

Chailey News

February 2024

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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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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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FEBRUARY SERVICES 2024

St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

Sunday 4th February *The second Sunday before Lent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th February *The Sunday next before Lent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 18th February *The first Sunday of Lent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 25th February *The second Sunday of Lent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd March *The third Sunday of Lent*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am 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

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:

With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter: 3.8

Dear friends,

Welcome to the February edition of our Church & Community Magazine. I'm going to begin this month's Lead with a confession! I have had several folk ask me why we have Leap Year this year, and apparently saying "because there is an extra day in February" isn't the right answer, so I've asked some of the guys from NYC to help me write this month's article.

This year, there won't be 365 days as normal, there will be 366. With the extra day tacked on to the end of our shortest month: February. That's right, 2024 is a leap year. The year every "leaper" (anyone born on the 29th of Feb) gets to celebrate their real birthday. Hussar!

But why do we have this extra day that lies in wait for four years before popping up again and how do we decide when to have them?

The answer is a little more complicated than you may think, so here's how it works.

We measure a day as how long it takes the earth to spin once on its own axis, 24 hours. And we measure a calendar year as to how long it takes the earth to orbit the sun, 365 days. Except the time it actually takes for the earth to circle the sun is 365.24 days, so that's roughly 1/4 of a day longer, which adds up to a full day every four years.

To keep everything in sync, this full day is added to the 4th year's shortest month February -and that's what we call a leap year. But we don't actually have a leap year every four years, and here's why!

Remember how we rounded up that nought .24 to 1/4? What that difference does eventually add up to is pushing the whole system out of sync again by three days out of every 400 years. In order to redress the slight imbalance, we have to skip a leap year every now and then so to not add that extra day.

But how do we decide when to have a leap year and when to skip?

The first rule is that the year to add an extra day must be divisible by 4. The second rule is that a leap year cannot fall on a year that's divisible by 100. If it does, no leap day is added to that calendar year, but to make things even more complicated there's an exception to this second rule. If a leap year can be divided by 400 the leap day is added after all, that's why a leap day happened in the 1600 and 2000 but not in 1700, 1800 or 1900. We have Pope Gregory the 13th to thank for creating this century rule some 400 years ago. His changes marked the beginning of the Gregorian calendar which is still in use across the world today.

A few interesting reflections about Leap Years

The odds of being born on a leap day are one in 1,461: The 29th of February occurs every four years, or 1,461 days. Therefore, the chances of being born on that day, and earning the title of "leaper" or "leapling", is just one in 1,461.

If you have a fixed annual salary, a leap year means you're working an extra day for free!

The bad news is, if we earn an annual salary, we likely don't get paid any extra for a leap year. Therefore, technically, anyone who is at work that day (Thursday this year) is working for free! Traditionally, 29th February is the day women propose to men.

It's not quite clear when the tradition started, but one theory suggests that Queen Margaret of Scotland, in 1288, aged five, introduced a law allowing women to propose to men on the 29th of February. It is said women wore a red petticoat to make their intentions known. And any man who refused a marriage proposal would be fined a kiss, a silk dress or twelve pairs of gloves!!

Thankfully, times have changed. You can get down on one knee any day you like.

So, leap years exist to help us stay in sync with the real astronomical year and if you want to get really precise, there's also the more recent introduction of leap seconds . . . but maybe I'll try and explain that another year!

I'm going to finish this month's lead with a brilliant question from one of our young people at NYC: "If God knows everything, does everything perfectly and is completely in control of time, why does the calendar need readjusting?"

My answer was far from perfect, but went along something like this:

"Calendars, not just ours but others used throughout history, are our attempt to organize time, but our attempts to organize time or understand the natural world or anything else, will always need to be adjusted because, as God reminded Job, "He was the One who laid the foundations of the earth, determined its measurements, commanded the morning and caused the dawn to know its place." You see for those of us with a faith, that's just the beginning. If you have never read Job 38-41, it's an amazing passage about God's total knowledge and control.

So, I'm going to allow this 29-day month to remind me of my need to depend on, and trust my God, not just one day every few years, but every day.

Please join us for our Lent Course starting on Thursday 22nd February 7pm at St Mary's where we will be thinking about Pilgrimage and journeying with God.

And don't forget ! St Peter's Epic Jumble Sale on Saturday 24th February 10am-1pm, Entry £1& Refreshments are available. (Jumble may be left in St Peter's Church during daylight hours from the 19th of February.)

Have a great month, 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 xx

Chailey Cricket Club

Please note that our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday 8 March 2024. The venue will be the Sports Pavilion at Chailey Sports Club. Start time 19.30 (likely finish time: 20.30). Anyone interested in or looking to join the club is most welcome to attend.

A snippet of club history: at whatever level of cricket is played; be it international, county or club, for a bowler to achieve a hat-trick is a tremendous achievement. To achieve it twice is even more so, but for two bowlers from the same club to achieve their first hat-trick in successive games over the same weekend is a rarity.

Whilst trawling through British Newspaper archives an article was found that reported on that such rarity by two Chailey bowlers. On Saturday 25 August 1962 against Lewes St Michaels, fast bowler Basil Holding achieved a hat-trick in his brilliant figures of 9 for 18. Not to be outdone the very next day in the game against Ardingly, another Chailey bowler: Peter Bentley, with his 'loopy' leg-spin, achieved the same feat in his 7 for 15. Brilliant.

On interrogation of our records there is evidence that from 1949 to date, 14 Chailey bowlers achieved a hat-trick. 3 of those 14 achieved the amazing feat on 2 occasions. Gus Hill, achieved the feat twice in the space of just 7 weeks (June / July 1959) against the same opponent: Danehill. Bet they did not look forward to meeting up with him again! Infact, they did not until 10 years later and yes, he got more wickets, but no hat-trick. The other 2 who achieved the feat twice: Roy Clarkson (1955 and 1958) and Nick Heater (2000 and 2012).

Finally, our fixtures for the forthcoming season are nearing completion. Details of these are on our website.

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



February Diary

Monday 12th ~ Messy Church 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.

Thursday 15th - Youth Group 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.

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

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Chailey Commons Society

As we move into the second month of the year, we can see that the days are slowly getting longer, and we look forward to spring again. The recent record-breaking heavy winter rains have made the commons soggy, and most paths have become muddy trails. Snowfall in early January was better than rain but made everything very messy. Our annual January project of cutting birch for besom broom making took place once again and the resulting bundles have been put into dry storage until October. Thank you to those who joined us and contributed to this interesting and worthwhile heathland activity.

The indoor meetings started again with an interesting talk by Ryan Greaves from the Sussex Bat Group on Bats and Bat Detectors. We will be listening to bats around the commons using our own bat detector so we can learn more about their sounds and flight.

Our talk this month will be on Thursday 8th February in the Chailey Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. when we have a talk on Nightjars by Greg Conway from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). This is a subject of great local interest generally and to those who have joined in the walks on the Chailey commons, usually during June, when these unusual birds visit each year flying over from Africa to spend the summer. Their call is very distinct, being heard after dark, when they feed on moths and pair up for breeding.

Our website has been professionally updated and should be more user friendly and informative. New features include recording sightings via email 'sightings@chaileycommons.org.uk', contact pages, ability to download information and join as members online. A comprehensive activities page should keep everyone informed and this will be updated as required. It also includes a Gallery of local pictures, and these can be sent in via email to 'mail@chaileycommons.org.uk' For further information, visit our website – www.chaileycommons.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/ or [friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com)

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey Litter Pickers

We're hoping that 2024 will be a cleaner and more litter-free year in and around Chailey. Nevertheless the litter pickers will be still be doing their regular monthly picks along the roads and verges. Please encourage everyone to help us by taking their litter home with them or using one of the many bins in the area!

The picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. In addition, some of the group pick their own areas as and when they are able to. The January pick will be on Saturday 27 January starting from St Peters Church at 10.00am. The February pick will be on Tuesday 20 February from 10.00 starting from the Sports Ground at North Chailey. We welcome new people to the group who are interested in helping to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. Bin liners will be provided, as well as high-vis vests, gloves, grabbers, and hoops for those that need them. The more the merrier! Children over the age of 11 years are also welcome, but need to have an adult with them.

More information about the Chailey Litter Pickers and future dates can be found on www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers

Sarah Droscher

Maria Caulfield Parish news update

2024 has kicked off with the welcome news that households no longer have to pay to get rid of small-scale DIY waste at council recycling centres, boosting recycling and making it easier for people to dispose of their waste in a responsible manner.

The Government has abolished the fees which around one-third of local authorities, including in East Sussex, previously charged to dispose of DIY waste at household waste recycling centres (HWRCs).

All councils in England will now treat DIY waste the same as other household waste when it meets certain conditions, such as not exceeding 2x 50L rubble bags.

This change has the potential to save households hundreds of pounds, with charges that were up to £10 an item, such as a piece of plasterboard, now scrapped.

Today's changes are the latest in a string of reforms to make it simpler and easier to recycle. That includes a consultation launched last week to make it easier to recycle household electrical items and simpler household collection rules announced in October.

Many local residents contacted me regarding these unfair charges and I am glad that the government has listened and acted. This will hopefully reduce the instances of rogue traders collecting DIY waste and then fly-tipping it.

The removal of the fees is part of the wider Government aim to tackle waste crime and fly-tipping, which is estimated to cost the economy £924m per year in England. Among other measures, last year grants totalling £775,000 were announced to help councils roll out a range of projects to crack down on fly-tipping, with an additional £1m for grants being made available this year.

One Hundred Years Ago

From the Parish Leaflet for February 1924

Lectures in the Parish Room: The series of lectures which were notified with the last issue of the leaflet look very interesting and it is sincerely hoped that they may be well attended. It takes the wind out of any lecturer's sails when he finds that his audience mainly consists of empty chairs, so please do your very best to come. The lectures fixed to take place in February and April will interchange owing to Mr Ramsey's illness. Mr Scot-Moncrieff will therefore give his lecture on 'The History of the Village Church' on February 14th.

Note: I do hope it was well attended but I think parishioners may have had better things to do on February 14th!

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net



CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – A BUSY START TO 2024!!

No soon was Christmas over then you were all asking us to fix your stuff!! In no time at all we'd been asked to look at a printer, a WW2 flying jacket, an old briefcase, a

bicycle, a wind up gramophone and several Christmas gifts which no longer worked and for which there was no receipt....

Chailey Repair Café will come to the rescue – there isn't much that our Café's skilled repair teams can't take on! During 2023, our talented electrics and general repairs teams have tackled toasters, irons, record players, table lamps, broken zips, furniture, and everything from a unicorn to a beautiful 100 year old French doll!

Don't forget that we have an IT team who will not only get your new laptop or iPad working properly but will also spend time showing you how to use it if you've got stuck. We also have a state of the art sharpening machine to sort out those knives blunted by the turkey! It's all in a day's work for this successful local initiative which has gone from strength to strength as we start our 6th year!

Our 2024 dates are easy to remember – we are normally open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm. Our new 2024 posters and flyers with all our dates are now available at the Café, so you won't forget! And don't forget to pick up a free car

sticker and one of our smart new bamboo pens so you can spread the word!!

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!

You'll find us at St Peter's Church, Chailey on the A275 at Chailey Green normally on the second Saturday of each month (13th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th March and so on....) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes! Contact us at chaileycrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

Square the Circle - 100 Barn Dances and counting!!

Chailey based Barn Dance Band Square the Circle celebrated playing their 100th dance at Scaynes Hill Millennium Centre on Saturday 13th January. Formed in April 2010 by local musicians, some of whom were already regulars on the Barn Dance circuit, the past 14 years have seen STC play for local weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, Jubilee celebrations as well as being regulars at a major Burns Night dance each January.

Manager Bryan McAlley said "who would have thought when we first set out in 2010 that we would last longer than the Beatles??" Bryan added "We may not have made the top 10, but we are fortunate to be in demand by local people who want something a bit different for their celebration. We were delighted to play our 100th dance at Scaynes Hill, who have asked us back on no less than 7 occasions, and invited us to play at their Jubilee Street Party."

Looking for an evening of lively music and dancing? Go to Square the Circle's website at stcfolk.co.uk or call them on 01825-721296



CHAILEY EVENING WI meet at the village hall on Tuesday February 6 at 7.30pm and the speaker will be Paul Mundy. Paul is known to many as he is the Priest-in-Charge at St Peter's Chailey and rector of St Mary's Newick. He also serves as a Spiritual Director, a trustee to St Barts Christian Retreat Centre, as well as foundation governor to Newick Primary School and Chaplain and Trustee to the Bevern Trust in Barcombe. Paul has a passion for mission and leadership, has been exploring his calling as a spiritual director for the diocese and is learning a lot about youth work. The title of Paul's talk is 'From Pub to Pulpit' as before joining the church he was a publican for twenty three years, so has extensive knowledge of the pub trade. This promises to be a most interesting talk and all are welcome to attend, all that is asked for is a voluntary contribution towards delicious homemade refreshments. For more information call Mandy Dembrey on 0754 6592739.

Chailey Horticultural Society

At last the days are getting appreciably longer and the growing season is nearly upon us. Finish pruning apple, pears and quinces by removing any dead, diseased and crossing branches. Try and open up the middle of the tree to let in more sunshine and cut back new growth to keep the tree to a manageable size. Remember you are going to have to pick the fruit!

Stone bearing fruit trees such as plum, damson and apricot should be pruned in May when the sap is rising to reduce the risk of silver leaf fungal infection.

Prune wisteria back to two to three buds on each spur.

Give lawns a good firm rake to remove dead grass and as much moss as possible.

Continue to remove yellow leaves from brassicas and clear out diseased and rotten stems in the chard.

February can be a very cold month and with the ground saturated from autumn rains planting outside is not a good idea. What is needed is a good propagator and a warm, light conservatory or greenhouse because now is a good time to plant chillies and aubergine seeds. Both require a long growing season so an early start is essential. With chillies find a variety that suits you and save the seed. With aubergine a good standard is money maker. For greenhouse tomatoes now is the time to sow seeds. Shirley is probably the best of the medium sized tomatoes although Alicante and Money Maker are old favourites. For salad tomatoes go for Sungold and Gardeners Delight. The alternative is to buy in plug plants in late March or April if only a few plants are required. There is also the option of grafted plants. These are traditional varieties grafted onto disease resistant and more vigorous root stock. They undoubtedly produce strong vigorous plants and a bigger crop but I do wonder if the taste is compromised by the use of a different root stock.

For beefsteak varieties always buy in. As they can only really be grown in a greenhouse in our climate I tend to only grow one or two standard tomatoes and use the rest of the space for beefsteak types such as Buffalo Steak and Super Steak. After all blight resistant outside tomatoes can make up the bulk of the crop - more next month.

If you have a heated greenhouse it is possible to get an early crop of strawberries by bringing them inside in containers. Strawberries need a cold spell so the end of February is early enough. Remove all the dead leaves and give them a good feed with tomorite.

At the end of the month I have my first sacks of Swift potatoes in the greenhouse alongside onion sets started off in modules. Stick to old varieties such as Sturon, Stuttgarter Giant (best for keeping) and Red Baron.

Best of all is Douce Provence peas started off in pots.

Is there anything better than fresh peas and new potatoes? Patience!

Our schedules are now available from committee members and The Five Bells. Our Spring Show is on Saturday 23rd March when we will be giving out buckets and seed potatoes for the childrens potatoes in a bucket competition.

Stay warm and optimistic

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708

Chailey Parish Council

PCSO ROSE STAINER COMMUNITY VISIT SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH
10.00 – 12.00
READING ROOM, CHAILEY GREEN, BN8 4DA

Our designated PCSO Rose Stainer will be visiting us on 24th February between 10.00 am and midday to meet residents and listen to any issues you want to raise. Please come along to the reading room to talk about concerns you may have on any police related issues. This is our opportunity to talk about the roles and responsibilities of a PCSO and to bring up the matters that really concern us from rural crime to anti-social behaviour and anything else you can think of. Please join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit, and bring your issues along to air.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Parish Council Website was down from late December. Hopefully by the time this is published a new Website will be well on the way but we want to reassure everyone that the crash was completely unavoidable, and it takes a long time to build a new site, including research into the best and most appropriate IT company to use.

MAKE A CHANGE – BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

If you live in Chailey and are over 18 years of age, Chailey Parish Council is looking to recruit up to 2 Parish Councillors.

You should be available to attend Monthly Meetings.

If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, Please contact the clerk, on 01825722388 or chaileypc@btconnect.com

The Parish Council meets with Highways twice a year and our next meeting will be on February 19th. Residents are invited to tell the Clerk of any concerns they may wish us to raise at this meeting.

Chailey Mill - The alert walker on Red House Common may have noticed that Chailey Mill has no fantail, the paddle-like assembly which used to keep the Mill into the wind. This assembly was damaged during a storm in July and, for safety, the Parish Council commissioned Sankey's to bring it to the ground where it is now in store at the Granary. The Council has lodged an insurance claim but is actively seeking a millwright to repair and restore the assembly.

Citizens Advice @ St Peter's Church Chailey

Citizens Advice are offering a Drop In advice session at Chailey St Peter's Church on February 9th 10 30 am -12am.

Information and advice can be accessed on Cost of Living, Benefits, Debt and so 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 Newick Good Neighbours Service from Chailey Newick and Fletching please ring 07933096033

www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk

Lent Course 2024

'Come Follow me'.

The season of Lent begins on February 14th this year. Lent highlights the time Jesus spent in the desert where he went to discern his vocation to be obedient to God and reject the devil's temptations. The Lenten season is a time when Christians are encouraged to spend time examining their own relationship with God. This year the parishes of Newick and Chailey will again combine to journey together on both our individual and collective journeys.

Through baptism the Christian journey is transformed into pilgrimage. Pilgrimages are always made in the direction of holiness. Such travels need preparation, direction and purpose. There is always a need for sustenance which we find in Holy Communion and Scriptures. When we look back on our travels hopefully we will recognise that something within us has changed how we see ourselves especially in relation to God who is the Holy One.

Our Lent course this year is home made. We will begin by assessing where we are on now our journey to God. We will look deeply into the sustenance God provides for us in both Holy Communion and Holy Scripture. The Lord's command to go out to the whole world will be illustrated by the Reverend Martin Poole whose book, 'Church beyond Walls' is a best seller. Martin created a means of taking the Gospel out to the general population of Brighton and Hove by instigating events such as the Beach Hut advent calendar on Hove Seafront. He designed an amazing Stations of the Cross through the Lanes in Brighton and is a liturgical visionary. With the help of illustrations and readings and song we will join Jesus on his journey from Pilate's Palace to the tomb. Our course begins on 22nd February and takes place in St May's after we have met for puddings at 7.00pm in the Barn. These weeks in Lent are to help us delve even more deeply into our response to Our Lord's call to 'Follow Me.'. It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Chailey Bonfire Society

We are pleased to let you know the dates for our fundraising events for 2024:

Saturday	9th March	Jumble Sale at Chailey Village Hall	11am
Saturday	27th April	St George's Village Fete	12-4pm
Saturday	7th September	Jumble Sale at Chailey Village Hall	11am
Saturday	9th November	Bonfire Celebrations	6pm-9pm
Saturday	7th December	Christmas meal	TBC

We will also be doing our annual Penny for the Guy in September, for which the date has not yet been decided.

Jumble can be dropped off at the village hall on Friday 8th March 7.30pm – 9pm and again Saturday 9th from 8.30am-10am. We cannot accept items of furniture. From 1st

February, we will be offering a jumble collection service for anyone living in Chailey and who are unable to transport jumble donations please contact Diane 07773 935403 secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk

If you would like to have a stall at our St George's Fete, please contact Clare on 07985 112968 yasmin.black93@gmail.com for more information. Stalls are £12 per 3mx3m pitch. If you can donate a prize for our raffle or would be interested in sponsoring part of the event (in exchange for advertising at the event), please get in touch.

100 club winner for December was number 44 - V Jerram and for January number 39 - P Stepney. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your support. We do still have a couple of numbers available for this year. If you would be interested in supporting our cause and have the opportunity of winning £50 in the monthly draw (£1000 in July) please contact Chris chris.farrow@ddicks.co.uk.

If you would like to get involved with the bonfire society events, our membership is £10 for a family of 2 adults and children or £5 per adult. There is no commitment, and you will receive regular emails letting you know what is happening and how you can help. Please contact Diane for further information – secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk

Our invite list for the Christmas meal gifted to the senior residents (60+) in the village, will remain open for a few months, If you would like to put your name forward or suggest anyone who you feel may like to join us this year, please get in touch with Diane secretary@chailey-bonfire.co.uk.

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

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

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'.

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society

The Civic Hall, Uckfield, February 14th 2.30

Andrew Davies, one of our favourite lecturers returns to tell us all about 'St Pancreas and Friends, a Journey through London's Railway Stations.' Perhaps it is appropriate to have this lecture on St Valentines Day - many romances seem to have involved railway stations, most of us must remember the wonderful Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard in Brief Encounter!

Andrew is a frequent contributor to Radio and TV and this talk will take us not only to the old historic stations in London but also the new ones. This of course includes St Pancreas, badly destroyed by fire, and then the subsequent battle, led by Sir John Betjeman, to totally rebuilt it, whilst still retaining its former glory.

All our lectures are digitally illustrated and for this one you may be amused by some rather jolly posters used to encourage railway use which are included.

We are in the Civic Hall Uckfield, parking is free and the lecture will start promptly at 2.30. The cost is £7 but if you are interested in joining, please contact me. We do need new members so please think about it, the cost is only £47 and for that you get all the lectures, our newsletter, the Arts Society Magazine and the opportunity to go on one of our specially organised visits.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

The Bevern Trust

25 Years of Creating 'More From Life'

As we move into 2024 we are delighted to be celebrating our 25th anniversary of providing outstanding care and support for the profoundly disabled adults of Bevern View.

To commemorate this significant occasion, we would love to welcome you to our first event of the year – The Bevern Trust Annual Dinner & Auction. Hosted by our patron, Natasha Kaplinsky and special guests, the evening will be an opportunity to hear more about our work and exciting future plans!

The journey has been a testament to the unwavering support from our dedicated staff, compassionate families and our incredible residents who have made Bevern View their home. We are immensely proud to have been part of so many lives and we look forward to continuing our mission of enhancing the wellbeing and happiness of our residents.

7pm on Friday 8th March 2024 at Barcombe Village Hall

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Communication is key. Reach out to your creditors to discuss your situation and explore manageable steps to reduce your debt. Once you have essential bills under control, address other debts like credit cards and payday loans.

Consider potential sources of income by checking for eligible benefits, including support for energy and living costs. Citizens Advice offers a benefits calculator and advice on

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Our next film will be shown on Sunday 24th March

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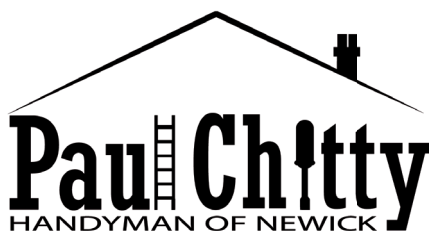
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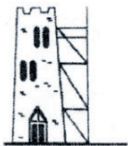
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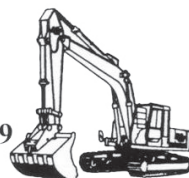


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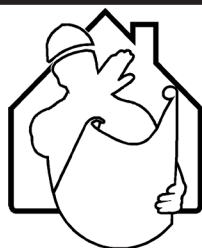
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