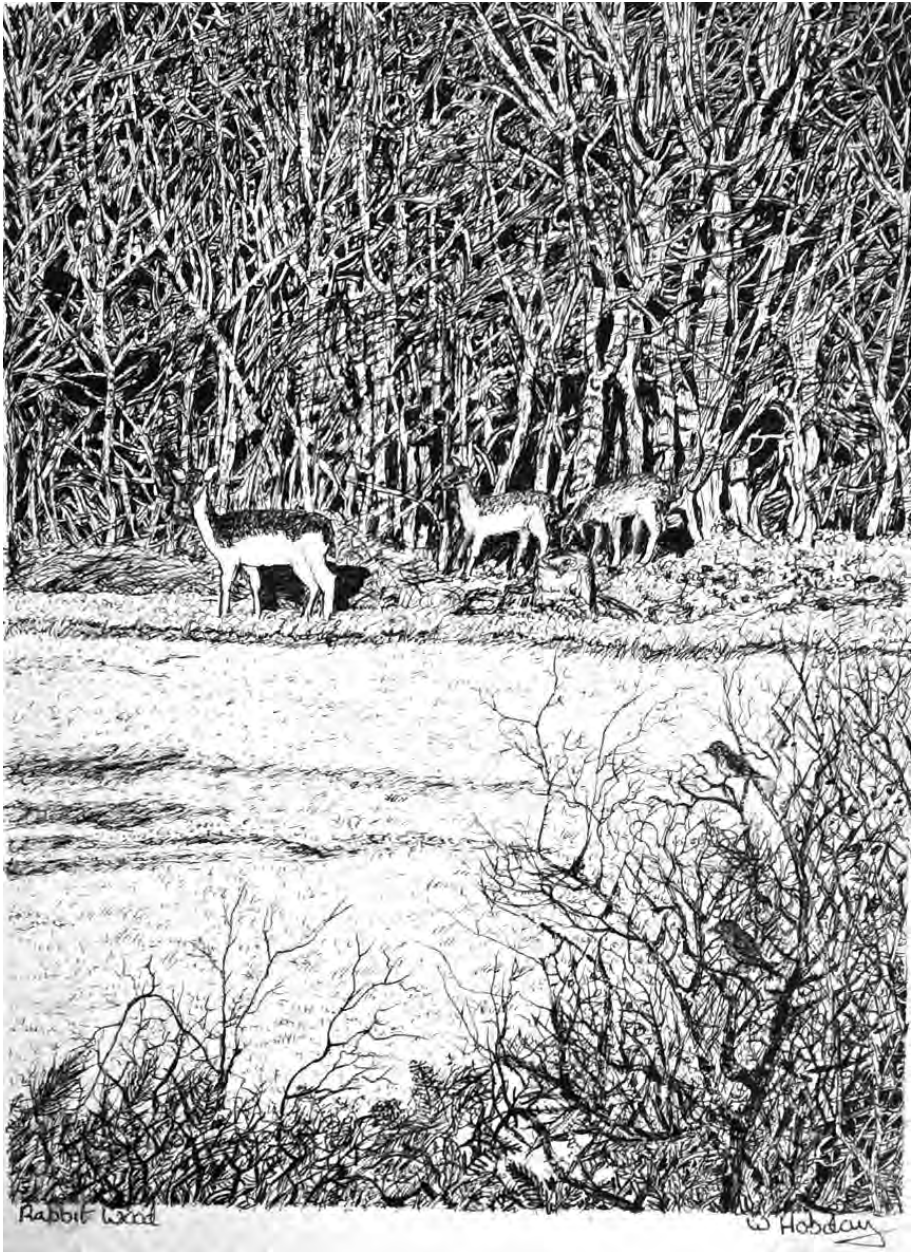


Chailey News

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March 2016

The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6.45pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

Contacts: Mr Charlie Hill 01444 471600
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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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MARCH SERVICES

2016



- Sunday 6th March *Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service
- Sunday 13th March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 20th March *PALM SUNDAY*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Thursday 24th March *Maundy Thursday*
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy
- Friday 25th March *Good Friday*
2pm Meditation at the Cross
- Sunday 27th March *EASTER DAY*
6.30am Sunrise service (St George's, Chailey Windmill)
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 3rd April *The second Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All other Eucharistic Services are from Common Worship: Order One. We welcome everyone warmly and families and children are always welcome at all our services.



Dear residents of Chailey,

As I begin packing up my home and moving for the forty third time, I have started to reflect upon our time in Chailey. We believe God called us here and we have worked hard, but for me, my role of Vicar's wife changed after a year and my priority had to be Daisy our granddaughter who came to

live with us. It was the only option for her and after the court case, the social worker told us we were doing a good job and that not many Grandparents wanted to raise a child in their late 60's. It has been the greatest joy in my whole, interesting, well travelled and fascinating life.

When Daisy first arrived I decided that I needed to build up a bank of happy memories for her as she had few she could draw on. I made her a 'den' in the sitting room and there she sat for three months, with Betty, having her meals served to her, in the safety of the darkness. That den space has now become her desk covered with her practise Common Entrance exam papers. Chailey became the platform on which to build the memories and Betty the Great Dane became her best friend. I often saw the poor dog limping along in wellingtons, or modelling pink pyjamas, with matching scarf and hat! I can't remember how many bras I caught her wearing. Betty and Daisy would bounce on the trampoline and if allowed, they would snuggle up together in Daisy's large brass bed. Actually that was all the time.

She cycled to the moat, we fed the pigs, had picnics on our very own 'dragon fly bridge.' It wasn't really "ours." We sat in the garden at twilight and counted the bats, forty six was our best score. We watched planes in and out of Gatwick and followed vapour trails. We collected tadpoles and watched them grow fat enough to be released back into the pond. She sledged on the Common, we counted deer, she went on the annual nature walk with William Coleman. Thank you for your enthusiasm William. We hid behind Daisys curtains and spied on the brides walking up the Church path. We marked the dresses out of ten. You won Sally. We slid down the bannister at the Rectory and slid down the stairs on a tray. We stuck cling film across doorways to booby-trap Grandpa. We hid in a laundry basket, making everyone playing, scream. We pushed each other on the swing, hanging in the hallway. We danced. We sang all the hits. We built snowmen on the Green and played hide and seek behind Church walls. We lit lanterns along the Church path at 11pm every Christmas eve, scaring each other, by jumping out. We were frozen, but we knew everyone would love seeing the twinkling lights. We watched all the dramas unfolding at the Rectory. We had hysterics when someone phoned the Rectory at 9.30pm as we were both sitting in the same bed reading and they asked "Do you have a donkey I could borrow?"

We had talcum powder fights, unable to breathe through the haze of talc and of laughter. We hid all the Easter eggs for the hunt in Church and tried to turn a blind eye to the thirty one Daisy was given the first Easter she came to us. Thank you for your generosity to her 'ladies of the parish!' She played tennis and netball in the front garden, we roasted chestnuts and marshmallows. We made pancakes and I taught her to cook. We camped in the garden (the longest nights of my life, as Betty leapt from airbed to airbed and I nearly shot through the canvas every time). We lifted the lid from the well in the garden and dropped pebbles in to see how deep it was. We visited her Mother in re-hab on Boxing Day, Daisy's decision, what a brave girl. We walked our favourite beach at Ferring. She went to Chailey bonfire with my husband and helped judge the floats. She read beautifully in Church. This Christmas we had our family lunch in Church, little bit weird, but the facilities are much better than ours at the Rectory.

We made 'telephones' with empty baked bean tins and string. Shouting loudly to be heard (we didn't need the tins). We had an end of Summer pancake party and Daisy invited all her friends. We threw a surprise birthday party for 'Monkey' the other constant in her life, all of the soft toys were invited. We had ice cream and jelly and they all sat at the table. We made a fairy glade in the middle of a toadstool ring and bought the fairies on-line. We had catapult competitions, knocking tins off of a fence. My artist friend Ann, helped her to paint. Daisy slept in a hammock in the woods, under the stars, during a three day woods survival course at School. We had darts and table football competitions in the hall at the Rectory.

Now it is time to leave, we have no idea where we are going but we are both full of memories, the house, the village, the Church and its peoples, her School. Daisy is head of her house Grenfell, at School and she is also a peer mentor. She has just been chosen with two other children to interview the person applying to be the Registrar at her School. I watched as God turned her life around. He can heal, He can restore, He can comfort, He can mend broken hearts. I'm so grateful that He brought us to Chailey and that He gave me the strength to be part of the memory building team. Thank you God for the wonderful miracles we have seen here available to anyone who calls out to you. Thank you Chailey for your kindness, your generosity, your love and your laughter. Thank you for being part of Daisy's healing. Daisy I am so proud of you.

For the last time, thank you for reading.

With love from Grandma Gaye, Daisy and Betty.

Lunch Club

I am writing to you about a Lunch Club that we hold in St Peters Church, once a fortnight on a Thursday starting at 12.30pm. Although we charge £5 for a delicious hot meal, the club is not about making a profit, the purpose of the Lunch Club is to bring people together and it is open to everyone. There is no need to book just turn up, if you need a lift let us know and we will collect you and take you home.

The next one is on the 10th March, so please come and join us.

Rev John Miller-Maskell

March Parish Register 2016

Baptism	Ossie Jaxon Lisle	7th February 2016
Deaths	Barbara Mai Lane	7th January 2016

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Once again we enjoyed an interesting talk from Rupert Matthews. He is a very enthusiastic historian, returning this time to speak on the "History of Buttons". We found this talk fascinating, apparently the button that we are familiar with today, as a form of fastening, came from Asia. At this meeting we welcomed 5 visitors, maybe our insert last month was of interest to several readers ?

On 1st March we have Gilly Halcrow coming to speak on "Special Ops.Exc.", this an "open" meeting for anyone to join us for a small charge of £3, in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Looking ahead to the April meeting - 5th - when we have Mr. Edward Paget talking about "My Friends the Elephants". Also, that month we will be at the St. George's Fete... As always we would love to see new faces at our meetings.

Carol Brown - 01825 723757

Lay Parish Pastoral Visiting Team

We have a pastoral care team who are available to visit anyone who wishes an informal visit, for a chat. If you or anyone you know (with their permission) would like us to visit please contact the parish office (01825 722286) or fill in your details below and hand in at the Rectory. This will be in treated with strict confidence.

Name:

Home Address:

Telephone Number:

Chailey Free Church



www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Looking for something to do with your children in the Easter Holidays?

GAMES FUN! FOOD

Messy CHURCH

EASTER EGGS CRAFT

Messy Church is coming to Chailey!
April 4th - 4:30pm to 6pm-ish

For more details
www.chaileyfreechurch.com/messychurch



Regular Sunday Services
10:30am and 6:30pm.

Ladies Tea



Saturday 12th March - 3:30pm 'til 5
A delicious afternoon tea and a short talk by
Irene Green - who works with **Open Doors**.
All welcome. No charge but donations welcome.

 **Open Doors**
the power of unity

Chailey Free Church, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN
Contact us for details on 01444 471600 or 01273 890114

Chailey Commons Society

As January changed into February still the wind and rain came and the commons remained very soggy. The flowers of spring, daffodils, crocus and primroses have already been in bloom and this does seem to be earlier than ever before. The catkins on the willow are already looking lovely and the willow buds are bursting.

We held our results meeting in January and we were able to see and hear about the records from Romany Ridge Common and the illustrations helped us to understand the statistics. This year we are surveying Red House Common on the rotational basis, but for 2017 we want to do a whole common survey to see how everything is coming along, now that the grazing programme and clearance is well under way. We are looking for more volunteer surveyors so please let us know what you would be interested in looking at and come along and help. If you have some knowledge, you can put this to good use, but do get in touch with our present surveyors for more information or contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you. This is your opportunity to get involved.

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 17th in Chailey Village Hall at 7.30.p.m.. This will take place after a Talk by Nick Hearn about the work of The Woodland Trust, the UK's largest charitable Trust.

Advance News – we are hoping to join Facebook then we can share pictures and news about the commons and heathland – for this and further information visit our website – www.chaileycommons.org.uk

William Coleman - 01444 831098

One Hundred Years Ago

From 'Chailey Our Parish Leaflet' here is a snippet from March 1916. The money raised £11 was a lot of money in those days!

JUMBLE SALE

The Jumble Sale at the Parish Room on Feb 23rd proved a great success and realized nearly £11. Mrs Jellicoe takes the opportunity of thanking the undernamed who kindly helped during the sale: Misses N and A Coleman, W. Homewood, Miss Wright, Mrs Stone, Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilson. Proceeds will be given to the Funds for the School for Mothers.

And of course at that time World War I was at its height and under the heading 'Schools and the War,' it was stated;

'It is upon the children now in the schools that the burden of war must lie so heavily for years to come. Not one of these children will live to see the effects of the war pass away from their country or from Europe. It is necessary that they should carry into manhood and womanhood some clear idea of the causes which have brought about this terrible set-back to civilization and progress.'

Stern words that still ring true today.

Annette Shelford



Spring Concert

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Chailey invite you to a Spring Concert to be held on Saturday 12th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the church on Chailey Green.

We are delighted to welcome back Coro Nuovo together with soloists. The programme includes favourite stage and movie

themes. There will be an interval with refreshments.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the night with accompanied children under 16 free.

Tickets available on the door or from:

Fiona Pearl (email fiona.pearl@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 723135.

Janet Barnes (email janet.barnes42@btinternet.com) Tel: 01825 722574.

Lewes Windmill District Guides

Trefoil Guild



Our programme for 2016 promises to be as varied as ever with indoor topics planned from now until the Spring.

Dr Moira Harrison will be visiting our meeting on March 16th with Medical Direction Dog Treacle. Plans for our April meeting are still to be confirmed. In May we will be taking a Guided Walk around Alfriston with Kevin Gordon followed by tea at Deans Place.

A garden visit is planned for July.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at any of our meetings. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday evening each month, except August and December, at 7.30pm in Newick Community Centre. For more information please phone Jane Stent on 01273 400 632 or Linda Samson 01825 723 171.



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Reading Room bookings: please contact the Clerk to book the Reading Room.

Precept 2016/17: The Parish Council terms its budget 'the Precept' which is the money needed to service and maintain Parish assets such as the Reading Room and the Windmill; and to make Grants or provide financial support to Parish organisations. It also pays the cost of maintaining the Parish Office and employing the Clerk. We estimate we shall spend £54,800 next year on these and other recurring items, slightly lower than the budget set a year ago.

However, this year we are budgeting for two exceptional items of expenditure: refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion for which we have set aside £35,000 from our reserves; and secondly, a deficit attributable to the Council which has accrued in the Local Government Pension Fund for which we are setting aside £12,000 (the amount which will need to be paid and the timing of the payments are not yet determined).

This means that we are planning to spend a total of £101,800 in the next financial year. This cannot all be paid for from the amount raised by the Precept and the Council will use a significant part of its existing reserves to meet some of the expenditure.

However, Councillors have resolved that, because of the anticipated depletion of its reserves, an increase in the Precept is necessary to ensure that the expected day-to-day costs of running the Parish can be met in full out of the amount raised by the Precept. Councillors have therefore agreed a sum of £40.68p to be paid next year by a household with a property in Band D for Council Tax purposes. For such a household this represents a rise of £3.53p in the annual amount paid, or an additional 29.4p per month. The additional amount payable will be lower for properties in Council Tax Bands A to C and higher for those in Bands E and above.

Parish Council address: Current works are on track to permit the Council Office to move to the Reading Room during the course of March. We shall confirm our new address and telephone details on the website during March and in the April issue of Chailey News.

Residents should note that the Office will be housed separately (in the refurbished Storeroom). The Reading Room continues to be available to be booked for meetings, and other functions.

Planning Applications: Lewes District Council have determined that, from April, Parish Councils will no longer receive paper copies of Planning Applications. Applications will only be made available on the District Council's website for comment and consultation or, as we understand it, in person at the District Council's offices.

Website: Our website now includes images of the many historic postcards which are held at the Windmill Rural Life Museum. One postcard of the Reading Room with sheep

& cattle is based on an 1898 painting by William Sidney Cooper, who was a well-known Kentish artist. The Council would be interested to discover where the original painting is now kept.

Mark EVANS - Chair

A Vision for Chailey

Neighbourhood Plan Village Meeting April 2016

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, we have produced a Vision Statement outlining the aim of the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan and what it intends to achieve for the village. Based on the views that were expressed in our recent questionnaire survey, this is the current draft of our Vision Statement...

The Parish Council's Vision for the future of Chailey is that it will retain its quiet, rural character throughout the period up to 2030. Any future house building should be consistent with this and therefore comprise only small developments in keeping with their surroundings and close to supporting infrastructure. The built and natural heritage of the Parish will have been retained and protected. The most highly valued countryside areas in the Parish will have been recognised and conserved. Job opportunities within the village will be actively encouraged to provide improved prospects for local people. Throughout the period of the Plan, the sense of community spirit and cohesion will be fostered and increased.

We will be holding a **Village Meeting on Friday 29th April at 7.30pm** in the Chailey Parish Hall, to discuss the next step in the Neighbourhood Plan, which involves forming Task Groups, who will be responsible for developing specific aspects that will be covered by the plan. These task groups will cover Environment & Housing, Local Economy & Transport and Community. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, learn more about the Task Groups we intend to form, and to express an interest in getting involved. We would also love to hear your views on the Vision Statement.

For more information on the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan, please see www.chailey.org



Chailey Police Report

Local incidents from January 1st –

CAD: 1137 – 07/01

Theft - A shipping container on site at Waspbourne was broken in to overnight. A high value chainsaw was stolen from the container.

CAD: 0853 – 09/01

Burglary other than dwelling - A property on North Common Road suffered a break to an outdoor storage building in which several high

value garden tools were stolen. Tools included strimmers and chainsaws.

CAD: 1238 – 10/01

Vehicle damage - A vehicle parked in Mill Lane suffered some criminal damage within a few hours of being parked.

CAD: 1168 – 17/01

Burglary dwelling - A burglary occurred at a property on Station road sometime in the day. The home owner returned to discover this. Entry was reported to have been gained from the rear of the property.

CAD: 1103 – 25/01

Theft - A high value wood splitter was stolen from a property in Warrs Hill Road.

CAD: 1463 – 11/02

Laser pointer - It was reported to police that on the evening of the 11/02, someone in the Chailey area was shining a laser pointer at an aircraft. This seems to be a common report the police are getting but not specifically from the Chailey area.

Road Collisions in Chailey –

11/01 – Collision involving 2 vehicles – A275, Sheffield Park. This resulted in injuries to the drivers.

12/01 – An incident involving a cyclist who slipped on the ice on Warrs Hill Road. The cyclist was injured but not seriously.

17/01 – Single vehicle collision outside the 5 Bells. The driver was not injured.

19/01 – Single vehicle collision on Beggars Wood Road. The driver was not injured.

20/01 – 2 vehicle collision which resulted in a car catching fire. There were no injuries but the incident did result in a road closure while the blaze was tackled.

25/01 – 2 vehicle collision outside St Peters Primary School. There were no reported injuries.

26/01 – A car hit a deer on the A275, South Chailey. No injuries to the driver

27/01 - A car hit a deer on the A275, South Chailey. No injuries to the driver

Road conditions have been particularly bad recently from the heavy rain, ice and the high level of deers in the area.

For accurate details of local incidents please visit police.uk.

This site offers a detailed description of local incidents including locations and outcomes.

Chailey local priorities –

At this stage the main priority for the Chailey area seems to be around speeding. The A275 in particular is raising concern.

Chailey speedwatch team are still active but have been restricted by the poor weather and loss of some volunteers.

The local policing team have also been restricted by the weather but will be looking to deploy speed monitoring equipment on the problem sites.

District priorities -

Scams– Scams are becoming an increasing problem across Sussex and surrounds with many people falling victim.

Scams are being achieved through phone calls, mail, emails and even door to door.

An example of current scams are –

Letters or emails stating you have won money

Emails with links attached which can include a virus or stating your computer is being used for illegal activity

Door to door salesman who try and buy goods for cheap prices or gather information from a resident with the intent of committing a burglary.

Scam calls trying to obtain bank details. These are the most common scams which do see a lot of victims.

The best advice we can give people is that nobody who calls you will ask you for bank details, not even your bank.

Also never discuss personal details with those you do not know.

We have been receiving reports of scam calls from people claiming to be police.

The caller will give false police details and state that the victim's bank details have been cloned and that they need to confirm them.

A member of the police will also never ask for bank details.

The caller will try and get you to trust them by saying you can call 101 and ask for them.

The caller however will not hang up their end which means you will get through to them again.

We encourage that if anyone looks to return the call on 101 to check the officer is genuine, use a different phone. Mobile etc.

If you would like further information on scams please contact your local officer.

Burglary – Burglaries to both dwellings and outbuildings are becoming a common call to the police. Breaks to dwellings will normally see the offenders target jewellery, cash, electronic goods such as laptops and tablets. Outbuilding breaks will normally be for high value tools such as chainsaws, leaf blowers etc.

Sussex Police still offer crime prevention advice through local officers.

Op Crackdown - Op Crackdown has been put in place to allow members of the public to report Anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles easily without having to use the switchboard. This method has proven to be very reliable with a number of drivers being dealt with accordingly thanks to the reports made on Op Crackdown.

To make a report on Crackdown simply visit www.operationcrackdown.org. Each report will take about 5 minutes.

Local officer contact - To contact your local officer you can email to steven.knowles@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **07912896004** or **101 - ext 563018**

Please note that if you are reporting an incident all calls should go through the police switchboard. Non emergency 101, Emergency 999.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly in Chailey Village Hall and are all part of Girlguiding, which is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with 559,996 members.

Thanks to the dedication and support of 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills

and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them a space to have fun.

We run Rainbows (5–7 years), Brownies (7–10 years), Guides (10–14 years) and The Senior Section (14–25 years). For more information about joining us or volunteering as an adult with any of our units please visit the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk or for local information please contact Terie Galpin, terie.galpin@outlook.com, 01825723727

Chailey and District Horticultural Society

The Society held its annual tea party and get together on Saturday 6th February at the Village Hall. There were various demonstrations and plenty of tea, cakes and good company. Although those who came obviously enjoyed themselves the overall numbers were a little disappointing. As a local society we depend on support from the village so please come and support us at our Spring Show on the 19th March at the village hall from 2.30 onwards. If you would like to enter please contact me or any member of the committee. We greatly welcome new exhibitors and are always on hand to give advice. For the children the potato growing competition starts at the Show. A bucket, potatoes and advice sheet are provided free to all. The results are judged at the Summer Show and the heaviest crop gains the competitor £10 courtesy of Drivepoint.

Let's hope now that the worst of the winter weather is passed and planting for the new season can start. However a word of warning; keep off the soil if it is still very wet since walking on our heavy clay soil when it is wet will only compact it. The other old adage is 'only plant seeds when you can feel the warmth of the sun on your back'. The soil needs to warm up and not to be too wet for seeds to germinate. However most seeds can be started in a greenhouse, propagator or on a windowsill. Those that need a long growing season such as aubergines, peppers and chillies should be planted as soon as possible. Lettuce, peas, broad beans, beetroot, spinach and chard can all be started in pots in the greenhouse and planted out when conditions are favourable. Carrots and parsnips should be planted where they will grow and are best left to early April. First early potatoes are traditionally planted on Good Friday and for me that signifies the real start of the new season.

Don't forget our Spring Show on 19th March.

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt 01273 400791 - pge44@waitrose.com

Chailey School - www.chaileyschool.org

Languages for real: Our School specialises in languages: in October we took the chance to use our special knowledge when twenty-one students of Art and Spanish spent four days in Madrid. Of course there was time to experience Spanish culture: Flamenco and Tapas, and a visit to the Prado Museum. But we also split into two groups: the Art students went off to do some sketching and photography in the Retiro Park in preparation for their GCSE Art exam; while students of Spanish had a two hour lesson in a local language school in the heart of the city. Incidentally, our guide, Andrés, spoke 15 different languages and was really knowledgeable about the city and its history – a great example! And in December, Year 11 students of German were in Cologne to sample the Christmas Markets – more cultural and language experiences: Currywurst, Schnitzel and ice skating.

Arts award: The entire cohort of 32 students have achieved a Bronze or Silver Award in the judging last month. Examples of their work will be found on our website.

English Speaking Union: The ESU organises a national debating competition. Chailey's team of three argued their way to come first in the local heats and will go on to compete in the regional heats – perhaps this isn't surprising, given that a recent report stated that our overall effectiveness of English and literacy provision is outstanding, and noted that the results in Language and Literature are well above the national average. Watch the team's progress on our blog at www.chaileyschool.org Updated each day, the blog records events and work at our School – with photographs.

Looking ahead: This month Year 8 will undertake a Geography Field Trip to Ashdown Forest, while Year 10 visit Brighton on an Art Trip.

And don't miss Show Me on March 23rd, ninety minutes of contemporary dance and gymnastics organised by the PE department under the direction of Kerry Davey, which show-cases the many talented gymnasts and dancers in our school.

Some tickets will be available for members of the public: contact our Librarian, Heather Duck, for details.

Chailey Bonfire Society

100 Club winners for February were H&P Russell with No 58, congratulations to you both!

The next Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 5th March at Chailey Village Hall, doors open at 11am. If any of you can offer assistance either on the Friday evening from 7pm to set up or Saturday from 9am then please contact Diane Palmer (details below). Diane is also the contact if you would like to have jumble collected although please note we are unable to collect before the end of February.

St Georges Day preparations are well underway for Saturday 23rd April. If you are interested in having a car boot space or a stall please contact us via www.chaileybonfire.co.uk or call Clare on 07985 112968. Also if you can help us out on the day please contact secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk or call Diane on 01273 401900.

We are pleased to have a licensed bar facility for special occasions, parties etc. If you would like more information, please contact Diane on 01273401900 or email secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk.

You can follow all our exploits and find out more about our events on the Chailey Bonfire Society website <http://www.chaileybonfire.co.uk> or join our Facebook group – just search for “Chailey Bonfire Society”.

St Peter's



School

The children recorded a video of questions for astronaut Tim Peake. They asked how he slept, ate and drank. They also enquired about his toilet arrangements. Afterwards they listened to his live broadcast from space to primary schools all over the country. The school has been collecting blankets and warm clothing to send to refugees.

We have had information sessions for parents of Reception children.

Each child is given a maths. and phonics pack to help with home learning. We have also had consultation evenings for parents so that they are made aware of their child's progress. I am minded to recall a time in the 1960's when my wife and I were summoned to Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls by the then headteacher to be consulted about our schoolgirl daughter. It would seem that she was mixing with the wrong kind of people on the train to school. It goes without saying that we never discovered who these aliens were. Today our girl is Dr. Helen and she lectures all over the country. She has had many books published and she undertakes planning and research work for several national organisations. As parents, where did we go wrong?

We have also held an information session for Year6 parents because the old SATS tests are changing. Results expectations will be higher and there will be more emphasis on mental arithmetic. It would seem that Nicky Morgan is following in the footsteps of many of her predecessors and ignoring the old adage that says that if it's not broken there's no need to fix it.

At the time of writing it's half term so if the weather holds i'll prepare the soil for my onion crop and a little later in the month give it a dusting of calcified seaweed.

In September we are changing from a 5 class to a 6 class school which will mean that we will have an average class size of 21 pupils throughout the school. By so doing we will be able to take in extra pupils should the need arise during the year.

Bill Clarke. Tel. 01273 400131. e.mail. c.william131@btinternet.com.



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT LEWES AREA (CTLA)

On behalf of Chailey residents I attended a meeting to learn how Community Transport service might be helpful for our community – young and old.

This service might be known as only for the elderly, or disabled, but I learnt that this is a misconception, as Community Transport is there for – everyone.

So many of us choose to live in our lovely rural environment, but it can sometimes lead to isolation for the elderly, sick and frail who rely on public transport and have no family to help. This service is a lifeline. For our younger residents, I know that many Chailey teenagers, especially at the weekend -probably look at wider horizons but are dependent on their parents for a lift. It's pretty hard to find a regular bus service that will take them to a train station if they want to go to the cinema in say - Burgess Hill, Brighton Marina, or Crawley and then pick them up safely.

Why not contact Community Transport? Get a group of 12 together and the costs are incredibly reasonable. Young or old – this is a great service.

Contact: Main office: 01273 517332 Website: www.ctla.org.uk

Facebook: Search for 'CTLA'

Community Transport tries to meet the needs that public transport leaves unmet, including:

- Travel Clubs
- Volunteer Car Driver Schemes
- Dial-A-Ride Services AND scheduled services

- School and Adult and care transport support
- Community Group transport support

CHAILEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Please have your say.

I know how pointless many of us think our views matter at a local level - we become disillusioned with democracy - but if only a few people put forward their ideas for the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan then, in my view, our communities shall not be represented. In particular, I would urge those living in South Chailey and Markstakes to make their voice heard. Can we persuade our teenagers to have their say? We are lucky to have a group of volunteers who are working hard with the 'nitty-gritty' of presenting the initial findings that will be available on 29th April, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. This is part of the process, as ultimately there will be a referendum.

Everyone is entitled to send their comments to the Chailey Parish Council by email or written, by post. Your contributions and ideas do not have to be in fancy bureaucratic words, so please don't feel shy - it's your right to have your say.

Cllr Sharon Davy (Chailey and Wivelsfield)

Email: sharondavy@lewes.gov.uk Telephone: 01444 831 336

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall, Tuesday 2.15 March 8th

THE BENIN BRONZES

The Benin Bronzes are a group of more than a thousand commemorative metal plaques that decorated the royal palace of the Benin Kingdom in modern-day Nigeria. These marvellous images, sculpted in high relief, are some of the best examples of lost-wax casting.

In 1897 most of the plaques were removed and taken to the British Museum where they received great popular acclaim as, until this point, African Art had been dismissed by most Europeans as simple curiosities of pagan cults. Not surprisingly since independence Nigeria has been requesting their return. They have become an important example in the international debate over restitution, comparable to that of the Elgin Marbles.

Our lecturer Dr Claire Walsh has worked for the V&A and for the Open University. Visitors are always most welcome and the cost is £7 on the door with, as always tea and biscuits afterwards, and a chance to talk to the speaker. If you require any further information please ring Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Chelwood Gate Village Market

Saturday 19 March

Come along to our Spring Market at Chelwood Gate Village Hall, Beaconsfield Road, Chelwood Gate RH17 7LF 10am to 2pm. Three marquees. Locally sourced produce including meat, cheese, fresh vegetables, craft stalls, jewellery, cards, plants, wine. Hot snacks, coffee and tea. Tombola.

Newick Country Market

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

The market has a good selection of locally grown vegetables, some of which are organically grown, home baked cakes and savoury items which are always popular with customers, as well as eggs, preserves, and charcuterie. Handmade greetings cards and knitted items, paintings, animal portraits and plants are also available. Orders can be taken for any of the above.

PLEASE NOTE during Easter week the market will be open on THURSDAY 24th March (Maundy Thursday) instead of Friday 25th (Good Friday), at the usual time.

If you have recently moved to the area, or haven't visited us before, come along and introduce yourself and browse around.

Tea and coffee is also available so come and see what we have on sale, meet your friends and stay for a chat.

It is advisable to come along early as many items sell out fast.

Information and orders: 01825 768544.

Wivelsfield Films

Sunday 20th March. Doors/licenced bar 7pm, film 7.30pm. Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG. Free, easy parking at hall. This month's film:-

Spectre (12A)

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M battles political forces to keep the Secret Service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind Spectre.

Home-make cakes, ice creams and drinks served before film and during interval.

Tickets £6 in advance from Post Office & Village Stores and The Cock Inn, or online via our Facebook page for Wivelsfield Film or wivelsfieldfilm.com. Some tickets on the doors but this film is expected to sell out quickly.

Newick Twinning Association

Easter is just around the corner and so too the end of lent but not before the Twinning Association's progressive dinner on Saturday March 19. To take part in this annual event, of starting dinner in one house and carrying on courses to end in another, we need members' applications, with notes of dietary requirements including those luxuries given up for lent, in by Saturday March 12 for organising all the logistics for all participants, thank you.

Disappointment at not being accommodated in Newick or nearby by the 50 or so French visitors this year is something we definitely do not want our French counterparts to feel. They make all of us, be it familiar or new face, who visit them on our biennial trip feel so welcome. It would be lovely to hear from anybody who can offer accommodation to singles, couples or families for 3 nights of the long bank holiday weekend of May 27-30, as soon as possible. If you think the language will be a barrier you will actually find ways around it and get a lot out of the experience, making new friends in the process. Please see our website or contact Andy Wilson 01825 724223.

If you are interested in any of the events of Newick Twinning Association but are not yet a member please see our website. We are also on Facebook. We are a sociable, friendly group welcoming to all ages of all linguistic abilities with the main aim of maintaining our good relations with our Twinned village of Itteville near Paris which is coming up to a 25 year happy anniversary next year! Although we never need much of an excuse for celebratory style occasions!

À votre santé! Et une joyeuses Pâques

Please find information on our website <http://www.newick-twinning.org.uk> Facebook or contact Andy Wilson 01825 724223.

Newick Twinning Association. Association de Jumelage de Newick. Making friends with Europe.

Carol Hart

Thompsett Charity Grants to Young People

Applications for money from Thompsett Charity can be made for 2016. To remind you, Thomas Thompsett enabled a Trust to be set up in 1926 for grants to boys and girls in the Parish of Chailey to promote their education, including social and physical training. In the past the Trust has sponsored school trips, grants to individuals for Brownie, Guide or Scout events, and equipment for disabled children

Only a small amount is available annually for distribution but if you would like to be considered for a small grant, please write to The Trustees. Thompsett Charity, c/o Ann Jones, 20 Newick Drive, Newick, BN8 4PA or email Ann on jonespellingford@aol.com.

Applications should be in by the end of March for consideration in April;

Ann Jones 01825 508721

Chailey News - April Issue

The deadline for the April issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 15th March. 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