

Chailey News December 2018

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The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6.45pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

PRIEST IN CHARGE: The Parish is in Interregnum

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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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DECEMBER SERVICES 2018

Sunday 2nd December	<i>Advent Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Communion
Sunday 9th December	<i>The second Sunday of Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Christingle
Sunday 16th December	<i>The third Sunday of Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Carol Service
Sunday 23rd December	<i>The fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion
Monday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 3pm Crib Service 11pm Midnight Communion
Tuesday 25th December	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Christmas Family service
Sunday 30th December	<i>The second Sunday of Christmas</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion
Sunday 6th January	<i>Epiphany</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family 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.

A Note from St Peter's Church

We at St Peter's thought a short piece in the magazine would be an opportunity to let everyone know what is going on at church over the next few weeks.

After the sad resignation of our Rector through ill health in September, St Peter's has continued as usual with the great help of several retired clergy around the diocese. We have been so lucky in being able to cover every Sunday service, and all the seasonal extra services, including Christmas Day! (Huge thanks to our Parish Administrator for securing all the willing volunteers!)

A recent innovation on a Wednesday morning has been the Coffee Morning and Book Swap. Several folk in the village were dismayed when the mobile library service was stopped recently, and it was decided that the detrimental effect of its departure could be lessened by instigating a regular book swap at church. Coupled with coffee and biscuits on offer, and various folk coming along to pick up a book and stop for a cuppa, it has become a weekly social fixture. Do drop in between 10.00 and 12.00 every Wednesday morning.

The monthly Lunch Club continues to provide a wonderful two course meal, followed by coffee, all for only £5.00, to around 40 to 50 people. It is open to all, and provides not only fantastic, wholesome food, but a great deal of camaraderie and social interaction, which is particularly important for those who may not see many people from one week to the next. Look out for the dates, which are usually the Thursday nearest the middle of the month, starting at 12.30. Christmas Lunch on December 13th is the next one....and that is the only one for which booking your place is probably a good idea. There is a list in church to fill in if you wish to go, and please get in touch with the Parish Office or the Churchwarden if you require transport.

Our Toddler Group goes from strength to strength every Friday morning, 9.30 to 11.00, and is a great way for parents and grandparents to meet, interact and enjoy the antics of their respective little ones, and take part in some guided activities, with coffee, squash and biscuits on tap for all.

There is now a regular monthly Prayer Meeting at church on a Wednesday evening to pray for the village as a whole, and any particular needs as recognised by anyone who wishes to come along. As well as this, there is a weekly Ladies Prayer Group that meets in the homes of members of the group. If you would like to take part in these, please look out for details on the St Peter's Church website: www.stpeterschailey.org, where you will find all sorts of other useful information and notifications of forthcoming events. Please note the date of our next, wonderful 'Coro Nuovo' Christmas choral concert at St Peter's: Saturday 8th December, 7.00pm. As always, it will be an uplifting and wonderful evening, including a variety of music sung by one of the best and most versatile four-part choirs in the county, under the expert baton of our very own internationally acclaimed tenor, and St Peter's organist and choirmaster, Andy Rees.

We are extremely lucky to have the Bishop coming to celebrate the Christingle Service for us this year, at the family service on Sunday 9th December at 10.00. If you are not familiar with it, it is always a lovely service for everyone, and especially suitable for the

younger members of the family too. So please come along, and enjoy this very special occasion with us. All our Christmas services are advertised on the website, and we look forward to welcoming you to them!

Please note changes from the usual timings for two services over Christmas. These are the Crib Service, which will be at 3pm on Christmas Eve, when we hope we will have lots of children present to help set up our lovely Crib, and the Midnight Service, which will be at 11pm on Christmas Eve to enable our visiting clergy to fit us in.

We at St Peter's wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Chris Peskett (Churchwarden)

November Parish Register 2018

Baptism	Alma Zuniga	4th November 2018
Deaths	Rosemary Walker	1st October 2018

From the Parish Leaflet

December 1918

The King in a moving speech to every subject in his Empire showed how profound was his belief in the never failing providence of God. The burden that he has bravely borne during this nightmare period of war would have been unendurable but for his unshaken belief that there is a God. His next endeavour he said will be to create a better Britain,' On the eve of a General election no more inspiring word could have been uttered.

Note: The General election was held on December 14th and resulted in a landslide victory for Lloyd George. It was the first election in which women over the age of 30 and all men over the age of 21 could vote. Previously all women and many poor men had been excluded from voting.

Annette Shelford

Rosemary Walker -. Thank You

Saying thank you should be easy - but my family and I were overwhelmed by the love and support given to us for Rosemary's thanksgiving services at St. Peter's Church Chailey and Woodvale Crematorium on October 29th. The Revd Paul Mundy presided over each service with such kindness and thoughtfulness. We sincerely thank you.

I guess I did not get around to say thank you to each one of you, but hopefully you read the Chailey News and will know you were not forgotten. We will miss Rosemary so very much, yet she will always be with us . Oh, she really was special.

Bless you all

Pat Stepney and Family

Christmas at Chailey Free Church

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Sunday Services		
2nd	10:30a	4pm
9th	10:30a	6:30p
16th	10:30a	6:30p
23rd		4pm
30th	10:30a	6:30p

2nd

Christingle Service

4pm, Sunday 2nd
Service followed by a tea
Christingles provided



10th

Messy Church - Joseph's Story

4:30pm, Monday 10th
Crafts and games, stories and
songs, followed by a tea



21st

Coffee Stop Party & Carols

10am, Friday 21st
Coffee & Carols



23rd

Carol Service

4pm, Sunday 23rd
Service followed by a tea
Helped by **Messy Church**



25th

Christmas Day

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



Chailey Free Church, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN
Contact us for details on 01273 400785 or 01273 890114
Email: contact@chaileyfreechurch.com



December letter from the Bishop of Chichester for use in parish communications

One of the aspects of Narnia, in C S Lewis's novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is that it is always winter and never Christmas.

We get quite excited about the arrival of winter if it brings snow at just the right time for enjoyment – sledging, making a snowman, snowballing.

But in Narnia, seasons are suspended in the grip of a ferocious frost. Silence is a pervading atmosphere in Narnia as it is in today's world where justice is denied to prisoners of conscience, and the needs of women, children, the elderly and vulnerable are ignored.

Silence is the refuge of the deceitful, just as it can be the medium of corporate grief and respect for our dead. It is the symbol of our sin and our mortality.

One of the hallmarks of Christmas, however, is that the silence is broken. It is broken by the cry of a new-born child drawing breath and needing food – Jesus Christ, one with us. It is also broken by the song of the angels who announce his birth to people of goodwill. Music can plant a song in our minds, letting it inspire us, as one of God's gifts to us. But we can take music for granted, and too rarely appreciate the skills and contribution of those who are our music-makers.

This Christmas, as we sing our carols, let us be grateful for musicians, as they help us to be mindful of the silent places in our world and closer to home, where the good news of peace and hope and justice has not yet penetrated.

Those who are frozen in silent poverty and despair, await more than a seasonal hand-out. They look for a melting of hearts and minds that will bring social and material release and encourage them to join the angel song of peace that we are still trying to learn.

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 9.30am and 11.00am. 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.



Chailey Commons Society

The commons are now in winter mode as another year draws to a close with the bracken collapsed once again and paths and vistas have opened. There is winter work in progress on Pound, Red House and Memorial commons with the thinning of the oaks and older gorse, and the removal of the invasive birch underway. The mosaic of younger gorse, heather and older birch will be retained for the natural ecology of the heathland.

For our Indoor meeting in October we heard all about 'The Lost industries of Lewes' in an illustrated talk by John Davey. We saw many pictures and details of the life in and around the town from years ago.

The Fungus Foray on Memorial Common was guided by guest expert Geoff Dann with a good result of finds despite the dry period. He is a forager and author and has written a very comprehensive book called 'Edible Mushrooms: A forager's guide to the wild fungi of Britain and Europe'. Available through Amazon and all good bookshops.

There is no indoor meeting in December so our next one will be on Thursday January 10th, 2019 at 7.30.p.m. in Chailey Village Hall we will be having a talk by Joanna Walmisley on 'A behind the scenes look at growing rare plants for reintroduction into the UK'. Parking and refreshments and visitors welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our planned programme of activities for 2019 will include Birch Cutting for the first time – dates will be Sundays Jan 13th and 20th from 10.30. until 3.00.p.m. Join us for an outdoor workout cutting and bundling birch on Pound Common. The birch will be stored ready for our besom broom making and kindling workshops later in the year. Bring your own gloves, secateurs or loppers if you have them. Meet at Townings Farm, Plumpton Road, North Chailey, Lewes, BN8 4EJ.

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/

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey School Students Receive Prizes For Windrush Creative Writing

Yesterday (12th November) Chailey School students Erin Cleaver and Isabel Jesson received their prizes for their Windrush creative pieces of writing. They visited the Houses of Parliament and the High Commission for St Lucia and met with the poet John Agard, Mayor of Lewes, Janet Baah, Baroness Olly Greender and the High Commissioner for St Lucia, Guy Mayers.

Head Teacher, Mrs Helen Key, said "I am immensely proud of the effort and creativity that many of our students have put into this. Congratulations Erin and Isabel."



Our final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 4th December at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall when Dean Caston will talk about The History of the Royal Command Performance. Soon after this we will have our annual Christmas lunch. An early reminder that in January our usual 'first Tuesday in the month' will be put back a week so that we will meet on 8th January 2019 not the 1st.

In November we heard from Steve Alton from Ashdown Forest on the Conservation work being done there. Although similar in many ways to our Chailey Common it is vastly bigger and has its own problems. As one of the most important wild life sites in the UK it is essential that it is preserved despite having one and a half million visitors a year. We heard that 120 deer were killed on the roads adjacent to the Forest each year and that there were three to four fly-tipping incidents every week which had to be dealt with. Steve has a team of four rangers with him to patrol the Forest and keep an eye on the animals grazing there.

We always welcome prospective members and guests to come along to one of our meetings when for a donation of £3 they will be able to hear the speaker and enjoy home made refreshments.

Margaret Smith - 01825 723519



Chailey Repair Café - Don't Despair, We Can Repair!

As 2018 draws to an end, Chailey Repair Café celebrates having supported the local community by repairing more than 100 items since it opened in August. The café's skilled fabrics team has completed repairs on antique and modern clothes and handbags. Bicycles have been given a new lease of life by the cycles team and the electrics gang have tackled toasters, irons, record players, table lamps and much, much more.

Founder and coordinator Bryan McAlley said "we now have 32 volunteers who between them have the skills to repair almost anything which is portable – including family heirlooms such as a clock which had not worked for 50 years!"

Bryan added "Our 2019 dates are easy to remember – we are open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm. Free fridge magnets with all the dates on are now available at the café, so you won't forget!"

Chailey Repair Café is part of a world-wide movement where volunteer experts repair things free of charge – although a donation towards running costs is invited. Anyone can bring along broken items or clothing needing repair from home, and have a cuppa and a cake while they wait!

Chailey Repair Café next opens at Chailey Parish Hall 10am – 1pm on Saturday 15 December

If you would like to help or find out more, email us at chaileyrc@gmail.com
You can also Find Chailey Repair Café on Facebook.

Chailey Horticultural Society

December is the month to do a lot of clearing up and preparation for the coming year. Clear all fallen leaves from lawns and paths. Leaves that have fallen on fallow ground can be left as they will eventually rot in. Try to do it at intervals of a few days so that the compost heap develops layers to allow air in and avoid compaction.

Greenhouses, poly tunnels, pots, tools and seed trays need to be cleaned. I use a dilute solution of Jeyes Fluid.

The soil in the greenhouse and poly tunnel needs changing every few years to avoid the build up of disease and loss of nutrients.

Once all is clean bring in the strawberries in containers.

For those that grow large exhibition onions now is the time to plant them in a propagator. For lesser mortals seeds can be sown in February and March.

Outside protect brassicas with pea netting and autumn sown beans and peas from slugs. Try to avoid walking on wet soil as this will compact it.

Cover the rhubarb patch with a layer of farmyard manure.

Pruning apples and pears is best left to January and February and no pruning of peaches, apricots, plums and nectarines until late spring to avoid silver leaf infection. The main problem with peaches and nectarines is leaf curl. The fungus gets into the leaf bud in wet conditions and eventually distorts and kills the leaf. There is no chemical protection and the only sure way to avoid it is to grow in a greenhouse or provide a plastic protection for the tree over the winter. There are now leaf curl resistant peaches.

Settle down with the catalogues and plan for the new year. For those with a greenhouse or poly tunnel growing potatoes in sacks is well worth considering. Swift is the best variety and instructions next month.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt - 07803179708 pge44@icloud.com



BLUEBELL RAILWAY NEW ACCESSIBLE STEAM HERITAGE PROJECT (ASH)

I was honoured to attend the official opening of a new exciting visitor centre at the Bluebell Railway. Our MP, Maria Caulfield, also attended.

In 2016 I asked Lewes District Council to pledge funding if the railways £850,000 Heritage Lottery Fund bid was successful. In fact - The Bluebell Railway was awarded £1.1 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Bluebell Railway only exists because of the hundreds of volunteers who have a passion for steam trains and care about preserving our engineering heritage. The new public space features a new exhibition of how steam engines work, plus footplate access by both pedestrians and wheelchair users to engines on static display. Also more space for maintenance and providing a better working environment for volunteers.

New elevated walkways have been installed to provide access to the locomotive cabs, while improved lighting and interpretation on walls and free-standing plinths help tell the story of the exhibits.

The highlight for me - and one of the main attractions for younger audiences will be a Stepney driving experience in which visitors can try their hand at driving a mock-up of the real 'Terrier'. Pretend to be a driver. Young and old will enjoy tooting the whistle and driving the mock train. I became a little enthusiastic and was strictly told not to go so fast.

If newcomers to Chailey haven't visited or been on a train trip or special event – do visit. With warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Cllr Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)
Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk Telephone: 01444 831 336



100 Club winner for November was number 68 Linda Carter, congratulations Linda and thank you for your support.

The weather was certainly not in our favour for our Bonfire celebrations. However, the torrential rain, thunder and lightening show did not put off our members, fellow societies or the floats and vintage vehicles who struggled through the downpours. Judging of the floats took place at the Secondary school and were placed:

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| 1st - Receiving the Langley Shield | Windmill District Guides |
| 2nd -Receiving the President Shield | Chailey Rainbows and Brownies |
| 3rd – Receiving the Star Award for Effort | Chailey Free Church |

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you for your support.

We would like to say thank you to everyone involved in the event and to those who braved the weather and watched the procession and fireworks.

Understandably, the weather forced many people to stay at home and donations received on the night were significantly reduced. If you would like to make a contribution to help us put on next year's bonfire celebration you can do so through our website www.chaileybonfire.co.uk or by post to Chailey Bonfire Society, 2 South Common Cottages, South Chailey BN8 4AN.

Our Senior Citizens Christmas Party is being held 1st December at Chailey Village Hall 12.30pm – 5.00pm. Entertainment and transport is provided. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Jane Stent on 01273 400632 or jane.stent@btinternet.com.

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.



Chailey Parish Council – Highways

The next quarterly meeting under the Strengthening Local Relationships rubric between East Sussex Highways and the Parish Council will be on Monday December 10th . Residents who would like us to raise a particular matter are invited to e-mail or telephone details to the Parish Clerk.

Footpaths: Since our last meeting with them, Highways have sided (their term for removing overgrowth and edging footpaths) and/or repaired the footpaths between the Village Hall and South Street; along the A275 through Chailey Green; along the A275 between Lane End Common and the King's Head crossroads; and along the A272 North side from Hazeldene to the King's Head crossroads.

Potholes: as winter approaches, residents should note that they may report potholes and similar concerns direct to Highways, via Highways' website: <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem> ,or if the matter is urgent, call Highways on 0345 60 80 193. It is helpful if residents also report or copy their request to the Parish Clerk. Dig deeper on the website and residents will find the criteria by which Highways assess problems or issues.

Warrs Hill footpath: this was discussed at our last meeting and will be on the agenda again. It is unlikely to improbable that a footpath can be constructed on the protected (SSSI) Common beside Warrs Hill; Highways have been asked to consider alternative ways to keep pedestrians safe along the roadway and various examples were discussed. Highways' designers are now working to assess their feasibility and a traffic Survey has been commissioned.

Chailey Litter Pickers

1000 bags so far!

Yes, we've reached 1000 black bags of litter that we have cleared from the verges and roadsides of Chailey Parish. That's a lot of litter! Clearing this amount of litter takes time and hard work. Help us by picking up litter along the road where you live; use a grabber if you have one, or wear a glove. Let's make Chailey a litter free zone – together we can make a difference!

Reporting gets easier – Apps make reporting fly tipping, abandoned and broken road signs etc faster and simpler. Download Report It Lewes & Eastbourne onto your smart phone for quick and easy reporting of fly tipping when you see it.

FixMyStreet Use this app to report common problems like potholes, broken signs, graffiti etc. Information is then sent to the appropriate organisation eg, council, Highways Agency, to be dealt with.

Next Group Litter Pick: In December we are taking a break so the next group meet will be on Saturday 12th January, meeting at Chailey Free Church at 10am.

For more information contact Janet Caughley on 01273 400785 or janetcaughley@gmail.com

Parish Hall

Water filter - tea now drinkable! WI - thanks so much for your thorough clean of the hall kitchen, and to Pascal for cleaning the oven. Chairs - new lighter easy stack have been added. Hall bookings are full. Many thanks to the Repair cafe for carrying out instant repairs to the hall when they are running the cafe - a must visit. Huge thanks to Hugh Thwaites who has been Treasurer of the Hall for so many years in his polite and gentle ways, and enormous thanks to Lorna Tuttle who has combined Treasurer, Bookings and minute secretary and does the lot with no moaning - except at Santander!! At long last after much frustration, youth group items, not now needed, have started to be cleared from the cupboards. A big thank you for help from Parish Council members and Ken who who many years helped with the youth group. Finally, thanks to all our regular and occasional hirers who help look after Chailey Parish hall.

best wishes Ann Jones, Chair of the Hall (like Hugh for too many years - any offers to take over gratefully received!!)

Chailey School

Residents will know that the School has been planning to rebuild itself. Our initial plans were refused by Lewes District Council but our architects have revised the project and intend to present the new plans for public consultation during December.

Residents interested should consult the School's website: www.chaileyschool.org to learn further details and dates.

The project itself will also be featured on our website. As with the previous project, the School will continue to teach and study during the rebuild which will result in much enhanced premises.

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

The Friends of Newick Health Centre

The Annual General Meeting of this Charity will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Newick. All patients of the Newick and Chailey practices are welcome to attend.

Peter Todd Honorary Secretary.

The Art Society, Uckfield, Lewes & Newick.

**From Forest Fir to Festive Feature: Claire Walsh
December 12th 2.30 Uckfield Civic Centre**

It has long been held that Prince Albert introduced the decorated fir tree as part of our Christmas festivities. However, the Christmas Tree has been part of both Christian and Pagan traditions for thousands of years. Cherry or Hawthorn could be used as they were most likely to flower and thus represent the hope of Spring. Trees were paraded through the streets and then set up in the main square and decorated with apples, nuts, dates and paper flowers. Afterwards they were set alight and danced round, now there is an idea to brighten up January!

Claire Walsh worked at the V & A is now a lecturer for the Open University. Her talk will be a lovely way to set the Christmas scene and will be accompanied by a superb digital presentation. The cost is £7 on the door for non-members, and if you need any further information please contact our membership Secretary Ann McNorvell newickdfas2017@gmail.com.

Annette Shelford

Memory Cafe

We start the month with 'Christmas centrepieces on the 4th: Full Beam Christmas (music) on the 11th; and finally a Christmas party on the 18th. There will be no meetings until New Year when we shall meet on the 8th January 2019. PLEASE NOTE that we shall be in The Barn Centre, Newick, (next to the Church) on Tuesday 4th December, and also most probably on the 8th January 2019.

Confirmation of venue for next year will be in the January magazine (except Fletching).

Peter Todd Chair. Friends of Newick Health Centre. Tel; 01825 722660



**'Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue Si'l
Vous Plait!'**

A comedy by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr

Directed by Allison Potter-Drake

Box Office 01825 722359 or 722985. Email info@newickdrama.org, from Newick Butchers or on the door.

Bar open 7.15pm Curtain up 8.00pm. Tickets £9.00

5th - 9th December 2018 Newick Village Hall BN8 4LE.

Mid Sussex Choir

Christmas Concert Saturday, 15h December 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3QH

The programme features Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, Jenkins' Laudamus Te and Vivaldi's Magnificat together with traditional carols for all to sing.

Do come along and get into the Christmas spirit!

Tickets: £10.00 in advance, £12.00 on the door (children under 16 free with a paying adult)

To book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/mid-sussex-choir
also available from Carousel Music, 7 Commercial Square, Haywards Heath and all choir members.

contact@midsussexchoir.org.uk; www.midsussexchoir.org.uk

The Fletching Singers

Candlelight Christmas Concert, Fletching Church. Saturday 8th December 7.30pm.

Directed by Michael Fields featuring In Terra Pax by Gerald Finzi, Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughan Williams, O Magnum Mysterium by Morten Laudisen and a selection of favourite carols. Featuring Sian Sulke soprano and Sebastian Charlesworth baritone.

Tickets £12 available on www.fletchingsingers.co.uk or 01825 712462.

A collection will be taken in aid of Demelza House. Registered Charity No.1104305

Newick Country Market

Every Friday 10 am to 11 am Newick Village Hall

Make it a date on the A272. Come and join us in the Village Hall for a wide range of homemade and locally grown produce. Bespoke greetings cards and flower arrangements for that special occasion; savoury or sweet bakes as the fancy takes you. Special diets can also be catered for.

With the festive season nearly here, as well as our normal range, we will have Christmas goodies available, so why not let our cooks save you time and know you are getting genuinely home cooked food. Christmas orders will be available for collection on 14th or 21st December.

If you haven't met us before why not drop in for some freshly brewed coffee, meet friends and catch up on village news.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and remind you our last market this year is on 21st December. We look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen on 11th January 2019.

Further information 01825 722907

Chailey News - January Issue

The deadline for the January issue of Chailey News is 11th December due to the Christmas closure of CHEC. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

1. Send items to chaileynews@chec.co.uk
2. Include "Chailey News" in Subject section of the e mail.
3. If a new subscriber or sending from an e mail address for the first time please phone us on 01825 724376 so we are aware and able to look out for it.

Best wishes from everyone at CHEC