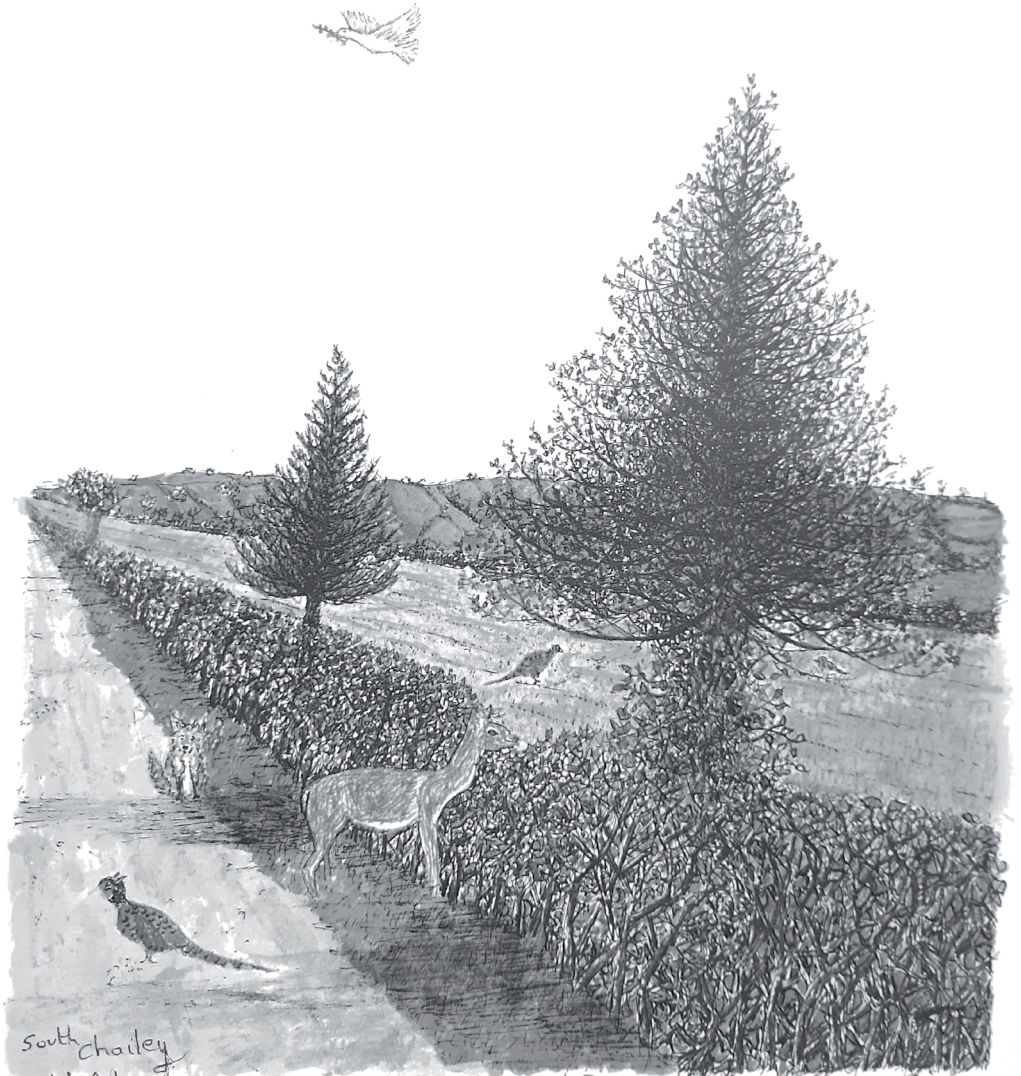


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The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



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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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

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

Haywards Heath: Sunday 8.30am 10.30am 5pm

Uckfield: Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 9.30am

Lewes: Sunday 9am 10.30am

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

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DECEMBER SERVICES 2023



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

Sunday 3rd December
ADVENT SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 10th December *Second Sunday of Advent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Christingle

Sunday 17th December *Third Sunday of Advent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion

Friday 22nd December
6pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th December *CHRISTMAS EVE*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
3pm Crib service
11pm Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December *CHRISTMAS DAY*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Christmas Communion

Sunday 31st 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.

Rectors Ramblings

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
John 1:9*

Dear friends,

Welcome to the December edition of our Church and Community Magazine.

Peace and Joy be with you in this season of Advent & Christmas.

It is that time of year where we can hopefully take a few moments to think back over the last year and reflect on the challenges and blessings which have been before looking towards our hopes and dreams for 2024.

One of the great joys of 2023 has been our Children's, Families, and Youth Work. There has been so much happening, with May Camp, Intergenerational Opera, Youth Choir, Holiday Club, NYC, Summer Specials, Owls, Easter Trails, Mentoring at Chailey Secondary, Reading Groups in our Primary Schools, and so much more.

Our young people are such an important part of our community, and I feel truly blessed that we are able to come together as a community in the care and nurture for our future generations.

It must be said that there is no more exciting time than to be a young person experiencing the awe and wonder of Christmas. It is therefore a most appropriate time for us think again about our giving for the Families and Youth Work at St Mary's Newick and St Peter's Chailey.

We are only able to do this thanks to your generosity as currently we have no government or council funding for our Families and Youth Work.

Our costs this year were over £30,000, which we see as money well spent, and I'm excited to say that Christmas Appeal this year will be for our Children's, Families & Youth Work and we are setting the ambitious target of £15,000 between the two Churches. No amount given is too small, and obviously should we exceed the target, we will use every penny in supporting our young people.

As we enter the 'silly season' of Christmas lights, school nativity plays, Carol concerts, John Lewis adverts and potentially ridiculous credit card bills, we will hear again the story of Jesus Christ, the coming of the Prince of Peace, Light of the World.

Across the country, schools and churches will echo the words from John's Gospel. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it".

As we find our way around our villages in that deep December darkness (that only rural communities truly understand) we are perchance more mindful of the deeper darkness faced by so many around the world this year. How relevant become the words in the Lord's prayer "deliver us from evil". Darkness can come in many shapes and forms; this year especially we are all too familiar with the darkness of war, terrorism, fear, and persecution. So where do we turn when the darkness feels overwhelming.

The Bible is very clear that our hope and our light comes through Jesus Christ, who not only transforms us into beacons of light ourselves, but transforms the darkness itself *"even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you"* (Psalm 139)

However dark the world seems to be, the light of God is stronger.
When hatred and division seem to be taking over, the love of God is stronger.

Peace & love, begin in the way in which we deal with the conflicts of our lives here and now; in

our villages, in our workplaces, our schools, our homes, in our daily encounters with each other and in our generosity towards those who are in need.

These are the places in which we are called to be bringers of light and forgers of God's peace. The light burns most brightly when we remember to put into action the real message of Christmas 'to love our neighbour as we love ourselves'; each one of us made in the image of God, offering love, forgiveness, hospitality, generosity, and compassion. No, it's not easy. Yes, it requires sacrifice. But when we walk, in the light we walk without fear, and in the words of those great theologians, Gerry and the Pacemakers, 'with hope in our hearts, we never walk alone'.

I hope to see many of you at our services over the Advent and Christmas Season, walking together as a light in the world.

As we light our candles and put up our lights this Christmas, let us also open our hearts to hope, light up our homes with love, inviting the Light of the World into our lives and sharing His Peace with all.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas, 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 St Peter's, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff, and to sustain the future of St Peter's and the churchyards at both St Peter's and since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, churchyard, music, buildings, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor or their executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact Paul Corver our Churchwarden on 07770 688618 or email stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

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'.



December Diary

Monday 11th - Messy Church Christmas Party 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.

Sunday 17th - Christmas Family Service 10.30am

Thursday 21st - Youth Group Christmas Celebration 6pm-8pm

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

Sunday 24th - Carols by Candlelight followed by a Christmas tea. 4pm

Christmas Day - A short service celebrating 'The gift that is for life!' 10.30am

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

Dave on 07770 537676

Pete on 07757 388477



www.chaileyfreechurch.com

One Hundred Years Ago

From the Parish Leaflet for December 1923

Parish Notes

The Leaflet: the Parochial Church Council has undertaken the financial running of the Parish Leaflet. If any persons feel disposed to contribute from their store of poetic or literary ability to these pages they will be gratefully received by the poor distressed persons responsible for the editing of it, to wit, the Parochial Clergy.

The Boiler: has had the unkindness to come to grief during the recent cold spell and the resultant discomfort in Church did not help the devotions of the faithful. A new boiler has been ordered but the old one has been patched up and is working like a trojan to keep us warm. Hopefully it will continue to do so until the new one arrives.

The New Organist: Mr Ryder seems to be getting into his stride. Doubtless there will be new offers to join the choir when some of our budding musical stars have got over their shyness.

Happy Christmas Everybody!

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Chailey Bonfire Society

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our bonfire celebrations and the amazing number of people who came to watch the procession and firework display. We hope you all had a great night. First count of the collection buckets was just over £1300 so thank you for all your donations.

If you missed our collection buckets or couldn't make the event, and would like to donate to our cause, you can use our Just Giving Page using this link
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/yasmin-tomlinson-2?utm_id=2&utm_term=Pn9V5MJ85

The 100 club winner for November was number 60 – Josephine Kneebone. Congratulations Josephine and thank you for your support.

After our Christmas party for the senior members of the village, we will take a well-earned rest and be back in January to start another year of events and fundraising. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

You can keep up to date with all our bonfire events by joining our Facebook group – just search “Chailey Bonfire Society”.

Chailey Commons Society

As another year draws to a close, the commons are now in winter mode with the bracken collapsed once again and paths and vistas have opened. The restored areas continued to fill with fresh growth and the scrapes are showing new heather plants to form the lovely heathland landscape. The work continues to cut and roll the bracken areas and the birch will receive attention in due course.

In October we enjoyed a fungus walk around Memorial common with Martin Allison and formed a work party cutting the very young birch regrowth near one of the troughs on the common.

Our Besom Broom making, and sales, continued in October. We made twenty small brooms ready for Halloween, adding to the display at Townings Farm. All sizes of broom are for sale at the farm shop. Proceeds go to Chailey Commons Society. We were pleased to train two more people in this traditional craft. It is a very satisfying and sustainable local product using the young birch harvested from the commons the previous January. Our thanks to those involved cutting birch and making equipment. We are also grateful for a grant from the N+P in East Sussex Community Fund that has enabled us to buy a set of good quality tools and safety equipment for our volunteers. We will be back again cutting birch on Red House Common in 2024– see below.

Our November talk was by David Bangs based on his detailed work over many years, studying the landscape and flora of the local area.

Forthcoming Events in 2024

- **Thursday January 11th, 2024. Talk by Ryan Greaves- 'Bats.' Chailey Village Hall 7.30pm. Parking and refreshments; visitors welcome.**
- **Sunday January 14th Birch Harvesting on Red House Common: 10am - 3pm with soup break**
- **Sunday January 28th Birch Harvesting on Red House Common: 10am-3pm with soup break**

If you would like to take part in the birch cutting, please contact Chailey Commons Society (mail@chaileycommons.org.uk) in advance so that we can get you registered as a volunteer.

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.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Citizen's Advice at St Peter's Church

Citizens Advice will be offering a Drop in and Advice session at Chailey St Peter's Church on 15th December 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

Chailey Horticultural Society

Christmas and the end of the year are fast approaching. A time to consider the successes and failures of the passing year.

Weather patterns have definitely changed which makes comparison with past times more difficult. The early part of the year now seems much drier and perhaps colder and the summers hotter but also drier. Real autumn seems delayed. At time of writing (11th November) the leaves are still on most of the trees and there has been no frost. What there has been is torrential rain which will have greatly depleted bare soil of nutrients. Waterlogged soil makes autumn planting of garlic, onions and shallots a bit problematic but hopefully all will be well in the end! The really cold weather doesn't now start until mid-January and lasts through to late March. On the plus side at least with all this rain the threat of a hosepipe ban next year recedes.

Now there is the question of saving seeds and if so which ones. Personally, I'm not in favour of saving seeds except for chillies. Chillies are largely self-fertile and so will breed true. The choice is huge in both size and heat so when you find varieties that suit you keep the seed. F1. varieties will not breed true and the seed should not be saved. Most beans are open pollinated and maybe fertilised by any locally grown variety so you will never be sure of what you're getting.

Seed potatoes should be bought fresh each year and so are guaranteed to be disease free. So largely order fresh from the catalogues and always try and find something new and different. Don't forget the use of plug plants and grafted plants. Make sure all your equipment, staging and pots are clean and clean the glass and plastic of greenhouses and poly tunnels.

Prune grapes as soon as the leaves fall. Prune the side shoots back to two buds from the main stem and clear away any loose bits of bark which may be harbouring pests and diseases.

Pick sprouts from the bottom upwards but do wait until there has been a frost.

Bend outside leaves of cauliflowers over the curd to offer it some protection from the frost.

Leave pruning of apples and pears until January and February. Leave stone bearing fruit for summer pruning but if a branch is broken by the wind quickly seal the wound to prevent the entry of the silver leaf fungus.

Make sure all hedges are trimmed and cutting is complete so as not to interfere with nesting birds. Also before lighting bonfires make sure no hedgehog has made its home there.

Happy Christmas and a Happy and productive New Year

Good Gardening Peter Estcourt pge44@icloud.com

A Chailey Christmas Cracker

Come and enjoy an evening of festive music and song performed by St Peter's Director of Music, and professional tenor, Andy Rees and his operatic soprano wife Jo Appleby. West End musical excellence on your doorstep in Chailey. A do not miss event.

The performance will be at St Peter's Church Chailey on Friday 15th December at 7pm. Entry £15 to include mulled wine and nibbles. Profits will be used to help support St Peter's ongoing youth work and community support in Chailey parish. Tickets available on the door or in advance by contacting paul.corver@btinternet.com.

Chailey Parish Council

I've just attended a virtual meeting of the Sussex Police Inland Parishes Focus Group where we had an opportunity to discuss the issues affecting our area. I raised the increasing traffic numbers on the two main roads which run through the village. I am frequently asked what can be done to slow down the vehicles on the A272 and A275, particularly near the schools and I spoke at length with a member of the Safer Sussex Roads Partnership. www.saferusssexroads.gov.uk.

He recommends looking at the data portal on their website, where they record all personal injury crashes, whether fatal, serious or slight. We will be able to use this information to lobby the Highways Department of East Sussex County Council to press for lower speed limits and speed reduction initiatives such as Speed Indicator Devices. Our next meeting with ESCC is in January and we will again be raising these issues.

We also discussed SPEEDWATCH which does already operate in Chailey and he stated that 94% of drivers, who are issued with a warning notice following detection by a Speedwatch camera, are not detected again within the following 12 months. Speedwatch is run entirely by local volunteers with the support of the Police, so if you are interested in helping to slow down the traffic, please do contact the Parish Clerk chaileypc@btconnect.com who can put you in touch with them. A couple of hours volunteering each month with speedwatch could make a big difference.

Our volunteer Litter Pickers are out and about every month, and following feedback from them we have purchased two new litter bins on the A275 and one for Rowheath Recreation Ground to deal with the increasing litter problem. We have also bought a dog waste bin for Mill Lane in collaboration with a local resident who kindly paid for the installation.

There are currently a number of Appeals ongoing against the refusal of Planning Applications. In particular the application to build 56 dwellings on land west of the A275. (the land behind the Swan Pub). Cllr Penfold attended the one day virtual Planning Appeal this week to reiterate our opposition to the proposed development and we await the decision of the Planning Inspector.

We are still waiting for details of the Appeal relating to the land west of Oxbottom Lane, but will also make representations once we have the date of the hearing.

Finally we have been very lucky to recruit two new Councillors and I would like to welcome Cllr Lesley Dunford and Cllr Ina Barnes to our Parish Council. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year from all of us at the Parish Council.

Chailey Common: Andy Mitchell, the East Sussex Countryside officer responsible for our Commons, wrote in October to say that there are now no animals grazing on the combined commons (Memorial, Pound and Romany Ridge).

The 4 Exmoor ponies remain at Red House Common. If there are any problems with the ponies, please report this to the farmer on 07710 031820.

Please keep dogs under control so they don't chase or worry the livestock. Dog fouling is still an issue – and Neospora is a parasite that causes cattle to abort calves. Please clean up after dogs and don't allow them into the cattle troughs, this water is for drinking only

A reminder: fly-tipping is dealt with by Lewes DC along with litter, dog nuisance, car parks or bins – please contact them directly here: <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/report-a-problem/>

Chailey Windmill: The storm on July 15th blew one blade of the fantail assembly to the ground. The Mill was secured and the assembly lowered to the ground on October 4th while the Council sought advice on repair. The fantail is a significant work, comprising eight blades of 1.5 metres in a quadrilateral shape attached to a shaft. The Council has taken advice as to

whether other blades or shafts should be replaced. Meanwhile the Mill is waterproof and fit for purpose – conserving Chailey's Rural Life Museum.

The Parish Council records its gratitude to John Smith, Chair of the Friends of the Windmill since 1989, who stood down at the recent AGM. John has seen the Mill through its restoration funded by English Heritage and its development as a significant collection of Chailey-ania. Chris Fisher was elected as Chair, and interested or willing residents should contact him to join the Friends.

Elizabeth Berry - Chair, Chailey Parish Council

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Rosie Ann Page a soloist singer and performer will be entertaining members on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm. Rosie is a mezzo soprano singer and sings a variety of genres including Opera, Musical Theatre, Pop and classics through the ages. She has been an events singer around the UK for five years and in 2021 graduated from the Institute of Contemporary Theatre with a BA Hons in Performing Arts. Visitors are welcome to enjoy what promises to be a very entertaining evening, so please go along to the village hall on Tuesday 5th December and listen to Rosie singing at 7.30pm. All that is asked for is a voluntary contribution towards delicious homemade refreshments. For more information call Mandy Dembrey on 0754 6592739.

Gradwell Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy the festivities at Gradwell Park in South Chailey! We will have stalls from local providers and festive food and drink to truly get into the Christmas spirit! There will also be musical performances and an opportunity to visit our retirement village if you haven't had a chance before! Thursday 7th December 2-6pm

Please contact 01273 916 640 if you have any queries.

Chailey Litter Pickers

The Chailey Litter Pickers have been busy over the last month keeping the roads and verges of Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. As well as our usual picks, we supported Chailey Bonfire Society by picking the area around St Peters Church, the Green and the A275 down to the shop on the morning after the Saturday bonfire celebrations.

We are a small and enthusiastic group who do a monthly litter pick around 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 Wednesday 6 December at 10.00am starting from the Free Church at South 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. Recently, we have welcomed some new people to the group but more 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 future picks can be found on www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers

Sarah Droscher



GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS AT CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ!

It happens every year, doesn't it? You get the carving knife out to serve the turkey and it's blunt. You get the Christmas tree lights out and they don't light up. You put your favourite music on your vintage CD/vinyl player and it doesn't work. Fear not – we are open on 11th November and 9th December to help you get things going again. Don't forget that we also can help with computers and printers which are playing up, as well as repairing wooden items, ceramics, clothing, cycles and sharpening those blunt knives!

We are now getting seriously busy, with over 120 visitors who brought us a record 90 repairs to tackle in October, so please don't arrive at 1250hrs with a really complicated repair....!

Portable domestic items only please – and, sorry, but no fridges or microwaves. We will try to repair your item while you wait and watch what we do, so you'll be able to fix it yourself next time!! We do not charge for the service, but invite you to make a donation to support our running costs. There is no need to book – just turn up and we will see you as soon as we can.

You'll find us at St Peter's Church, Chailey on the A275 at Chailey Green on the second Saturday of each month (i.e. 11th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we'll have a full Café service including our legendary cakes. If you want to contact us, please email us at chaileycrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

Chailey Cricket Club

Before we go further, all members, players, President and Vice-Presidents of Chailey Cricket Club wish all readers, their families and friends a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas period. The same goes for the New Year.

Our end of season 'do-do' was held at The Lewes Arms back in October and the award winners were:

Batting: James Brooklyn - 366 runs
Bowling: James Chaplin - 20 wickets
Fielding: James Chaplin - 13 catches
Young player of the year: Tilly Davis

President's shield – for long service and contribution to the club (this can only be awarded once to any individual – rather like the film industry lifetime award): Marc Sellis

Players' player: voted by just the active players (as if we have any!): Chris Mackinnon our ever-present wicketkeeper.

The above levels were achieved in the 2023 in which, as reported last month the club played 20, won 8, lost 10, drew 1 and 1 abandoned because of rain!

A little different to the 1913 season where the club played 15, won 7, lost 7 and drew 1. Unlike the current team where we gave 29 players an opportunity to turn their arm over, the 1913 averages lead one to believe that only 8 players bowled all that season collecting 134 wickets between them! H Peckham got 48, S King 29, G Turner 21, J King 15 and 7 apiece for F Pointing, A Setford and W Fuller. The 2023 witnessed us collect 142 wickets and each of the 29 who bowled person got at least one of those dismissals.

The top batting averages for 1913 were topped by S King with 156 followed by H Langridge 132, J King 122 and F Wood 110.

Whilst researching old cricket records the following appeared next to one of our cricket articles: in 1913 Chailey School (now St Peter's Primary) then an all through school (the secondary school not appearing until 1958) had recently appointed a new head at the rate of £140 per annum. Very different from now where the starting salary of the head at the very smallest school starts at £53,380! How things have changed.

Chailey Cricket Club www.chailey.play-cricket.com

Your District Needs You!

On the 29th November Lewes District Council will begin a period of public consultation designed to address the issue of how many homes should be built over the next 20 years in the district, and where we should build them. This consultation will last until the 8th February and is our opportunity to work together as a district to decide on an acceptable level of home building in Lewes District up to 2040.

Everyone I've talked to on this issue has acknowledged that we need to build more homes for young families and for people who want to downsize to smaller homes. They have also told me that we don't have the infrastructure to support large developments or the capacity to absorb thousands of new local car users on our road network.

The government's building calculator for districts and authorities has suggested a number of around 600 houses per year. That would be a town the size of Lewes or three Eton Projects over the next 20 years. The good news is this sum was created by an algorithm and the government are willing to accept a lower figure IF we can produce compelling, evidence-based arguments to the contrary. So, let's ensure that this figure is a realistic and honest reflection of what we feel can be achieved.

I would like to call on everyone who cares about the future of our beautiful piece of England to participate in this consultation and to bring some common sense and local wisdom to this debate. We don't need executive homes; we don't need huge red brick developments merging discrete villages into new towns. It is local people, not planners who understand what our countryside can bear and where small pockets of necessary development could take place, whilst protecting our precious countryside. So, please get involved. Your district needs you!

Lewes District are setting up a website where you will be able to register and read the consultation documents at your leisure. You will be able to save your responses and return to finish the consultation at another time. You won't have to do it all at once. This will allow you to consider proposals and discuss them with neighbours and family before you respond and send off your finished consultation response.

Lewes District Planning Officers will also be running 'Drop in' events in the district and holding webinars to encourage further discussion. They will use social media and printed media to bring everyone's attention to it and there will be document deposits in libraries etc. around the district where you will be able to read up on the different themes of the consultation. You will also be able to request a written response pack if you do not want to use the website to compose your response.

Please, if you care about our district, as I'm sure you do, make sure to participate in this consultation and look out for information about it from the beginning of December. If you were

one of the many people who contacted your district councillors to help reject the Eton Project, you can now put those carefully considered arguments to further good use. Your views WILL make a difference! Your district needs you!

Dr Mark Slater and Joa Saunders, District councillors for Chailey, Barcombe and Hamsey

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Newick Badminton Club

"CALLING ALL BADMINTON PLAYERS!

Fancy a game of badminton on a Tuesday night? Newick Badminton Club welcomes players of all abilities. We are a friendly club and play at Newick Village Hall from 7.45pm to 10.15pm. If you are interested in coming along, please call 07801079334 or email secretary@newickbadmintonclub.co.uk.

Your first session is free!"

Citizen's Advice

I'm really worried about how I'll afford to pay my energy bills now winter is here. What can I do? You're not alone - a record number of people came to Citizens Advice with energy debt in the first four months of 2023 (32,400) - a 112% increase on the same period in 2020.

Here are some tips to save on energy costs:

- Keeping your home between 18°C and 21°C is ideal for most people. Lowering your thermostat by one degree within this range can save around £115 annually. If you have a medical condition requiring a warmer home, consult your GP for guidance.
- Inspect your home for any gaps or draughts and block them to save approximately £30 each year. Maintain ventilation to prevent mould and damp.
- Turn off appliances like TVs and washing machines rather than leaving them on standby to save around £60 annually.
- LED bulbs are more energy-efficient and cost-effective.
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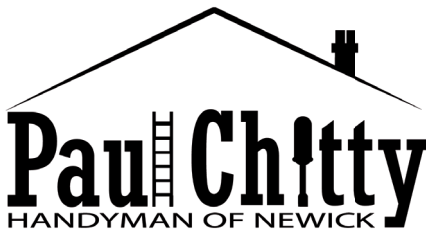
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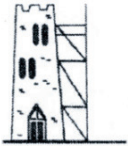
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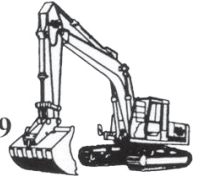


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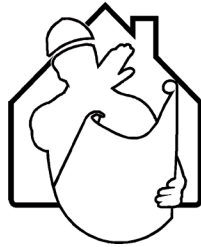
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