable that Chailey Youth Group is currently in abeyance. The Group has played a significant and enjoyable part in our life for some eight years and enjoyed modest financial support from the Parish Council and Sussex Police. The Club met fortnightly in the Village Hall or on Away-days outside Chailey and the programme included both games and learning – for example, to cook. The Parish Council, Cllr Peter Olbrich, would be very happy to know of and hear from any resident willing to take on this rewarding responsibility

Public telephone box: BT are consulting (until November 30th) on the future of the red Gilbert Scott telephone box on the A272 adjacent to the Old Post Office. The Parish Council will also consider this matter and will take into account any advice received from residents no later than December 15th.

Play streets: Lewes District Council has told us of a new scheme whereby residents have the opportunity, if they wish, to apply to Lewes District Council to request the temporary closure of the road where they live for a few hours on selected days or evenings to give children the opportunity to play there. Residents in the road where the proposed play street is situated must agree to the idea. Applicants have to demonstrate that at least 60% of residents and businesses affected agree to the road being closed. Further information on the Lewes DC website or from Lewes District Council.

Mark Evans - Chair

Thank you Chailey Litter Pickers

Letter to Chailey News Editor, 7th November 2016

Dear Editor,

May I through the pages of the Chailey News thank Janet and the team at Chailey Litter Pickers for the marvelous work they do. They really do make a noticeable difference.

*Merry Christmas to you all.
Bob & Jeanette Massey.*

Chailey Litter Pickers

212 bags so far!

It really is amazing what we find when we're litter picking; today I found a kettle hanging in a bush; a while ago I found a hunting knife. But the most common items seem to be discarded by car drivers; Red Bull cans, McDonalds food wrappers, Costa coffee cups, soft drink bottles, cans, cigarette packets, crisp packets, chocolate wrappers and so the list goes on. Almost every time we go litter picking we find car hub caps, which makes me wonder how they manage to come off with such regularity.

Whilst litter picking does result in a feeling of satisfaction, of a job well done, there can also be a feeling of disappointment that the issue is never ending. We really do depend on the goodwill and generously given time of people who are willing to pick up other peoples rubbish. At this festive time of year, when we think of others rather than ourselves, I challenge the people of Chailey to join the fight against litter, to take a few minutes each week to pick up a few pieces of litter, to not pass by, but to make a decision to become part of the solution. Together we CAN make a difference!

Group Litter Picking – Monday 19th December, 10am meeting in Chailey Free Church car park, South Chailey. High vis vests and some equipment are available on the day but please bring gloves and a grabber if you have one. Everyone welcome!
For further information contact Janet Caughley on 01273 400785 or at janetcaughley@gmail.com

Chailey Horticultural Society

Our schedule for 2017 is now available. I hope to be able to leave some copies in the pubs and South Chailey Surgery for anyone who would like either to look through it or take it home. Unfortunately there will not be any in the shop.

Hopefully this will encourage you to come and see the shows and perhaps enter.

December and January can be quite quiet times in the garden. However it is wise to keep on top of the fallen leaves and not let them rot on the ground but rot them down in a compost heap Also perhaps now is the time for some reflections on the recent season. One of the most obvious changes in recent years is the dramatic decline in bees and other pollinating insects. It would appear that many factors are at work here including changes in agricultural practices with large fields of monoculture and general loss of

habitat. However the widespread and indiscriminating use of insecticides must also be to blame. There is little the amateur gardener can do except not to use them. Always be careful using any spray and strictly follow the instructions and avoid spraying during daylight when pollinators are active. Good plant hygiene and the use of a biological control should help reduce the need for chemicals. There are many varieties of bees and flies which act as pollinators. As Einstein said without bees humans would quickly die out through starvation.

Garden centres have many bee friendly homes which can be deployed throughout the garden. Also leave patches of wild growth with nettles and wild flowers.

It is the responsibility of all gardeners to protect their best friends - bees and worms! December and January are the months to look through the catalogues and plan. Think of plug plants and if you have not done so why not try some grafted tomatoes, peppers and chillies.

For those with a frost free conservatory or heated greenhouse growing potatoes in a sac is well worth it for a very early crop of lovely new potatoes. Foremost or Rocket make good choices. Get them as soon as possible and get them chitted in a light and frost free place. As soon as they start to sprout get them in the bag! Place about 6 inches of compost in the bottom of the sac and then place 4 or 5 potatoes, sprout upward on top and just cover with a layer of compost. As the potatoes grow through add more compost until just below the top of the bag. Remember to keep moist and look forward to early May when they will be ready.

Good Gardening, Happy Christmas and a productive New Year.

Peter Estcourt. 01273 400791. pge44@waitrose.com

Chailey Bonfire Society

A big thank you to everyone who helped us to make bonfire celebrations a success. Although the weather seemed to put a few people off coming out it was great to see people along the road, at the memorial and on the field. The memorial service was particularly special this year, with friends from visiting societies taking part and laying wreaths with us during the service.

We hope that you enjoyed the evening. If you have any comments/suggestions about the event please let us know - contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk.

100 Club winner for November was number 97 Gini Jarvis. Well done, Gini thank you for your support.

Saturday 3rd December is our Senior Citizens Christmas party at Chailey Village Hall 12.30pm-5pm. If you or anyone you know would like further information, please contact Jane on 01273 400632. Please note that there will be a short firework display at approximately 5pm.

It's not too late to become a member of Chailey Bonfire Society, membership is just £5 per adult or £10 a family (maximum 2 adults) just contact secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk for information.

On behalf of Chailey Bonfire Society, we wish you a very happy Christmas.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER *By Sharon Davy*

MORE REPRESENTATION FOR THOSE OF US NOT LYING WITHIN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY

Some months ago, I put forward a proposal that would give more Councillors that are not on the Cabinet - and not - within the South Downs National Park more representation in the decision-making process for spending from the District and Community Pots. This is all about the new Community Infrastructure Levy. I know how dry this subject sounds, but my continued 'passion' is increasing the number of Councillors that do not hold high positions, but want to represent their towns and villages outside the National Park. Too few, make too many decisions - and I, along with some others, wish to see more Councillors have a say and represent what the people wish to see for the development levy. I am pleased that senior Officers have supported my idea. I have put my name forward to the Leader to be one of the 2 members from our Northern Rural Areas. As this was my initiative, I hope he will be gracious and give me this position. A Christmas wish that this happens.

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - SAFETY PROBLEMS

I am trying to help Mrs. Munch Morrow, Head teacher of St. Peter's and the children that need assistance crossing the road to attend school. I have written to Rupert Clubb, Director of Transport and Environment and Cllr Carl Maynard who holds the portfolio and asked them to consider deviating from the national Road Safety Guidelines. I have done this as the District Councillor for Chailey, as I am informed that the local Councillor can appeal - which is what I am doing. It is possible for the precedent to be changed and local circumstance can, and should be considered. Whilst I appreciate the guidelines that are set down, I have asked for St Peter's to be looked at with a sensible and flexible approach. I have the support of our County Councillor Jim Sheppard. It is a hard job for all our County Councils in England to look after services with less funding, but I am of the opinion that St Peter's is unusual in its safety needs. The school was built when horses and carts travelled along the A275 and the rural community walked to school. Not so in the 21st-century.

Another Christmas wish for us in Chailey.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and healthy New Year.

Cllr Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

Email Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk Telephone: 01444 831 336

Rhyme Time

Come and join us at Chailey Rhyme Time on Mondays 10-11.30, term time only. A fun and relaxed atmosphere, where you can meet other children, their parents and carers. For just £1 per family, sessions include free play as well as rhyme and story time. We are a friendly group run by volunteers, for pre-school children. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

Chailey Children's Centre, Mill Lane, South Chailey BN8 4PU

Email: chaileyrhymetime@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/chaileyrhymetime

St Peter's



School

One of my responsibilities as a governor is to monitor English teaching and learning at our school. Recently I visited Year 1 pupils and listened to them reading aloud. I can report that after only a few weeks into their first year, the standard is excellent. Afterwards I had lunch with year 4 pupils. School dinners are much improved since I was at school. There was no choice and you ran the risk of having a short sighted dinner lady pouring tapioca over your thumb.

The school celebrated Harvest Home with a special assembly. Between hymns each year group gave a presentation on some aspect of food production, ranging from farming in the U.K. to chocolate production. Vicar John spoke to us about sharing and about the plight of those people in the world that have so little. Donations, this year, will go to the Macmillan Cancer Care Charity. The service ended with the hymn " We Thank You God "

We have had two Open Days for the parents of next year's reception class. If you missed those and are looking for a place for your child, 'phone Lynn in the school office and we will be happy to show you around.

In line with our well established anti-bullying strategies we have celebrated Friendship Week with activities about being a good friend and e-safety. Older pupils have been trained as play leaders to lead playground games and others are manning the library at lunch times.



The school did well in the cross country at the secondary school and several runners went on to compete in the next stage at Beacon School. Three teams from Years 3-6 are preparing for the netball tournament that will be held at Chailey School.

Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131

School. 01825 722939.

Celebrate Christmas With Coro Nuovo

Coro Nuovo, the acclaimed Sussex choir, will be staging a concert at St Peter's Church, Chailey as part of a church fundraising Christmas programme.

The concert takes place on Saturday 10th December at 7.00 pm and will be a selection of secular and non-secular Christmas music, interspersed with seasonal poetry and prose readings. Music includes traditional choral pieces such as In Dulci Jubilo, O Magnum Mysterium by Morten Lauridsen, Bogoroditse Dyevo by Rachmaninov, to more modern recognisable renditions such as White Christmas and Jingle Bell Swing. It all promises to be an excellent evening's entertainment up to Coro's usual high standards, and will also raise money for a worthwhile cause.

Refreshments will be served.

Tickets cost £10 (accompanied children under 16 free) and will be available on the door or from Janet Barnes on 01825 722574 or friendsofstpeterschailey@hotmail.co.uk



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Welcome to Chailey School - www.chaileyschool.org

Chailey School in Nepal: What an amazing experience - so what did they do – and see? Twenty-six Year 9 & 10 students, along with three members of staff, flew to Kathmandu where they spent two days seeing the sights, before taking a fourteen-hour bus journey into the Everest mountain region, arriving at their campsite in pitch black and with no electricity.

The journey was well worth it however, when the following morning students awoke to the sight of the sun rising on Mount Everest itself.

Six days of hiking and camping followed in order to reach Maati Village, where students camped for a further four nights while spending their days carrying out volunteer work and giving donations to assist in the rebuilding of the local school following last year's earthquake; they also provided the villagers with clothing and supplies for the winter months and for the children's schooling. The students' efforts were hugely appreciated by the village, who demonstrated this with a traditional Nepalese ceremony of thanks on their departure.

The group arrived back in Kathmandu after one further night camping and another fourteen hour bus journey through the mountains. A few hours shopping in the local area was taken before flying back to the UK for a well-earned shower and sleep!

Ben Austin, leading the expedition commented that all of the students were exceptional throughout the trip and were a credit to themselves, their parents and the School. They showed remarkable resilience under some very testing conditions and admirably handled every challenge that was thrown at them.

Fiction to go! Our Library is key to our English language and literacy programmes. The School has invested in an exciting selection of new Key Stage 3 and 4 fiction. Some of the books are 19th century classics which support the new GCSE English syllabus, but the selection of several hundred books includes a wide range by current popular and award-winning authors, representing different genres. But after cataloguing, the books did not come to rest on the shelves: Heather Duck, our Library Manager, laid them out on the Library tables, encouraging students during their library lessons and in the morning and lunch breaks to view and borrow them to read at home.

Enterprise Day: Students value the opportunities of an extended curriculum, and Enterprise Day challenges Year 10 to create a product that meets a given brief, and present it to judges in a clear and concise manner – for example, in 2012 students were challenged to create a promotional object related to the Olympics. During the day students work in small groups to create their vision, to research the market, and to produce materials to promote their product – all the time keeping a beady eye on finance and business planning. The School recruits experienced business people to give their time and expertise to come into the school to assist the teams and, at the end of the day, judge the outcomes. The winning group will enjoy a mystery adventure at Bewilderbox in Brighton, an enterprising start-up in its own right.

Lunchtime clubs: A vital and regular part of the extended curriculum are the Lunchtime Clubs, run by teachers working with students: sometimes these represent extra tuition, but frequently the Club is practical work based on classroom learning – in STEM Club in Science and Technology, for example, students recently suspended solids such as beads, cherry tomatoes, popcorn kernels, bolts and ping pong balls among layers of honey, syrup, milk, water, dish soap, paraffin and rubbing alcohol to make some really vivid layers (or density columns) – all due to the different densities!

To know more about our active life, click onto our website

Diocese of Chichester

Dear Friends,

December is the season of school Christmas productions, some of them Nativity plays, that tell the familiar Christmas story....or at least a story put together from various parts of the Bible.

Just two of the four Gospel writers, Matthew and Luke, give us an account of the Christmas story. John tells us about the Word made flesh in a prologue to his Gospel and Mark presents us with an adult Jesus ready to be baptised.

Luke tells us about the Archangel Gabriel, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, Jesus' birth and the laying of the baby in a manger because there was room at the inn. Then we hear about the shepherds.

In Matthew's shorter story, it is Joseph who is visited by an angel and there's nothing about Elizabeth, a manger or shepherds. What Matthew does tell us about, is the visit of wise foreigners and their gifts, a story of terrible brutality towards children, the distress of their grieving parents and how the saviour of the world became a refugee.

Stories of equally callous brutality in Syria and Iraq have stained 2016 with fresh blood and the airwaves carry the cries of contemporary agony. Matthew's saviour-refugee will speak of judgement on the behaviour of those who respond to the needs of the stranger, the hungry, the homeless, the detained prisoner and the sick. Our care for the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner and the refugee, is the welcome we offer to the one born in Bethlehem at Christmas.

May this Christmas be a joy to you and to everyone.

With every good wish,

+Mark - Bishop of Horsham

NADFAS - NEWICK AND DISTRICT DFAS

Plumpton Village Hall 2.15 Tuesday December 13th

THE ART OF SNOW AND ICE by Sue Jackson

Winter particularly, if you lived in the Middle Ages, was a dark and difficult time. Brueghel's 'Hunters in the Snow' the first ever painting of a landscape under snow, showed that winter could be beautiful.

The River Thames luckily now does not freeze over but in the 17th Century it was a regular occurrence as wonderful pictures of the annual Frost Fairs will testify. For Turner the weather was always of the utmost importance, rain, tempest, snow and storm he painted magnificent pictures of them all. And of course when it came to the turn of the Impressionist... I could go on and on but I won't because I would prefer you to please come to the Lecture and find out more! However one last point which I can't resist, the first photograph of falling snow was 'Winter 5th Avenue 1893.' One of those really useless facts you will now never forget.

Sue Jackson our lecturer was originally in art and design but now works for the National Trust, U3A and the City Literary Institute. She is also a qualified blue badge London guide. The lecture will be as usual accompanied by superb digital illustration. Visitors are always most welcome, £7 on the door with tea and biscuits afterwards and a chance to talk to the speaker. If you require any further information please contact Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

Annette Shelford

One Hundred Years Ago

The Parish Leaflet, December 1916

December 1916

The absolute necessity for an immediate economy in food. Not only the third Christmas and the third New Year which we shall spend in a life and death struggle will have to be shorn of their festivities, but there must from now onwards be a general acceptance of spare diet and plain fare. The less money we spend on what is not necessary to life and efficiency the less we gad about to places of amusement and the less work and trouble we give to others the better for the Nation.

The Soldiers and Sailor's Christmas Gift Fund has met with a very hearty response everywhere. Preparations are well forward to dispatch the money to the men.

Note: Does sound pretty grim, but it was now the middle of the war and times were very hard.

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OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Wivelsfield Film

Sunday 4th December door/licenced bar 7pm; film 7.30

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

Girl On The Train (15)

Rachel, devastated by her recent divorce, spends her daily commute fantasising about the seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes every day until one morning she sees something shocking happen there and becomes entangled in the mystery that unfold. Based on Paula Hawkins' bestselling novel.

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval. Tickets £6 in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores or The Cock Inn or online via the Facebook page of Wivelsfield Films or wivelsfieldfilm.com

Pestalozzi Concert

'Pestalozzi Christmas Concert. This concert will again be held in St Michael's Church Lewes Wednesday 14th December 7.30 pm. The Harp soloist will be Heather Wrighton, conductor and organist Nick Milner-Gulland. Some of the Pestalozzi students will also contribute to the evening. They are all from disadvantaged families and come from as far afield as India, Nepal, Tibet, Uganda Zambia, Zimbabwe and Belize. Cost is £10 on the door or £8 by telephoning in advance to 01273 475172'

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Newick Country Market

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

Christmas is fast approaching and the market will be in the festive mood with mince pies, sausage rolls, cakes, puddings and Christmas cards available.

We also have our usual selection of locally grown vegetables, home baked cakes and savoury items which are always popular with customers, as well as eggs, preserves 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 16th December which is the last market of the year. The market takes a short break over Christmas and New Year and re-opens on Friday 13th January 2016.

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

Information and orders 01825 768544.



A Reminder!

7th - 10th December 2016

Oscar Wilde's

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME

by Constance Cox

Set in the 1890's. Before his impending marriage to Sybil, Lord Arthur Savile finds himself in a most distressing situation of having to commit a murder but who will he choose as his victim and how will he carry out the dastardly deed?

Come along and enjoy this superbly written, witty and very funny production. What could be better just before Christmas!!

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

Tickets £9.

Box Office: 01825 722359/ 01825 722985

www.newickdrama.org for internet bookings or from Newick Butchers and at the door on performance nights.

Chailey News - January 2017 Issue

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2. Include "Chailey News" in Subject section of the e mail.
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Best wishes from everyone at CHEC