

# Chailey News

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**December 2022**

# 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

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 2022**

**Sunday 4th December** *The Second Sunday of Advent*

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Communion**

**4pm free@four with Christingle**

**Sunday 11th December** *The third Sunday of Advent*

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 18th December** *The fourth Sunday of Advent*

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Communion**

**Friday 23rd December 6pm Carol Service**

**Saturday 24th December** *CHRISTMAS EVE*

**3pm Crib service**

**11pm Midnight Communion**

**Sunday 25th December** *CHRISTMAS DAY*

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Christmas Communion**

**Sunday 1st January** *CHRISTMAS 1*

**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.**

# Rector's Ramblings

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Dear Friends,

I am praying this Christmas will be more like the Christmases we knew before the great pestilence! We have recently enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Fayre in Chailey and are looking forward to hosting you at our Christmas Tree Festival in Newick, our Carols by Candlelight, Blue Christmas, Nativity Services, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day and New Year's Day services. Add to this our School Services and Christmas Lunches - it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

However, we recognise for many of us this Christmas will be difficult for a host of reasons. Bereavement, relationship breakdown, financial uncertainty and a world which seems far from being filled with the Christmas message of Peace & Joy.

Yet the message is the same: 'Immanuel'- 'God is with us', in the good times and the tough times. It's the message the angels brought, it's why the Magi travelled so far. Our world received the gift of a tiny baby, 'God is with us', who came to bring Good News to everyone.

We are launching our Christmas Appeals at a really difficult time for many in our communities. With so much uncertainty around us, it is hard to ask for help in financially supporting the work of our Churches. However, like the angels on that first Christmas, "bringing you Good News that will cause Joy", I am overjoyed that, through your generosity we have been able to make a real difference in our parishes this past year. Our pastoral work, our outreach through Food Banks, Family Support Work, Youth work, Lunch Clubs, tackling loneliness and isolation as well as individual support. You have enabled us, so that we can be there to enable others.

With your blessing this Christmas, we will continue to be there, at the heart of our communities in these difficult and uncertain times.

The St Peter's, Chailey Christmas Appeal this year will be to raise £5000, for our Children, Families and Youth Work, running from Advent Sunday (27th November) to Candlemas (29th January).

Over 2022, in conjunction with St Mary's Newick, our Youth Worker, Lee Buck and Children's & Families Worker, Ali Brown, we have two Wednesday youth groups regularly welcoming 30 young people at our 6-7:30 NYC and 25-30 at our 7:30-9pm group CNY. Ali attends both village Schools for weekly assemblies, Lee has launched a mentoring lunchtime club at Chailey Secondary and Mary-Jane, Joy and Fiona's 'Possums' toddler group at St Peter's every Wednesday from 9-10:30am is an absolute joy.

'Owls Club' on the third Sunday at St Mary's goes from strength to strength and Ali has started a new family's service at St Peter's on the first Sunday of the month called Free@4, with Art, crafts, stories and a lot of cake!

But there is always more that we can do, and this year we are focussing on the mental health & well-being of our young people and families.

Without your kindness, support and generosity none of this would be possible; neither would

our Pastoral support for the most vulnerable in our communities, provided by Patsy and her amazing team.

Generosity is at the heart of our faith; we believe in a generous God. Our own generosity is a testament and hallmark of our faith in action. The ministry and mission of our Parish Churches is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it, through The Parish Giving Scheme, through Legacies, donations, and collections in our services.

But the giving of a gift ought never to be a mere gesture, rather it should be a tangible way of expressing our affection, love or regard for the person to whom it's given. Your gift is a means of saying to someone else 'I care; you matter.'

As we come to another Christmas and again celebrate the gift to the world, of Jesus, the world's need of justice, peace and love are all too obvious. We shall hear afresh the words of the angels, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all peoples.' The stories we will hear this Advent and Christmas are an unending song of invitation, echoing through all ages, for all people to know the love, hope and salvation offered by our Lord Jesus Christ.

May you recognise the potential you have to be a living gift of truth and love to others and to the world around.

I wish you a blessed, hopeful and thoughtful Christmas, and a New Year in which to be God's gift to others, because we are all precious, we are all loved, and we all matter.

*Rev Paul*

## **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'.

## **Find The Baby Jesus Challenge**

From November 19th, 24 painted pebbles of baby Jesus, and one star pebble, will be hidden around Chailey village. If you find one, take a picture of it and upload it to our Facebook page ("Chailey Free Church") and don't forget to tell us its location. Clues will also appear on our Facebook page, as well as in the Chailey Chat facebook page.

Bring it along to our Family Advent Service at 4pm on December 4th, and claim a festive prize! There is an extra special gift for the person who finds the star.

# Christmas at Chailey Free Church



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December  
4pm

**Children's Advent Service**, followed by a drink and snack. Did you find a Jesus Pebble? Bring it with you and get a treat!



Monday 12<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 6:30pm

**Messy Church**  
Jesus' Birthday Party



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
5pm

**Carols and Candles**  
Followed by a tea



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
10am-6pm

**Christmas Home from Home**  
Are you spending Christmas alone this year, or struggling to afford it all? Join us for the whole day or just part. Morning cuppa, short service, Christmas lunch, games or relax, King's speech, festive tea. Phone Janet & Dave at 01273 400785 or 07855 120896 to book your place. Free or donation.



10:30am

**Christmas Day Service**  
A short service to celebrate Jesus' birth.



Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
8pm-midnight

**New Year's Eve Party** followed by  
**Watchnight Service** at 11:30pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Service online

View the **Watchnight Service** online



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Details at [www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com) and on our Facebook page

# Chailey Bonfire Society

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make Chailey Bonfire celebrations such a great evening. To everyone who waded through the flood water and rain to build the bonfire, fetched and carried our equipment, set up the spectator and memorial areas, supplied us with equipment, helped out on the night and were there again in the morning to help clear up. Your help is invaluable and we are so very grateful.

The memorial service was said "to be the best memorial service out of all the bonfire societies" which means so much to us, as one of the smallest bonfire societies.

If you were unable to attend our event you can view the memorial service and procession on Youtube using these links - <https://youtu.be/aMTWDYIP8r4> <https://youtu.be/VOorBi9WjP0> our thanks to Mike Anton providing the videos.

If you would like to make a donation towards next year's event you can do so via Paypal. Please use the friend/family option so that we don't get charged – [chailey.bonfire@gmail.com](mailto:chailey.bonfire@gmail.com)

Our final event for the year is the Christmas meal for the senior members of the village on Saturday 3rd December.

Please note that there will be a short firework display at the village hall at approximately 5pm for them to enjoy.

The 100 club draw for November was number 68 – Lynda jane Carter. Congratulations Lynda and thank you for your support. We still have numbers available in the 100 club draw. If you would like further information or would like to purchase a number please contact Chris Farrow – [chris.farrow@ddicks.co.uk](mailto:chris.farrow@ddicks.co.uk).

## **Dates for your diary for early 2023**

11th March Jumble Sale

22nd April St Georges Village Fete

The Chailey Bonfire Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Christmas Home-From-Home

Are you alone or lonely this Christmas? Or just struggling to afford it all? Come to Chailey Free Church for our Christmas Day home from home.

Sunday 25th December. The church will be open at 10am for festive fruity buns and tea/coffee, followed by a family Christmas service at 10.30am. Turkey with all the trimmings will be served at 1.00pm. Then there's an opportunity to take part in a Christmas quiz, puzzle over a jigsaw, relax and chat, or even snooze, until the King's speech at 3pm. A Festive tea will be served at 5pm if anyone has any space left to fill.

You are welcome to come for the whole day, or just part of it. Please contact Janet or Dave Caughley as soon as possible to reserve your place on 01273 400785, or 07855 120896. Donations are welcome but feel under no pressure to give.

*Many thanks - Janet Caughley*

# Chailey Commons Society

The wintertime has taken over and the commons are opening up with the collapse of the bracken. Rainstorms have helped to restore the moisture in the ground but much more is needed to bring the water table up.

Our activities have continued at an indoor meeting with a fascinating talk and demonstration by Stephanie Mills on heathland crafts. The variety of results obtained from local materials found on the common and nearby are amazing.

The cattle have moved away from all commons back to the farm now for the winter period but the Exmoor ponies remain on Red House Common for the time being. There are still plans to move them over to Lane End Common.

The installation of the new notice boards has started with the first one at Red House Common car park. Designed to be strong and weatherproof and to show local information, Lewes DC Byelaws and seasonal notices, they have been organised and sponsored by the Commons Society together with the Chailey PC who have been supportive with a grant and guidance. They are made locally by the Monday Group whose expertise and skills are invaluable. The next board will be at Lane End Common.

Down at Markstakes Common the Monday volunteer group has moved to the Corner Glade to start work on reclaiming the previously cleared area next to the bridleway. Dense growth of birch and willow saplings and bramble need attention. Willow grows strongly in the damp areas and is an excellent host plant for butterflies and moths.

There is no meeting in December so we look forward to January when we hope to welcome Edward Mayer of Swift Conservation UK who will give us an illustrated talk on Swifts, a threatened 'Red List' species which are summertime visitors from Africa. More information at [swift-conservation.org](http://swift-conservation.org).

We are planning two birch cutting days in January 2023 to harvest material for besom brooms also for bundles for wetland restoration works along the River Ouse and Sussex Flow Initiative. Contact JoJo Way or me for more details. Provisional dates are 15th and 22nd January.

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

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

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*

## 100 Years Ago

Unfortunately, the Parish Leaflet for 1923 is missing. However I do have access to 1910. One hundred and thirteen years ago: December 1909

December 11th Rifle Match; On this day a team representing the Ladies Branch of the Ringmer Miniature Rifle Club in a match against the ladies of the Chailey Miniature Rifle Club won by 34 points. The conditions were Decimal Targets 25 yards, eight shots all in. Mrs Jellicoe was the best scorer for Chailey with 62 points and Miss Blencowe the worst with 25.

Leaflet Fund: Subscriptions are now due and should be sent to Mrs Fuller, The Hollies, Chailey, Lewes who will gladly acknowledge the same. The Leaflet is this month celebrating its sixteenth birthday and finds a welcome in 239 houses. It is hoped that 1910 will see it in every house.

*Note: The Ringmer Miniature Rifle Club is still going strong, but I can find no reference to the club in Chailey.*

*Annette Shelford*



## **Maria Caulfield - Preventing Storm Overflows**

The use of Storm overflows to manage our sewage system has been a hot topic over recent months. These overflows, which discharge out to sea when our sewage system is at capacity, have been in place since Victorian times and it is only recently, since the Government introduced new laws to monitor their use, that we all realise how often they are used.

Most of the sewage discharge systems locally are a dual system, meaning they collect both sewage and rainfall. It is the rainfall element that causes the system to fill up with sewage being only a tiny percent. Sewage on its own would rarely cause the need for overflows to be used. While the Government has produced the Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan, with work starting immediately to decouple it from rainfall collection, this will take time. In the meantime there are steps we can all take to help reduce the amount of rainfall entering the overflow system and thereby reduce the number of times systems reach capacity and discharges happen.

Firstly modern living has meant more rainfall is reaching our sewage systems than ever before. One of the causes of discharges are blockages which are caused when wet wipes, fats and grease clog up the pipes and reduce their capacity. If there is less space in the pipes, there is less resilience in the sewerage system. That is why it is important we don't flush the wrong things down the toilet or pour them into sinks.

There is also the collective impact of what is called urban creep, with changes to properties such as extensions, patios, paved-over gardens and driveways or astroturf, all of which reduce the amount of grass and soil available to soak up the rain, so water runs into the drains more quickly. Households can also consider stalling a water butt. These collect rainwater which can then be used to maintain your garden during summer and will also reduce the volume of water going down the drain.

Getting involved in tree planting also helps. There are large numbers of schemes for tree planting in the local area and trees absorb much more rainfall than many plants and help keep it in the ground rather than flowing into the sewage system during heavy rain.

While the national roll out of the sewage system upgrade will ultimately deal with the problem, we can all play our part. In the Isle of Wight this summer they have reduced by 80% the number of discharges to sea using the above simple measures.

A combination of government regulation, water company investment and household behaviour change can all work in tandem to ensure that we end the practice of sewage being discharged into our waters once and for all.

## **Chailey & Newick Painting Group**

Following on from the happy weekend of our exhibition in Chailey village hall, the exhibition will be online at [chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com](http://chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com) until Christmas so, if you missed it or want to revisit the hung paintings, it is only a click away. If you see something you love and want to buy, you can leave your details securely on our website; you will then be contacted directly by the artist concerned.

We are continuing our fund-raiser for St Peter & St James Hospice while the exhibition is online, through the Just Giving page; many thanks to everyone who has generously contributed so far to this very worthy - and grateful - cause. A percentage of each sale also goes to the Hospice. We hope you enjoy this year's crop of new paintings from our members!

*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all members of Chailey & Newick Painting Group.*



## Get Ready For Christmas At Chailey Repair Cafe!

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 12th November and 10th 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 100 visitors who bringing us 87 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. 12th Nov, 10th Dec, 14th 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](mailto: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

Not a lot to report this month but those who have visited the ground will have noticed that our square has come along well following the end of season refurbishment. Hopefully, the work will provide us with an improved square for 2023. Talking of 2023 our fixture list is coming along very well as one can see from the 'Fixtures' area of our website: [www.chailey.play-cricket.com](http://www.chailey.play-cricket.com) Although we await responses from a couple of clubs we are scheduled to play virtually every Sunday throughout the season of which the majority will be at home. So, plenty of opportunity for a visit to witness a game or if you are keen to join us and play a game of two you will be most welcome. Contacts can be found on our website.

Little bit of history found whilst searching the British Newspaper archives for any details of past events of Chailey Cricket Club. A rarity that someone gets all ten wickets, but H Philpott did just that. In the Sussex Agricultural Express of June 1937, it records his feat of dismissing all ten Cooksbridge batsmen for 19 runs. Sadly, the Chailey batsmen were not as effective as they were skittled out for 51 – 20 runs short of their opponent's total. Records suggest that that was the first such achievement for Chailey. In later years Basil Holding (10 for 16 against Moulsecoomb DCA in 1963) and Roy Clarkson (10 for 20 against Ardingly in 1966) matched his achievement.

Also found, not cricket related, but of interest. Found in, of all places, a report in the Belfast Telegraph of 24 September 1981: 'A volunteer safebreaker is being sought by the parish council in Chailey, East Sussex who want to open an old safe containing parish records.' Amazing what can be found in old publications and probably old safes!

Finally, all players and members of Chailey Cricket Club wish all Chailey News readers blessings for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy 2023.

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



**COUNCILLOR'S  
CORNER** *By Sharon Davy*

**RENT TO BUY – Rent – save – own**

On Monday 21st December, I put forward a Notice of Motion at the full District Council meeting in the hope that colleagues would support an extremely

good scheme that in particular can help the younger generation.

In September, I was impressed to learn about an innovative, affordable rent-to-buy option to help those on lower incomes into the housing ladder which has become impossible for so many. Many Councils in the country have already included this option within their local Affordable Housing section. Rented accommodation makes it nigh on impossible for those wishing to save for a deposit because incomes to outgoings ratio means people are currently unable to raise a mortgage. Tenants have a five-year fixed term tenancy agreement, which may be renewed up to the point of purchase. Homes are sold at 5/10/15 and 20 year set periods – so the tenant can benefit with the market going down as well as up. Unlike shared ownership, there are no costs to the tenants moving into a property. Rent control usually request a rent of no more than 80% of local market rent and this includes service charges.

Those who choose to buy are gifted ten percent of the property's market value to put towards a deposit. In some area - 65 per cent of people come from council waiting lists and up to 50 per cent from social housing. Typically, occupants are local key workers, and some come from the Armed Forces which is a group that as the Armed Forces Champion I know always need support.

Such schemes do not – and can never solve all the demands and needs for the many on council waiting lists, but it is a small part of the jigsaw of local housing needs. It is good to have schemes that can help fulfil dreams of home ownership. It is the 'tip of the iceberg' but any new opportunity that can help someone become a homeowner is a positive way forward for many.

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Happy New Year.

*Cllr Sharon Davy (Cllr Sharon Davy)*

*Email: sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk Home telephone: 01444 831 336*



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December when we will be entertained and have our taste buds whetted by The Deer Guy. Shortly after that we have our annual Christmas Lunch

In November we were visited by Andy Thomas from Lewes, an outstanding speaker, who had some superb slides of Lewes, from the ancient beginnings, the interesting buildings there now, and finally his atmospheric photographs of the fireworks displays. We almost had our own displays with the lightning flashing outside and the thunder but luckily the power stayed on

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and are always happy to welcome guests and prospective members, where for the nominal sum of £3 you can listen to the speaker and enjoy some delicious homemade refreshments.

*Margaret Smith (01825 723519)*

# Chailey Horticultural Society

We are now rapidly approaching the shortest day and with that thoughts of what is to be done in the coming year.

2022 has been a difficult year with a prolonged summer drought accompanied by unusually high temperatures. However one of the benefits of a summer drought is that when the rains come in September and October an abundance of fungi appear. This is exactly what happened in 1976 . A memory for those of a certain age! The amazing variety of fungi is wonderful. There is an App. called Picture Mushroom which will immediately identify the variety from a photograph giving the name , distribution and characteristics The changes in our climate seem to have lead to a rather prolonged autumn with above average temperatures and at the time of writing ( 12th November) many trees still in full leaf. To have reached December without a frost would once have been considered most unusual but now appears to be the norm with winter cold delayed until January, February and even March. The rise in temperatures and lack of frost has lead to a change in disease patterns. Aphids with their ability to spread viruses survive for much longer and fungi thrive in the warm humid autumns. This is going to produce new challenges for the amateur gardener but it is interesting to note that commercial growers are also having to change their thinking. For example the rose grower David Austin is withdrawing highly popular varieties because of susceptibility to disease. It may be difficult for us but it is going to be a nightmare in the world of commercial horticulture.

Enough doom and gloom! In some ways December is a holding month and a rest before the rush of the new year.

Garlic, onions, shallots, overwintering broad beans and peas are in place but beware slugs and high winds. This also applies to brassicas which are still infested with white fly. For those that plant sweet peas in the autumn now is the time to pinch out the growing tip to encourage side shoots to produce a sturdier bushier plant.

The season for figs is now long gone and any large figs still remaining should be removed just leaving the small pea sized fruit for next year's crop. Pruning should be delayed until March.

After Christmas prune apples and pears ensuring that grease bands are in place.

Now is a good time to do all the necessary running repairs to the greenhouse, poly tunnel and raised beds. Clean tools with a weak solution of Jeyes fluid. Oil and sharpen them.

Finally in these long and not so cold winter evenings peruse the catalogues and do your planning and ordering for the coming year and remember try something new!

Happy Christmas and a long drought free and prosperous New Year Good Gardening

*Peter Estcourt pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708*

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### Lewes District Citizens Advice

Volunteering opportunities with Lewes District Citizens Advice

Our service is made up of a small number of key paid professionals and a much larger group of dedicated volunteers who give up their time freely to help and support others. Our volunteers make a real difference to vulnerable members of our community:

"Lewes District Citizens Advice helped me through crisis, stabilized my situation and prevented severe repercussions like rent arrears no food or homelessness"

"Calm knowledgeable advice allowed me to feel less overwhelmed, panicked and unable to feel a way forward, I believe if I hadn't reached out the welfare rights team, I wouldn't be alive now. This service gave me support I desperately needed."

We could not deliver our service to the Lewes District community without the dedication and commitment of our professionally trained volunteers.

Are you interested in giving information and advice to members of your community?

Come and join our friendly team! We offer the option of working remotely by phone and email as well as face-to-face at our offices in Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford. Volunteers receive comprehensive training with online and in-person group meetings and support at every session.

"Volunteering connects me to the life of the Lewes District community"

"Volunteering with Lewes CA for me means working with a friendly and helpful bunch of people" We are currently recruiting for the following volunteers:

- Administration
- Level 2 Advisor
- IT support
- Research & Campaigns
- Trainer

If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you:

[recruitment@lewesdistrictca.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@lewesdistrictca.org.uk) ; [www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/volunteering)

### The Fletching Singers

conducted by Ansy Boothroyd and accompanied by Peter Bassett, will sing Charpentier. Messe de Minuit pour Noël. Plus a selection of carols and other seasonal music for choirs, audience and organ. 3rd December 2022 at 7.30pm in Fletching Church. Collection in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice. Tickets: £12.00 (Under 16 free).

Including Mince pies and Mulled wine after the concert Tickets available from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fletchingsingers/t-dvkqkor> or purchase at the door. Tel: 07802 855113. The Fletching Singers wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year for 2023.

We will recommence in the New Year, in Fletching Parish church at 7.30 for 7.45 start on 10th January 2023. We are a friendly choir with no auditions.

So If you are new to choral singing or thinking of returning after a break, why not come along on a Tuesday evening to 'try us out'. During our spring term, we will be holding another introductory workshop to focus on how to enjoy singing, if you don't read music. For further information, please call Alannah on 01825 760709 / 07971358665 or email [info@fletchingsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@fletchingsingers.co.uk)

# Bevern Trust

## Times of Celebration

Sharing special times of celebration is so important for our wonderful eleven residents at Bevern View. Our ethos is to provide more from life, whether through celebrations, activities, or outings which many of us might take for granted.

Celebrating a birthday at Bevern View involves everyone from family and friends, to support workers. Our activities team create parties according to each individual resident's interests. We've had parties with themes of spa and pampering, animals, musicals, chocolate wonderland, and even a cocktail bar!

In June, our residents joined with the welcoming Barcombe community to share in the Jubilee festivities and enjoyed the street party, races, stalls, games, and a disco! Through the Barcombe Bonfire Society, many of our residents get a chance to join in with the bonfire processions. We are also very grateful for their fundraising support.

Our annual fundraising Dinner & Auction, hosted by our Patron, Natasha Kaplinsky, was a wonderful celebration of residents and staff and our generous supporters raised a fantastic amount which will help us continue to provide 'more from life' for our residents. We have so many Christmas traditions and events which our residents love! Please do get involved with our amazing fundraising Christmas Hamper raffle. Tickets are on sale for £1 each from 1 December on our website – [beveritrust.org](http://beveritrust.org).

We'd love to invite you to our fundraising Christmas Cake Sale at St Francis, Barcombe on Friday 9th December at 3pm. Tickets will be on sale for our Christmas Hamper Raffle and Children's Christmas Stocking Raffle!

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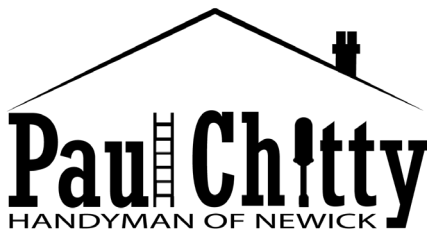
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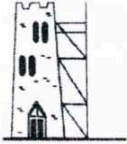
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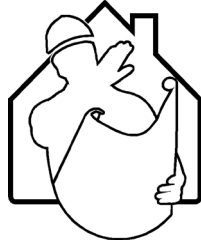


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