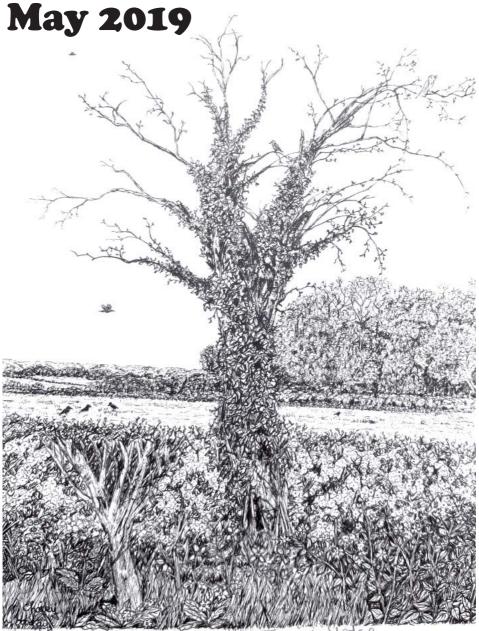
Chailey News



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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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 2019

Sunday 5th May *The third Sunday of Easter* 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Communion

Sunday 12th May *The fourth Sunday of Easter* 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

Sunday 19th May *The fifth Sunday of Easter* 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

Sunday 26th May *The sixth Sunday of Easter* 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

Sunday 2nd June *The Sunday after Ascension Day* 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Communion

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

A Note from St Peter's



Easter came and went! We enjoyed the 6 Lent Lunches; they were successful, happy occasions each Monday, with a medley of various folk attending, amongst whom genial

conversation, delicious home-made soup and fresh bread was shared. Meanwhile, a considerable sum was raised for 'Caring and Sharing, East Sussex', which was the point of the venture. So, a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who helped and to those who came along and supported.

The Easter services were well attended, our visiting priests gave us food for thought in their stimulating sermons, and not a single chocolate egg was left unfound after the Easter Egg Hunt once the children had been let loose around the church on Easter Sunday morning.

Since then, we have had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which new members of the PCC were voted on to the committee, as well as a second Churchwarden ('Hoorah', says I!). During the Interregnum, it is the duty of the Churchwardens and PCC to look after all the interests of the church, and this we have done very successfully so far, because of the willing helpfulness of all, together with many others in the general church congregation. The news about the Interregnum is that there is no news, really. It is difficult to fill a vacancy such as ours, which is a 'House for Duty', where the incumbent would need to have their own income. We are basically on a kind of Diocesan waiting list, and not at the top of it! However, as I have said before, we have been able to have a visiting priest at every service since last September, and some we have come to know very well, which has been a real bonus.

Meanwhile, it appears that we may have managed to raise enough extra funds to begin to start on 'Phase 2' of the internal works of St Peter's in the not too distant future. Firstly and most importantly, the heating! The current ancient system has been operating (inefficiently!) on a wing and a prayer, literally, over the past few years. During the course of the heating works, it will obviously be the opportune time to address the issue of the plinth, pews, dry-rot and flooring. It will be such luxury to enjoy warmth and comfort at all our services and other events throughout all the seasons of the year in the future!

Very soon after you receive this magazine, St Peter's is hosting the well-known Mid Sussex Choir, along with some other very talented individuals, on May 4th, for a fundraising concert. Although it is Bank Holiday weekend, we really encourage those of you who are not away on holiday on the Saturday evening to come and enjoy a wonderful evening of uplifting music of different genres. 'Thank you', to David Barnes for this excerpt from the choir's publicity: "The concert will feature the established Sussex choir, the Mid Sussex Choir's Chamber Choir and quest performers such as the much loved Margaret Watson and her Harp, Katharine Collett soprano soloist and Shuffle Barber's shop quartet reformed with two lady members. This year we also welcome a brief appearance from Colla Voce a group of singers led by Janet Gration. It is two years since the choir last visited Chailey and everyone in the choir is looking forward to it. The concert has been given a theme of music from around the World and a wide range of music and styles will be covered so that there is something for everyone. Although slightly shorter than previous concerts an enjoyable evening is guaranteed." Please come along, and in May the evenings will be lighter and longer and at least it shouldn't be too cold in the church! And finally, another musical date for your diary is the competition audition for the 'Coro Nuovo: Sussex Young Musician of the Year 2019', on the afternoon of Sunday, June 2nd , in St Peter's. For the fourth year running, a number of highly talented young people between 18 and 26 years old, who are already en-route to pursuing a professional career in classical or jazz music, will perform two pieces each in a wonderful free concert. Each has the chance to compete for a £1000 bursary. The standard is truly awe-inspiring and not to be missed by music-lovers. All are welcome, and there is no need to stay for the whole afternoon if you don't have time.

With all good wishes from St Peter's,

Christine Peskett - Churchwarden

Toddlers Group

We now have a Toddlers group up and running at St Peter's Church. This is a free group which meets in the church on a Friday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am. Toys and activities for children. Free refreshments during the morning. Baby changing facilities. We welcome new Toddlers and their parents, grandparents or carers to this group. Contact the parish office (01825 722286) stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

St Peter's Church Chailey

presents a Spring Concert

Established Sussex choir, the Mid Sussex Choir together with soloists, the Barbershop Quartet, Colla Voce and the ever-popular Margaret Watson on harp present a programme of lovely music from around the World to listen to on a Spring evening.

Come and listen on Saturday 4th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in our beautiful country church of St. Peter's, Chailey Green BN8 4DA in aid of the second stage of the Fabric Fund. 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:

Janet Barnes Tel: 01825 722574 Email: stpeterschurch12 @hotmail.co.uk Website: www.stpeterschailey.org

WI

Our meeting on Tuesday 7th May will be to discuss the Resolutions put forward for submission to the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth in June. These meetings are always interesting with an opportunity to have our say on the proposals. This month we plan to begin at the earlier time of 7.30 pm to see if this change proves popular with members.

In April Rukshana Master spoke on Tales from the British Raj. She was a fascinating lady, the fifth generation of Parsi women who were all independent and adventurous. The Parsis had migrated from Iran and mainly lived in Bombay where they kept their own identity and culture. Our speaker's great grandmother was an outstanding figure in a country where women were subservient. She drove a car, in fact drove it over to

England and was invited to a Garden Party at Windsor Castle where she had an audience with the King and Queen. In April we also enjoyed a pub lunch and the Craft group and the Book Club also met.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall when we extend a warm welcome to prospective members and guests, who for a nominal sum of £3 can enjoy the programme and have some delicious home made refreshments. Don't forget we are starting at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

Margaret Smith - (01825 723519)

Chailey Bonfire Report

At the time of writing we are very busy finalising everything for our St George's Fete. We hope that you were able to come along and join us for a fun afternoon. A full report will be in the next edition.

April 100 club winner was number 95 Louisa Blaker. Well done Louisa and thank you for your support.

The Annual General Meeting of Chailey Bonfire Society Ltd and Chailey Bonfire Society will be held at The Five Bells Pub on Wednesday 1st May. The Limited Company meeting is at 8.15pm followed by the Chailey Bonfire Society meeting at 8.30pm. The meeting is open to everyone who is either already involved or to new members who are interested in getting involved.

The Bonfire Society has a free mobile bar for hire. If you would like us to run the bar at any event you have please contact us – secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk or phone the coordinator Diane Palmer on 01273 401900 for further details. All profits from the bar go towards the bonfire night and the annual Christmas party for the senior residents of the village.

You can follow all our exploits and events on the Chailey Bonfire Society website http://www.chaileybonfire.co.uk, or our Facebook group – just search for 'Chailey Bonfire Society', or enter this address: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChaileyBonfireSociety

From the Parish Leaflet - May 1919

Women's Institute: The first meeting of the newly formed Chailey branch of the Women's Institute was held in the Parish room on Tuesday Evening. The President Mrs Wright in a few well-chosen words expressed the pleasure it gave her to see such a good attendance. Mr Pulling from Bedles Hill, Lindfield gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on gardening. Mr Ivor Grantham then ably assisted by Miss Myrtle Grantham performed many conjuring tricks. The next meeting will be held in a month's time and Mr Sharpe has promised to give a lecture on 'Poultry Keeping.'

Note: It is good to know that the Chailey Women's Institute is still going strong and they meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall 7.30 for 7.45.

Annette Shelford

Chailey Free Church

www.chaileyfreechurch.com











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

The Chailey Annual Parish Meeting

17th May 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Friday 17th May 2019 in the Parish Hall, Chailey. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm although those attending are invited to assemble from 7.00 pm when light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to talk to your fellow residents and to representatives from the Parish and District Councils and local organisations and societies.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a meeting of the Parish Council. Instead it is a meeting which provides the opportunity for residents to get together to hear about what is going on in Chailey and to be involved with issues that will affect Chailey in the future. This year there will be some exciting news about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and the part you can play in helping to bring this into effect.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend the meeting. There will be opportunities for those attending to raise questions about matters relevant to Chailey. Please take the opportunity to contribute to your village by coming along and taking part.

The full agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council's noticeboards and website.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Parish Office.

Highways Quarterly Meeting

The Parish Council met with Highways on 25th March 2019. A full record of the meeting will be found on the Parish Council website.

Among the matters discussed were:

South Street: two Police notices drawing attention to the 40mph limit have been put in place. Highways will consider whether there are other ways to ensure motorists observe the limit.

Maintenance: the ESCC Traffic Steward will review the surface of Green Lane which seems significantly worn in places; he is also to check out the sidings to the A272 footpath (King's Head to the Heritage).

Warr's Hill Road: The Parish Council has accepted that it is not possible to build a footpath alongside Warrs Hill, the land being common land and forming part of the SSSI. Since a separate meeting last autumn to consider how best to protect pedestrians, Highways' designers have looked at options to alert motor traffic to pedestrians in the road, and also at the possibility of building a pedestrian refuge to aid crossing the A275 at its junction with Warrs Hill.

Mill Lane/A275: The Parish Council drew Highways' attention to the three important building projects along Mill Lane; the Highways Steward is already aware and visits regularly. The Parish Council also stated that it believed it would be able to contribute significantly to a project to build a pedestrian crossing at this junction. The Parish Council is commissioning a Feasibility Study from Highways to discuss options and identify their various costs. The Council noted that Highways' design and work commitments for 2019/20 do not allow this work to proceed in the immediate future.

Defibrillators: Highways is to advise whether the Council can advertise the location of these at the entrances to the village.

Chailey Cricket Club

The new season begins on Sunday 19 May at 2 pm against Waldron CC. Last year's match was played in a friendly, yet competitive atmosphere. We came second, a result which we hope to reverse this year. Please pop up to the Sports Ground and watch all or some of the game. Better still involve yourself in the match by playing in the game – interested? Contact us now

via our club captain Peter on 07709 946880

Annual Meeting - although not well attended, probably because England FC were on TV, we managed to have a constructive meeting during which we enjoyed a brilliant buffet [thoroughly recommended] provided by our hosts: The Five Bells. All agreed to make permanent last season's successful experiment of sharing the match-day captaincy around the players, thus giving all a taste of the role.

Another visit to our old minute books – appears that in the times of rationing that it was difficult to obtain both fuel and food. Committee meeting of 9 April 1946 'Petrol for the running of the mower was to be obtained by application to the Divisional Petroleum office Tunbridge Wells'... a long way to take a can! SGM 12 May 1947: 'Failing any negotiation, the Secretary to apply for a food licence...' If they were not enough to deal with the club also experienced 'walkabout crockery'! EGM of 26 April 1946 'The question of a claim for insurance for the lost crockery was raised, in view of the lack of evidence as to its whereabouts. The secretary agreed to look in to the matter.' Just as well there were no cup games!

Next month we hope to bring news of our first couple of matches. In the meantime, please visit our website www.chailey.play-cricket.com for more news, fixtures, results and contact points.

Chailey Litter Pickers

1187 bags so far!

Our March Great Chailey Spring Clean resulted in 86 black bags of litter plus random broken car parts, tyres and other larger items. This was an enormous amount of rubbish cleared from the roadsides of our parish, only achieved by the generous time and hard work given by our volunteers – well done and thank you everyone who took part. Our MP Maria Caulfield joined us as part of this event and was disturbed by how much litter was picked up that day – thank you Maria for your support.

Chailey Litter Pickers have been successful in applying for a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. We were granted £300, which has enabled us to purchase some warning signs to make road users aware there are litter pickers out on the road. We are grateful to the National Lottery as this will keep our volunteers safer as they litter pick.

We have also been awarded a prize from Helping Hands Environmental; a kit worth over £200 to help us with our litter picking efforts, as one of ten winners in their spring Litter Heroes competition. Well done litter pickers!

Look out for our stand at the St Georges Day Fete – come and have a chat, share any ideas you may have on how to deal with the litter issue, or sign up to join us as a litter hero.

Next Group Litter Pick: Friday 17th May meeting at 10am at Pound Common car park. Some equipment available on the day but bring gloves and a grabber if you have them. It'd be great to have you join us!

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

Sharon Sussex

DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT (DFG) POLICY

This Policy has my full support. In February, Lewes District approved the new Disabled Facilities Grant Policy. This sets out the criteria to help disabled people pay for adaptations in their own homes, or the property they privately rent.

The Policy makes it easier for our most vulnerable residents to receive the help and support they need. This will improve lives so that disabled residents can live on their own with privacy and dignity and also reduce the need for hospital admission and residential care.

Under this new Grant Policy, the maximum Disabled Facilities Grant a household could receive will be increased from £30,000 to £50,000 and there will be an £8,000 cost of work threshold before a means test is needed. There will also be no means tests for disabled residents leaving hospital or receiving palliative care.

There will be a £8,000 threshold before a means test is needed, or if the adaptation includes only one prescribed item (the 'magic' list as coined by the team are: Level Access Showers, Stair lifts, Through Floor Lifts, Ceiling Track Hoists, Wash-dry toilets).

Maybe Chailey residents are aware of the funding, but if you want to learn more, please contact: Rebecca Wynn, she is incredibly helpful: Rebecca.wynn@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS - MILL LANE

On behalf of residents, I have written to senior management at Highways, East Sussex County Council and Senior Planners at Lewes District Council, formally asking them to revise and change the current parking and highway arrangements in Mill Lane, South Chailey. Three large projects in a small, rural lane require a fresh re-think as far as safety and parking. The busy drop-off and pick up for Chailey School also needs to be considered.

It is extremely unusual for a small rural lane to have so much construction in one place, all at the same time. It wasn't planned, it just happened. I have proposed that temporary parking changes, to last the duration of all the construction projects are put in place - as a matter of urgency. Such measures can be lifted when the projects are completed. A Traffic Regulation Order requires costs - advertisement and consultation and can take a number of months to implement. I have suggested that the three developers/builders are asked to contribute towards the costs for putting this in place. In my view, it seems a fair and sensible proposal.

I continue to visit the area once a week.

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

Friends Of Chailey Windmill

The Mill and Rural Life Museum will be open on Sunday 26th May from 3 pm to 5 pm the cost being £1 for adults and 50p for children aged 10-16. This month there is an extra opening to celebrate National Mills Day which is on Sunday 12th May. Once again we will welcome the Downland Radio Group who will be broadcasting on Saturday and Sunday. Last year they were able to contact mills not only from this country but a number on the continent. They are happy to have visitors on Saturday and on Sunday morning if you want to see them in action.

John Smith (01825 723519)

Chailey Horticultural Society

Please remember our plant sale on the forecourt of the Horns Lodge pub from 10 to 12 on Saturday 18th May. All types of vegetable and flowering plants will be available. Now is also the time to start think ahead to our summer Show on Saturday 20 July.

In our area of the U.K. the danger of a late frost has gone by mid May. This means all frost tender plants such as courgettes, marrows, tomatoes and sweet corn can safely be planted outside. Plant sweet corn in blocks of at least four times four. This is because they are wind pollinated and need to be in close proximity to adjacent plants. They are also shallow rooted and will need watering in dry spells. The Iroquois native Americans (from where sweet corn originates) planted squash at ground level to help keep the soil moist. Tomatoes on the other hand need plenty of

space to allow a good flow of air between plants to reduce the risk of blight. Squash, marrows and courgettes do well on compost heaps but will also require watering in dry spells.

There is now no need to continuing earthing up potatoes unless the growing tubers are near the surface.

Undercover chillies, peppers and aubergines will be well underway. Chillies and peppers need no help in fertilisation but aubergines often benefit from the use of a fine brush to convey pollen between flowers. Start feeding as soon as the fruit has set and use a dilute tomato feed.

Greenhouse cucumbers also need help in pollination unless growing an all female variety. Cucumbers are also very prone to infestation with red spider mite. A regular fine misting with warm water helps to reduce the risk.

Tomatoes should always be watered at the root as blight can only settle on wet leaves.

The first truss of greenhouse tomatoes sometimes does not set well and this can be overcome by gently manipulating the flowering truss. Once the first truss has set start feeding and subsequent trusses will have no difficulty setting. Always ensure good ventilation in the greenhouse as too much heat inhibits fruit setting and stresses plants.

Keep planting salad crops , peas and beans (more next month) Daffodils require at least six weeks to make a bulb for next year so do not be in a hurry to tidy up and if possible let the leaves die down naturally. A light feed will help.

Leave hedges and wild parts of the garden undisturbed as this is the breeding season for all manner of birds and small mammals and always be very careful using sprays to manage pests on crops. Bees and other insects are more important to our world than the perfect cabbage!

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708 - 01273 400791

Millennium May Bank Holiday Walk

On Monday 6th May the annual Millennium Bank Holiday Link Walk will take place, linking North and South Chailey. As usual we will start at 10 am from the Sports Pavilion on North Common Recreation Ground, travelling south across Memorial and Pound Commons. From there the route goes over meadows and ancient woodland, passing The Hooke before crossing the A275. We then head back through Markstakes Wood which always has an outstanding display of bluebells, and views towards the Downs, Ashdown Forest and across to St Peter's Church. At the end of the walk a BBQ and drink is provided for walkers who have completed the course. Children are welcome and receive a certificate and the dogs who go get a biscuit. It is always a pleasure to meet up with friends old and new as well as neighbours. Illustrated maps are available and the 6.5 mile route can be shortened to 4 miles if desired.

John Smith (01825 723519) and Trevor Smith (01273 891008)

Maria Caulfield MP

I have written before about the poor availability of broadband and mobile phone signals in the constituency. As the world becomes more dependent on digital technology the lack of access to a signal is leaving communities behind. It is not just businesses in rural areas that will benefit from improved broadband, but also local residents.

Last week I, along with a number of MPs met with Ofcom to push for progress and to discuss local broadband and mobile coverage concerns as many rural areas in the constituency are still not getting anywhere near the level of broadband connectivity or mobile phone signal that they are entitled to. Indeed, when I travel across many rural parts of the constituency my mobile

phone signal drops out completely in places like Alfriston, Dtichling or Wivelsfield.

There is hope however as to combat the hard to reach areas the Government is introducing the Universal Service Obligation (USO) for Broadband next year. This will give consumers and businesses the right to request a broadband connection capable of delivering download speeds of at least 10 Mbit/s and upload speeds of at least 1 Mbit/s. These speeds are sufficient to allow several people in the same house to browse the internet, make video calls or watch HD movies. Anyone not receiving the USO technical specification at an affordable price will be able to request a connection as long as it does not cost more than £3,400 to connect them and as long as there is not a scheduled alternative connection programmed for the next twelve months. It has been estimated by Ofcom that as of January 2018, 925,000 premises in the UK (3%) would qualify for the USO based on the proposed technical specifications. These are properties that are the most hard to reach areas in terms of broadband connectivity.

I am hopeful that following pressure from myself and other MPs representing rural areas that we can continue to influence the Government and Ofcom to carry out the plans already in place and go further where needed to increase rural broadband and mobile connectivity. It is important that everyone has the chance for good mobile and broadband connections and that we end the "not spots" in the local area.

Chailey Repair Café A record turnout at the April Chailey Repair Café!

Chailey Repair Café had their most successful day ever when they opened for business on Saturday April 13th, with more than 120 visitors and nearly 90 repairs attempted, including everything from saucepans to ceramics, radios to rucksacks, radios, strimmers, hedgecutters, bikes, toasters, slow cookers and lots more!

Founder and coordinator Bryan McAlley said: "Our new online spares system enables us quickly to locate that hard to find spare part on the spot and order it for you. We now have a dedicated bicycle and lawnmower team together with stocks of bike spares kindly donated by an electric bike company, so now is the time to dust off your lawnmower and bicycle and bring it to the Café for a once over!"

Bryan added "We have also found that many domestic appliances brought to us for repair, especially those like vacuum cleaners kitchen appliances and garden machinery, need some basic maintenance done, such as filter cleaning, descaling or lubricating. We will show the owner how to do that, as well as finding them a copy of the instruction manual, which they may well have lost!"

Chailey Repair Café is part of a worldwide 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 some cake while they wait! Chailey Repair Café next opens at Chailey Village Hall (next to the Five Bells Pub) 10am - 1pm on Saturday 11th May and then on the second Saturday of each month. Look out for them at Chailey Bonfire Society's St George's Day Fête on 20th April!

Want to know more? Contact them at chaileyrc@gmail.com or find them on Facebook

Shaping Chailey - Our Neighbourhood Plan

Below residents will find an official Notice which invites us to read and comment on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – Shaping Chailey. Shaping Chailey is a Draft and provides an opportunity for you to comment and to give your advice on the aims and policies in the Plan. before it is revised and published for your assent through a referendum in the autumn. The draft Plan is extensive, running to more than 50 pages and a series of Appendices which report the evidence from which the Steering Group has drawn its conclusions.

The Consultation begins at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 17th and the draft Plan will be published online together with a comment form. The Plan in print form will also be available at the Reading Room weekday mornings Monday – Friday, and at community locations: Newick Surgery; South Chailey Surgery; Dentist (North Chailey on A272); The Five Bells; St Peter's Church; Free Church; Bluebell Railway. Three drop-in sessions at the Village Hall have also been arranged when members of the Steering Group will be present to explain and discuss the Plan with you.

Friday, 31st May: 14.00 – 16.30.
 Saturday, 15th June: 12.00 – 15.00.
 Friday, 21st June: 18.00 – 20.30.
 Regulation 14 Public Consultation Notice

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Part 5, 14(a)-(c) notice is hereby given that a formal pre-submission public consultation on the Draft Chailey Neighbourhood Development Plan will begin at 9.00 am on 17th May for a period of six weeks ending at 5.00 pm on 28th June.

Chailey Neighbourhood Development Plan has been developed to help deliver the local community's requirements and aspirations for the plan period up to 2034. The Plan has been created through listening to the views of the residents of the Parish.

The Plan will provide a means of guiding, promoting and enabling balanced and sustainable change and growth within the designated area of Chailey Parish. Chailey Parish Council invites comments on the Draft Plan. All responses received will be considered by the Steering Group and the Parish Council to inform a revised version of the Plan. The revised version of the Plan will then be submitted to Lewes District Council, as the local planning authority, for examination by an independent examiner.

The Draft Plan may be viewed at http://www.chailey.org Paper copies of the Plan can be viewed at The Reading Room, Chailey Green, East Sussex, BN8 4DA, between 10.00 and 12.00 on weekday mornings

Comments and representations on the plan should be emailed to: shapingchailey@gmail.com or posted to Chailey Parish Council, The Clerk to Parish Council, The Reading Room, Chailey Green, East Sussex, BN8 4DA

All comments must be received by 5pm on 28th June

Chailey Commons Society

We have continued to enjoy the springtime with our Bird Walk on Pound Common. The overall count of species was twenty-six including sightings of a heron, yellowhammers, jays and mallard ducks. Lots of blue tits busy building nests and there seemed to be a lot of chiffchaffs with their loud and distinct song which echoes their name. The robin seemed to be widespread giving us a little cheery warbling song as we passed by.

As we found, the bird nesting season is well under way and care needs to be taken when walking dogs or going off the paths to not disturb the ground nesting species. A big thank you to the users of the dog waste bins which are positioned on each common. A moment spent clearing after the dog ensures that the heathland is both cleaner and healthier from lack of pollution which everyone appreciates.

The grazing cattle have returned to the combined commons, comprising Memorial, Pound and Romany Ridge, and once again we can see the large Sussex Longhorns moving around and helping with the maintenance of the commons. They are quite used to seeing people around, but, if you encounter them, just remain calm and move to one side and give them space to continue their feeding.

We shall be meeting on the common on Saturday May 4th at Pound Common car park at

2.30.p.m. for our early summer walk, which will be a stroll on the common to experience the heathland and looking for the later spring flowers and butterflies and doing a tree watch to see how many varieties there are and their characteristics.

For further information, visit our website – www.chaileycommons.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Tales From Plot Six

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, and summer's lease hath all too short a date; well, that's to be expected in the ever-changing climate of our British Isles, but May has a special quality about it. The last frosts are over, and there's a real sense of excitement at the Allotments as the growing season begins in earnest. Never having had an allotment before, our first spring was a time of epic clearing and planning. In earlier episodes, I mentioned creating the Fort Knox like fencing - now forever affectionately known as Simon's Wall, and I had waged war unsuccessfully on some dandelions. The shed could have easily have been mistaken for a Steptoe & Son junkyard, and so work had been undertaken to clear it and prepare the site for cultivation.

With all that grafting, and with nothing edible to show for it, it is often hard to resist planting, but if you fail to prepare, you should prepare to fail. I had spotted a marvelous deal on Lavender plugs in a magazine and managed to persuade him whose fence shall never be breached that a Lavender path of epic proportions was a good idea. Subsequently, I found myself the proud owner of forty baby Lavender plug plants for the bargain bucket rate of a fiver. I did not, however, plan as well I should have done. Firstly, they arrived earlier than I had anticipated and arriving home one evening to find a small box on my doorstep with finger sized little Lavenders within, the race was then on to accommodate them. Woefully unprepared, in our haste to ensure they survived, we made a late night dash to the nearest town. Returning an hour or so later, much lighter in the pocket, but armed with a mini nursery kit (multiple trays of pots, bags of grit, and a huge bag of potting compost) my bargain was turning out to be more of an investment than I had anticipated! Transplantation also proved to be interesting. As we had no potting shed, and being loath to lose any of my precious scented future pathways, we covered the front room floor with bin liners, and together, amongst a pile of soil, each little plug plant was given a home. Out of those forty plugs. I now have about ten plants left as I have since discovered the plot is mostly heavy clay! Any Lavender enthusiasts out there will know that clay soil is not the Lavender's friend, so my dreams of frolicking amongst the Lavender is no more. A handful is thriving though, so while my pathway may remain a fantasy, I should get a nice little clump. Lesson learned again! Spring musings: For many of us, spring is the best time of the year. That gorgeous flush of fresh vibrant green is a pleasure on all of the senses. Feeling the warmth of the soil in your hands, seeing the blossom on the trees, and the vibrant hues of bluebells in the woodlands, embrace it in all of its glory. I would encourage you all to get outside, get growing, it's good for the mind, the body, and the soul.

I would encourage all of you reading this to give growing your own a try, you can grow salads on a warm window sill, or plant some cut and come again to provide you with the fresh taste of fresh homegrown. Try spuds in a bucket if you are limited for space. Once you have tried it, you won't look back! Our Allotment Association gives produce to the Lewes Food Bank, who help families across the district. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chailey Parish Council for more information. Happy Growing!

Joanna

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Newick Cinema

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Our next show is on 26th MAY. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS". There is a licensed bar, teas, coffees, cakes and ice cream plus an interval so that there is an opportunity to meet up with friends and have an enjoyable evening out in the village. Booking in advance will secure seats in the front rows however there is no need to book, just come along at 7pm and buy a ticket on the door; the film will start at 7:30pm. 26 MAY 2019 in Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LY

Licensed bar and refreshments from 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30 pm

Tickets: £6 on the door, or by emailing detailed request to:

newickcinema@outlook.com, or ringing Mike Berry on 01825 723392

Booking in advance not necessary but will secure the best seats in the front rows

Uckfield, Lewes and Newick Arts Society

May 8th at 2.30 in the Civic Centre Uckfield

The English Country Church by the Rev'd Dr Nicholas Henderson. A guide to anyone interested in the outside and inside of our beautiful churches. Our churches bear witness to the great upheavals that society and the community has gone throughout the ages. Saint and Sinners, Prelates and Monarchs all are present in this colourful story.

Our lecturer the Rev'd Dr Nicholas Henderson graduated at Cambridge before training for the ministry at Ripon College Oxford. He initially worked in Coventry Cathedral before going to Africa where he was the Bishop of Malawi. His other interests have included several years as the London Area Chaplain for the Actors' Church Union with responsibility for London theatres. His own theatres were the Theatre Royal, Haymarket and the Strand. He has been a Chaplain with Swan Hellenic and he is an enthusiastic amateur musician playing bass in jazz trios and quartets

We look forward to welcoming you to what we think will be a fascinating lecture. If you need any further information please contact Ann McNorvell newickdfas2017@gmail.com

Annette Shelford

Newick Food Fair

Saturday June 15th, Newick Green 11am - 3pm.

Harris Old Tyme Fun Fair, Friday about 4pm - 9pm and Saturday from 11am. Free entry and parking. newickfoodfair@gmail.com, newickfoodfair.co.uk

Fletching Garden Trail

Winner of 'Best kept village in all Sussex', picturesque Fletching often features in Days Out guides of national newspapers due to its award-winning features, from the beautiful medieval church, Tudor-fronted houses and The Griffin gastropub.

The Fletching Garden Trail, held only for one day each year, offers visitors much yearned-for access to immaculately kept herbaceous borders, stunning views across National Trust land, and homemade lunches under ancient oak trees.

Date: Sunday 9th June 2019; Time: 11am-5pm; Postcode: TN22 3SP

Cost: £6 per adult, children go free; parking free

Wivelsfield Films

Sunday, 19 May 2019, Doors/licenced bar: 7pm; film: 7.30pm

Fisherman's Friends (12A) Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG. Free, easy parking at the hall Tickets £6 in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores or The Cock Inn, or online via the Facebook page for Wivelsfield Films or wivelsfieldfilms.com.

The Friends of the South Downs are the membership charity working to campaign, protect and enhance the landscape of the Park, so that in can be enjoyed by everyone for future generations.

We have also done some exciting some work recently with local film maker Richard Vobes, the "Bald Explorer" who has filmed our trustee Glynn Jones explaining about our inception in 1923, some of our key achievements as well as future plans. Take a look on this link to see the film and learn more about us https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzIFDd7rMIQ

We organise over 200 walks and strolls each year for our members, some of which are open to the broader public as "tasters".

Please help us to continue our work and keep this landscape safe for generations to come by becoming a member or supporter of our society. For more details see: www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk Or call 01798 875073. Registered charity 230329

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Don't Forget To Buy Your Tickets For The **Newick Amateur Dramatics Society's** Production Of **"Gaslight"**. A Victorian Thriller by Patrick Hamilton. Come Along For A thrilling Evening As The Truth Unfolds Wednesday 8th – Saturday 11Th May 2019

Tickets £9. Newick Village Hall BN8 4LE

Curtain Up 8.00 Pm - Doors Open 7.15 pm

Box Office: 01825 722359 Or 722985; Or Email: Info@Newickdrama.Org

Or Direct From Newick Butchers; Or At The Door

Newick Country Market

Every Friday 10am to 11am. Newick Village Hall

Summer is nearly here and the soil will be warming up now ready for summer planting so it is time to plan your garden. Come along to the Village Hall on Friday mornings to see our wide selection of bedding and perennial plants available for you to choose from.

We also have homemade savoury and sweet bakes as the fancy takes you, locally grown vegetables, bespoke greetings cards, jewellery, knitted items, plants and flower arrangements for that special occasion. Orders can be taken for any of the above, and special diets can also be catered for. If you cannot see what you want feel free to ask one of our producers.

All the items are produced by members of the market and our food producers have the required standard of food hygiene certificate.

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

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

Further information 01825 722907

Chailey News - June Issue

The deadline for the June issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 14th May . 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