

# Chailey News

## May 2021

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# The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



## WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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## CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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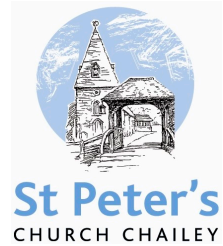
## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

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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# MAY SERVICES 2021



**Sunday 2nd May *The fifth Sunday of Easter***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Family Communion**

**Sunday 9th May *The sixth Sunday of Easter***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 16th May *The Sunday after Ascension Day***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 23rd May *Pentecost***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion with Baptism**

**Sunday 30th May *Trinity Sunday***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion at Newick**

**Sunday 6th June *The first Sunday after Trinity***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Family Communion**

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



*But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently - Romans 8:25*

Dear friends,

With the continued easing of restrictions this month we have much to hope for, and (most of us) have waited patiently, but there is still much to do, and we all have our part to play.

As you read this article over two thirds of our parish will have been offered a vaccination, and over one third will have received a second vaccine. This has been a fantastic logistical achievement especially by the sterling efforts of our local Community Health Centres.

There is no question that the pandemic has hit us hard, as a community, as a nation and a generation. But we've come back fighting. And with vaccine programme still rolling out, we're beginning to win the fight against COVID-19. But we can't stop there. Now the rest of the world needs our help. And fast.

Right from the very beginning, it was always God's intention that his people should be a blessing to others. Jesus so beautifully demonstrates this in both word and action, through the stories he told, the teachings that he gave and the gift of both listening to people and healing them. He declared of himself that he 'did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life to rescue many people' (Mark 10.45). The cross was a unique and unrepeatable act of love and self-sacrifice. We too are called to experience many little deaths, as we practice the disciplines of service as give our energy, time and resources to others.

The Church of England is supporting the 'VaccinAid' campaign which aims to help fund the biggest vaccination drive in history.

Led by UNICEF UK, with the online fundraising platform Crowdfunder, the campaign offers people a practical way to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccination, by making a voluntary donation to help pay for jabs for others around the world.

It aims to help fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high-risk and vulnerable people on our planet. The money raised will also help UNICEF provide tests and treatments to people in 190 countries around the world through the global COVAX initiative.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is encouraging people and congregations both to donate, and also to spread the word in their community, as a practical demonstration of Jesus's command to love our neighbour.

VaccinAid is being supported by other faith groups, businesses, celebrities and the NHS. Using the Crowdfunder platform, individual donations can be given, or communities – including parishes – can sign-up to fundraise together.

The recently launched campaign has been developed in just a few weeks following a meeting convened by Archbishop Justin with faith leaders, Government and NGOs to discuss how people in the UK could do something practical in response to the real sense of gratitude they have felt as they and their loved-ones receive their vaccines. Archbishop Justin said: "The Covid-19 crisis has had a profound impact on people here and around the world, but vaccines offer the hope of a brighter future. I'm delighted that churches and other faith groups in the UK are supporting the VaccinAid campaign. There is no better way to show our deep gratitude for the gifts of science and medicine than making sure vulnerable people around the world are also given a shot."

As we move tentatively out of lockdown, could this month of May be a time for

us to show our gratitude by helping those who are most in need around our world?

For more information on the campaign go to [www.vaccinaid.org](http://www.vaccinaid.org) to donate or begin fundraising.

Keep well, keep in touch and keep the faith,

*Paul*

## **May Parish Register 2021**

Deaths Eileen M Day Palmer 2nd April 2021

## **Excellent Electronic Organ requiring a new home.**

St Peter's Church has a very good electronic organ, an ORLA GT5000, in excellent condition, which is now surplus to our requirements and we would like to pass it on. We needed it several years ago when our main organ was being refurbished. We have been informed that it is worth around £480 - £500 if we sold it on eBay, or similar. However, we would rather receive just a reasonable donation to church funds if there is someone local who would like it. We can offer free delivery within a 10 mile radius of Chailey.

Please contact Teresa Wenban (01825 722586) or Chris Peskett (01825 723431) if you, or anyone you know, is interested. Viewing and 'test-driving' can be arranged.

## **Help the Bees**

This is the time of the year when honey bees may swarm. Please don't be afraid of such a situation. They just want to find a new home, not hurt anyone. I am very happy to come and remove them to put into a hive. I do not charge for this service. I just want the bees to be safe.

Solitary bees (many different species) do not swarm, but may live in holes in the ground, or gaps in a wall. If you see just a few, then this is not a swarm. Just enjoy watching them, maybe teaching the young people too.

Please don't use pesticides etc if you can help it. Bees will help us if we help them too. Thank you

*Heather McNiven 01825 722066 mob 07792551413*

## **Accredited First Aid** Courses to be run at St Peter's Church, Chailey.

St Peter's PCC is organising First Aid Training for anyone interested, in small groups of 12. These sessions will take place in our re-furbished church after June, once restrictions have largely been relaxed. Sessions are offered free of charge to anybody in who is interested. Whilst this will be funded by the PCC, we hope that participants will feel able to make donations on the day to help cover the costs involved.

1.An Emergency First Aid at Work course: 'EFAW' - This is a 6 hour course and is a recognized certificate in all workplaces. It is the minimum requirement in work-places to have someone trained up with this certificate. The course covers care of the unconscious casualty, recovery

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# Chailey Free Church



[www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com)



**E**very Sunday we are bringing you a message with a few hymns. You can either join us in person at 10:30am on a Sunday morning or wait for the recording of the service to be posted on YouTube later in the day.

You can find links to the messages on our website [www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com) or follow us on Facebook and YouTube.

Covid precautions will be in place (distancing, face masks, hand gel, no singing, etc.) See our website for more details.

## A Little Bit Of Our History

Chailey Free Church was established in 1885 by Cooksbridge nurseryman Mr. J. McBean with the help of Mr. Hewett, a Barcombe gardener. It was originally in a tin chapel called Chailey Mission Hall on the same site as today, near the south end of the A275 in South Chailey (BN8 4AN), set back from the road.



**Chailey Free Church**, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN  
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Email: [contact@chaileyfreechurch.com](mailto:contact@chaileyfreechurch.com)

position, CPR, Defibrillator, choking, heart attack/angina, stroke, bleeds and shock and banging, burns and anaphylactic shock, stroke, diabetes, and asthma. Plenty of practice time so that delegates feel confident in dealing with a situation.

Covers adult and child differences with child-mannequins. All delegates receive a book and a HSE accredited company 3 year certificate. The price is £450 for up to 12 delegates.

2. Emergency First Aid Awareness: 'EFAA' - This is a 3 hour course and will give delegates a basic overview of the main life threatening First Aid subjects to include unconsciousness and recovery position, CPR, Defibrillator, choking, bleeds and shock and bandaging, heart attack/angina. There is far less practice time in this course.

Covers adult with quick child differences. All delegates receive a book and a certificate of attendance. The price is £300 for up to 12 delegates.

All courses are COVID compliant and in terms of practical there is no 'hands on' of person to person. So, there is no rolling each other into recovery position, or bandaging each other. Resuscitation is still completed on mannequins but obviously hand and mannequin hygiene in place and NO BREATHS are given AT ALL.

Dates are to be confirmed once we have numbers, so please let either Teresa Wenban (01825 722586) or Chris Peskett (01825 723431) know if you would like to add your name to the list, as soon as possible.

## Chailey WI

We are finally able to begin planning the resumption of our meetings. As restrictions on social gatherings will be lifted by September, assuming everything goes according to plan, we will be meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 pm. This first time we have decided not to have a speaker but to make it a Social Evening since most of us will not have met together for such a long time and there will be so much to talk about.

Also in September there is an outing to Leonardslee to visit the gardens as well as a flower festival taking place there..

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. We are always happy to welcome guests or prospective members, who can attend for a donation of £3 which includes delicious home made refreshments as well listening to the speaker.

*Margaret Smith (01825 723519)*

## The St Peters Possums - Chailey Baby and Toddler Group

Weds 9 - 10:30am, every week. Starts Wednesday 5 May

St Peter's Church, Chailey Green, Lewes BN8 4DA

Play/Chat/Snack/Song time

St Peter's Possums provides a safe space for babies, toddlers and their carers to be together in a friendly and supportive, Covid-secure environment.

(Facemasks must be worn by adults and Covid transmission reduction procedures will be in place)

Contact MaryJane to book a place:

Email: [maryjane.corver@btinternet.com](mailto:maryjane.corver@btinternet.com)

# Chailey Parish Council

Many of you will be aware of the Eton land project, which is a site that has been put forward for development as part of Lewes District Council's Land Availability Assessment. Eton land is to the east of Plumpton lying in the parish of East Chiltington. This has the potential for 3000 houses and although not in the parish of Chailey, it does border South Chailey and would have a substantial impact on the village. A Steering group has been formed with representatives from Plumpton, East Chiltington, Hamsey, Westmeston, Wivelsfield and Chailey - the first meeting recently took place and this mainly focussed on strategies to put forward to stop the development. Councillor Mike Lethem is the representative for Chailey Parish Council and will report back to the Council at their Full Council and Planning meetings.

A group that is separate from the Parish Councils has been set up to campaign against the project. The group are called "Don't Urbanise the Downs" and they will be issuing publicity flyers to the villages affected by the proposal.

**Chailey Parish Council Small Grants Scheme** – Chailey Parish Council invite local clubs and organisations to apply for this year's Parish Council's Small Grants Scheme. Grants are usually in the range of £100 to £500 and applications are invited from any registered charity, voluntary group or community group that is based in Chailey. Applicants should be a non-profit making voluntary organisation. Applicants supporting or involving young people will be asked to confirm that they have completed the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service checks and that these are up to date. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate that a grant made by the Council will benefit either Chailey Parish or some or all of its residents. Typically grants are awarded to help with recurring items of expenditure (such as stationery, postage, printing, insurance, hire charges, kit and small items of equipment) or for a special projects. Local clubs, societies and organisations are required to complete a Grant Application Form which is available from the Clerk. Please either email [chaileypc@btconnect.com](mailto:chaileypc@btconnect.com) or call 01825 72 2388 to request a form. All completed forms must be returned to the Parish Council no later than the 30th June 2021.

**HRH - The Duke of Edinburgh** - Although death and grieving has become an all too common experience during the Covid pandemic, an individual and unexpected death of a truly outstanding person has lost none of its power to shock, especially when that person was so close to celebrating his one hundredth birthday.

Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, was such a feature of our esteemed royal family. Not perhaps in the conventional mould of royalty, no stuffy aristocrat he. He brought a sense of sparkiness to his role. He was an innovator and someone who seemed, especially when younger, not to take himself or his position too seriously whilst combining a serving officer's sense of duty with deep personal love and loyalty to his sovereign and wife. He contributed so much to making the monarchy relevant and admired in a world which changed so much and so dramatically during his decades of marriage, companionship and loyal support to the Queen.

He will be sorely missed and long remembered both by those closest to him and by the nation as a whole, both old and young.

With kindest regards  
*Ken Jordan - Chair of Chailey Parish Council*



# 100 Years Ago - May 1921

The Parish Leaflet

The Church of England Temperance Society The Bishop of London making Brighton the starting-point of his five week tour through England addressed a huge meeting at the Dome on May 30th.

During the War the Liquor Control Board reduced the hours of opening with the result that in London alone the convictions for drunkenness went down from 67,000 to 16,000 in twelve months, the overlaying of infants down 47 per cent and the number of people in prison decreased from 14,000 to 7,000. Since that armistice, those restrictions had been relaxed with the result that in August 1919 there was an increase of 106 per cent in drunkenness and last year an increase of 249 percent.

'You needn't,' advised the Bishop, 'keep brandy in the cupboard for fear Auntie will faint, burnt feathers will do her much more good. Let us give every man woman, boy and girl somewhere else to go to than the public-house. Let us not only have England free but also England sober.'

Note: The Bishop in question was Arthur Winnington Ingram who was very popular and known as the people's bishop. During WW1 whilst visiting the Western Front it was noted that it was only with difficulty that he was prevented from holding services in the trenches under fire.

*Annette Shelford - [annette@shelford.net](mailto:annette@shelford.net)*

## Chailey Bonfire Society

Sadly, we were unable to hold our St George's Fete or jumble sale once again this year. However, although restrictions still limit our activities, we are hopeful that we may be able to run something later in the Summer/ Autumn enabling us to raise funds to put on a bonfire night event for the village in November. We are working hard behind the scenes and will keep you informed with proposed events and dates as soon as we know definitely what we are able to do.

Our 100 club winner for April was number 20 – Louise Blunt. Congratulations Louise and thank you for your support.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 5th May at 8pm and will be held via Zoom. The meeting is open to anyone who is currently a member and those who may be interested in finding out about, or joining the bonfire society. To log onto the meeting, you need to open Zoom on your computer/phone/ipad etc and enter the meeting id 895 416 0308 and the password is 8t28mb. The allocated time for a zoom meeting is 40 minutes so if the meeting runs over you will need to log back in again using the same details. We hope that you will join us and help the bonfire society doing what they do best, providing fun events for the benefit of the residents of Chailey.

You can follow find out more about us on the Chailey Bonfire Society website <http://www.chaileybonfire.co.uk> , or our Facebook group – just search for 'Chailey Bonfire Society', or enter this address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChaileyBonfireSociety>

Diane Palmer - Secretary - 01273 401900

# Friends Of Chailey Windmill

It was a cold and frosty morning in early April when about a dozen large vehicles from ITV Television trundled up to the Windmill. They were there to film an episode of the re-make of The Darling Buds of May, which was popular in the 1980's, now to be called The Larkins. They brought with them a portable kitchen, portaloos, ambulance, telephone box and a large crew, including Bradley Walsh who is on a TV quiz show most afternoons and plays a leading role. All arriving at 7 am! There was also a bus with lots of children, who were filmed running into the Mill. The Bluebell Railway was the main site for this episode but a little artistic licence had the Windmill as one of the stops on the line. The actual filming took only about 15 minutes, with a few re-takes, and by 11 am they were all gone. We do not know when the series will actually be screened but eagerly await seeing our Chailey Windmill playing its role.

After a long wait we plan to re-open the Mill on the last Sunday of June from 3-5 pm, assuming the present Government guidelines of all limits on social contact and gatherings being scrapped on 21st June will apply

*John Smith (01825 723519)*

# Chailey Commons Society

It is good news that there are further relaxations in the Pandemic restrictions but understandably they continue to limit the Society in our meetings and activities. We still appreciate being able to get in touch with our members by email, post and the website and we try to put up posters where possible for everyone to see and to join us if they can.

Our efforts are moving forward all the time for the planned Exmoor ponies return to Red House Common. We are grateful to all those who have contacted us to join the team of the people who are going to keep a daily watch on the small herd. These 'Lookers' have been getting together and hearing from the Trust directly with some talks and training.

We hope that the ponies will arrive during May and take up residence on Red House Common. We have been doing all we can to make the common safe and our Countryside Officer, Andy Mitchell, has been busy with liaison between the various people and agencies involved. The water troughs have been cleaned and we must ask that they are kept clean for drinking purposes only – no access or use by dogs and children please for obvious reasons.

If you walk in the common, please respect the ponies and leave them to graze. No feeding and do take care to control dogs nearby to them. Check our website for contacts to report anything which does not look right.

As the restrictions are eased, we plan to recommence some walks on the commons so we will be in touch with our members and display posters. Welcome to our new members joining recently and we look forward to meeting you at our events.

For possible planned activities, visit our website – [www.chaileycommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileycommons.org.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/](https://www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/)

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*



We are very pleased to be able to tell you that we have now set provisional dates for our gradual reopening this summer! Our superb new base at St Peter's Church Chailey has been transformed and we are looking forward

to once more being able to see you all face to face. The first Repair Café of 2021 will be for "drop off" repairs only. You'll be able to talk through the problem with one of the team and we'll take the repair away and let you know when it's ready for collection. More about that, with dates, soon!

Meanwhile, keep bringing us your repairs! The way it works is that we put your repair enquiry out to our volunteers and anyone who is prepared to take it on agrees to do so. They then make contact with you and give you their address. You drop it on their doorstep and they tell you when it's fixed. You then collect it, paying for any parts required, and we invite you to make a donation toward the Cafe... That's all there is to it!!

Please note that we cannot visit you at home, and can only take on easily portable items, so no dishwashers, freezers or stuck container ships please!!!

And – do try to say a bit more than "my toaster is broken"!! Help us to help you by taking the time to tell us the make and model number of the item, exactly what has gone wrong, send us a good quality photo or two, and we will see what we can do. Sorry, but only one repair at a time please, as we are seriously busy right now!

Contact us at [chaileyc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyc@gmail.com)

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

## **Maria Caulfield MP**

The Lewes to Uckfield line has been closed for decades and there have been many attempts to re open it. We have made what many now consider a final bid to get it open.

I have been working with local MPs and councillors from across the South East submitting a bid as part of the Restoring Your Railway (RYR) Programme. This programme funds 75% of costs, up to £50,000, of successful bids to help fund transport and economic studies and create a business case to reinstate 7 miles of former railway line between Lewes and Uckfield, as part of a Brighton Mainline 2 project.

Brighton Mainline 2 would transform the movement of people and freight across Sussex and Kent, covering a population of approximately 705,626 people. The area is currently poorly served by rail mainline access with either single track branch lines or lines in need of third rail electrification. As a result, many residents in Lewes are dependent on car usage to travel. With no motorway and little dual carriageway in the area, congestion, emissions, air pollution and delays are high. This project would significantly reduce car and HGV usage as part of the Governments' net zero carbon emissions target.

The scheme aims to firstly reopen the Lewes to Uckfield line (closed in 1969) and the Tunbridge Wells Central and Eridge (closed in 1985) and Ashurst Triangle (closed in 1969), thereby linking Kent and Sussex as two strategic parts of the South East by rail.

The Lewes to Uckfield line, as a seven-mile missing link, would provide new direct routes from

Eastbourne, Seaford & Newhaven, putting some towns on a mainline for the first time since these lines were closed decades ago.

The transport problems this scheme would work to solve are to increase rail capacity across Sussex and Kent in an area that has, according to current train operators reached capacity, as well as provide an alternative rail main line option for residents on the current Brighton Main Line so that if the current line fails, needs repair or experiences an incident that rail services can continue for passengers. It would expand public transport options for residents across Sussex and Kent where the lack of a commercially viable bus service means rail is the only solution, meet the net zero carbon targets by taking cars off the road, and boost tourism to seaside resorts and the South Downs National Park by improving connectivity.

We will find out this Summer if our bid has been successful.

## **Chailey Horticultural Society**

With the gradual easing of the pandemic restrictions we are planning on staging our plant sale in the village hall car park on Saturday 22nd May from 10am to 12 noon. Please come and support us.

We are now in May and the risk of a frost is almost passed so more tender plants can experience the outside world. It is also worth noting that soon it will be the longest day. Hours of daylight begin to decrease though the higher ambient temperature keeps plants growing. However there are some oddities. Lettuces produce much smaller and less dense hearts and the transplantation of lettuce seedlings becomes more problematic.

All this may sound a bit depressing but in my view the end of June to mid September is the most enjoyable time in the vegetable garden. Along with vegetables we get loads of soft fruit and end up with plums apples and pears.

One of the great favourites of the summer is fresh strawberries. I like to grow early strawberries in containers and deep window boxes so they can be brought forward by going in the poly tunnel. Bring them in at the end of February. Lots of new growth will appear and by the end of April flowers and fruit. Strawberries need to be kept moist but not waterlogged and benefit from a weekly tomato feed. Try and keep the leaves dry to avoid fungal infections. Inside they are usually protected from birds and slugs. Remove runners as they appear to conserve the plants strength. Outside ensure that they don't dry out and feed weekly once the flowers appear. Traditionally straw is used to keep fruit off the soil and so prevent rot though beware of slugs. They should be netted to keep the birds away. Try and keep the netting at least 6" above the fruit to stop the birds pecking through the net. Again remove runners and water at the base. If wanting to increase or replace plants by using runners wait until the main plant has finished fruiting.

Runner beans are one of the great favourites of the British summer though not so popular in other cultures. The choice of varieties is huge. One of the great recent developments is the crossing of runner beans with French beans which has produced an almost self fertile runner bean. Try Firestorm and Moonlight. If grown in open ground the poles should be straight up and down and not leaning in to form a tunnel. This allows better air flow and more light to aid cropping.

Much the same goes for climbing French beans the best of which is Cobra. Beans need regular watering to maintain cropping. I start them off in mid April and plant out in late May to early June. Between the plants I place a couple of seeds to produce another plant to hopefully extend the season which in theory could last until the first frost. Also don't forget that unpicked beans will produce a seed which can be dried and used in stews and soups or why not make your own baked beans with all those tomatoes you don't know what to do with! Don't keep the seed for next year as there is so much cross pollination you won't know what you've got. Buy fresh.

Hopefully we will be able to have a summer show on 17th July. I will keep you informed.  
Stay well and good gardening

Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708



MILL LANE – SOUTH CHAILEY – follow-up

On behalf of residents, I regularly check on the overall review that I requested for Mill Lane so we are not forgotten in Chailey. I was previously advised that we were on the list for our review in Mill Lane to be in spring

2021. I am disappointed - as I have been informed by the Assistant Director of Operations that this will not be done until the school development works and a review of those school entrance markings have been completed.

The next Lewes district parking review is due to start in November. If the works mentioned above have been completed by then, Mill Lane will be in this review. Fingers crossed that the school development work is finished then.

Our Parish Council, on our behalf, continue to discuss speed limits and aspects of highway issues on a regular basis with the Traffic and Safety Team and our thanks to them.

TALES OF THE DITCH BANK – continued

The two ditch diggers had difficulty dislodging a bit of metal out of the bank, but then quickly stepped away: it was an old shell, an artillery round. It would have been sent on its way by a large field gun using an explosive charge. They immediately called the police. Depending on the age, the explosive charge inside a High Explosive shell could still be active and possibly now volatile – certainly no one should pick it up and take it anywhere.

The Royal Logistics (explosive ordnance disposal) team arrived, and after investigation confirmed the round was inert and had been fired. Likely this calibre of artillery, common in the First World War was handed down for Home Defence (phased out in 1940) in an anti invasion role. At that time, a battery had been stationed on Chailey Common for training purposes. We believe the shell is now in a museum.

## PLANNING

I was one of a number of Planning Committee councillors interviewed for my views and experience of virtual planning meetings which were put in place because of the pandemic crisis. Many residents, including myself, are keen to point out that this was a necessary temporary measure and we should swiftly return to face-to-face, 'real' planning meetings when regulations permit. The virtual meetings are inferior. Few of us have a hobby of looking at planning meetings unless it affects us or our town/village. I, with a colleague have suggested we have a webcam when

we return to face-to-face meetings. In my view, your elected Councillors have a duty to return to 'real' meetings where representatives have the democratic right to read their own speeches of objection or support and those on the committee can make more worthwhile contributions. Planning can be very emotional and means so much to householders, as well as controversial developments which affect our lives and treasured countryside.

Cllr Sharon Davy Sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk 01444 831 336

**Chailey Cricket Club** - Hurray...we off and running, assuming the weather is kind. By the time you read this we should have played our first match away to Waldron and looking forward our next which will be at home on 30 June against East Dean & Friston.

Although we played seven matches towards the end of last season it never felt like we were 'back' as we did not start until August. However, unlike last year, we have started earlier and look forward to a full fixture list from the end of May until the end of September.

Looking at our past via an old minute book, it seems that the club experienced a not dissimilar 'start up' in 1946. The club had 'closed' for the war years but on 1 April 1946 at an Annual Meeting held at The Five Bells 21 members agreed to revive the club. The minutes state that 'Treasurer confirmed that the club had a credit balance of £10 and because of this 'sound position' it was proposed by Mr Green [President] that the previous subscriptions of 3s 6d should be retained at the moment'. It continued - 'The pitch and surroundings had received some attention, and by approach to the Association at Lewes, and the Parish Council it was hoped to level the whole down to the road. Four tons of marl had been ordered, and its arrival, though delayed, was expected in time for the opening of the season'.

This year we have been engaged in similar duties of sorting out the ground such as rolling parts of the outfield which has helped iron out the dibbits made by the walkers over the preceding months. We continue roll and feed the cricket square hoping the area will be ready for play from beginning of May.

Talking of Annual Meetings we held this year's via Microsoft Teams. A new experience. The meeting was reasonably attended. We confirmed the re-election all the officers, agreed to retain current membership subscriptions [£20 adults; £10 junior] and whilst Covid rules do not permit the supply teas or drinks keep the match fees at £5 for all. In addition the meeting agreed to introduce a membership category of 'Non-playing member'. This will allow anyone to become a member having completed a membership form, been accepted and paid the requisite fee. We hope some of you will join us.

Finally, what does seem to be a continuing plea: dog mess. There are bins for the disposal of dog 'calling cards'. Sadly quite a few dog owners fail to understand that they must bag up what their dog has left behind and pop the bag in the bin. Bagging up and throwing them in the bushes does not count. The playing area is not a dog toilet in any way, shape or form. We and The Colts Football Club prior to our respective matches have to patrol the ground to shovel up what has been left behind. It is not nice. To those who do respect our playing area by taking away any 'offending' mess – thank you. Perhaps you can help by education others that they must use the and where they are located.

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



## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### **Fletching Garden Trail 2021**

Have you ever walked through a picturesque village, gazing in through the windows of the beautiful houses wondering what lies behind the garden gates? Well for only one day each year the award winning village of Fletching opens over 20 of its private gardens to the general public with the chance to talk to the owners and gardeners. This year the date for your diary is Sunday 13th June.

The Fletching Garden Trail is the main fundraising event for the incredible Fletching Primary school. All proceeds directly benefit the school, and enable opportunities such as forest school and music lessons.

The Garden Trail guarantees fun for all, including a variety of children's activities, a raffle and a popular plant and seed sale. Some of the gardens have featured in national publications so it promises to be a visual treat.

The popular Garden Café will be situated on the Village Rec, serving delicious light lunches, refreshments and home-made cakes throughout the day, all set in an idyllic location. Additionally, there will be a homemade ice cream stall.

All of this for just £6 per adult and no entry charge for children. Tickets should be purchased on the day from the school playground (contactless card machine available). Our brochure includes a map to help you navigate your way from exquisite garden to garden. Satnav Postcode: TN22 3SP.

### **Fletching Concert 26th June 7.30pm**

The organ concert at Fletching Church in aid of Family Support Work, originally planned for April last year and postponed due to lockdown, has now been rescheduled for 26th June at 7.30pm. Peter Bassett will present a programme of 19th century music, illustrating the continental influences on the English organ through music of the most popular composers of the time. Look out for further details next month.

### **After Lockdown – Play Bowls In A Safe, Social and Friendly Environment**

The Isle of Thorns and District Bowls Club (RH17 7DE) is a very, very friendly bowls club on the A275 at Chelwood Gate (in the Cat's Protection grounds). A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to play bowls in the heart of the Ashdown Forest. It is great fun and players, with or without previous experience, are very welcome. All you need are some flat-soled shoes. We will provide all other equipment. Please call me to arrange a time for you to come up to the Club and try bowls in a safe outdoor environment. (Contact Barbara Bird [barbarabird20@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabird20@gmail.com) or 01342 323861/075130 47981 for more information.)

# Uckfield, Lewes and Newick Arts Society

May 12th via Zoom 2.30. 'Foreigners in London 1520 to 1677

It is lovely to welcome Leslie Primo once again to our society. This time he will be talking about the very remarkable influence of foreign painters on English art in the 16th and 17th centuries. Holbein is the one who springs first to mind but there were others, Van Dyck, Peter Lely, Rubens and also more unusually Susanna Horenbout. The daughter of the Flemish painter Lucas Horenbout she came with him to live in London and was a gentlewoman attendant to Anne of Cleves and Katherine Parr. She was a skilled miniaturist and illuminator, the first known woman painter in Tudor times.

Leslie has given tours and special talks at the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery for 18 years and has also appeared several times on BBC 4. He now teaches a variety of art history courses at Imperial College London and the Bishopsgate Institute. He will discuss why foreign painters were preferred. Was it just a fashion amongst the aristocracy of the time? Why did they come in the first place? Do come and Zoom with us and find out. Leslie is a very accomplished and entertaining speaker and we are all much looking forward to this return visit.

If you need any details do contact me [annette@shelford.net](mailto:annette@shelford.net) or go to our web site. The Arts Society Uckfield, Lewes & Newick.

*Annette Shelford*

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