

Chailey News

May 2014

Free



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

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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 2014

- Sunday 4th May** *The Third Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets
- Sunday 11th May** *The fourth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 18th May** *The fifth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish communion
- Sunday 25th May** *The sixth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
- Sunday 1st June** *Sunday after Ascension Day*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All age family service with Pete's Puppets

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,

I have a friend who helps me in the house. Last month she arrived and handed me an orange juice bottle full of water and frog's spawn. Her instructions were 'give them some bread and biscuits and they will be fine.'

My heart sank and I was filled with dread, did I really need another job, but as I walked into the pet shop I was excited. If Daisy and I were going to raise these 'charges,' we had to be totally prepared and give our best. Was I really going to buy a rock that the frogs would climb on to, and some pond weed. Was I really buying an aquarium? To undertake my commitment I decided to enrol on the 5 year Koi Carp course and then the 3 year advanced German language course, because the tadpole and frog food instructions were in German. I would have to study A level maths to understand how much 'Aqua Safe' I would need to add to the tap water to neutralize the chlorine, chloramine, copper, zinc and lead. Then there was the added iodine for vitality and magnesium for growth and well being, all contained in 'Aqua Safe,' so I signed up for the Chemistry course and had a swig from the bottle, for my 'well-being.'

We used Daisy's syringe from her Calpol to 'hoover' all the waste from the bottom of the aquarium, which needed to be done daily. Who on earth does this in the pond? I needed to find out, so I joined Greenpeace. Then the biology lessons began and I enrolled for evening classes on-line. As the days progressed the tiny tadpoles began racing around the aquarium, crashing into each other, hardly pausing and it reminded me of our busy lives. I asked Daisy if she had seen the 'tiny' tadpole recently and she replied 'they've eaten it Gran, that's nature.' I was saddened, it reminded me of my life and how easily we can become consumed by circumstances and lost in problems. Then my little tadpoles began to morph into aliens, they developed yellow eyes and became submarine like, diving deep and then quickly rising to the surface taking gulps of precious air, strengthening their lungs. It made me think of the times we feel defeated and weary and sink to the depths and then hopefully we remember God's great love for us and we soar to heights and gulp in His grace, mercy and strength.

One night I realised that I had forgotten to feed them and got up at 2am for the 'night feed,' as I switched on the light the aquarium became a frenzy of splashing water and activity. Something that happens when God's light is shone into our darkness and we are given new hope for tomorrow by the Holy Spirit. This morning when I came down, I saw that my tadpoles have grown their back legs and it will not be long until I have to release my 'charges' into the pond. I'm told there is a 24 hour window to get them re-homed and re-housed and to say farewells. I know something with a beak could consume them in 4 pecks and I'm glad that I will never know. I gave them my best and taught Daisy to care.

My frogs are all different sizes and colours but perfect, the process to get them to where they are was long. If you try to rush God's purpose for your life, you'll produce something deformed. Perhaps you are thinking 'I can't wait for this to be over.' That's understandable, but by God's grace you will survive. So hold on, your change is coming, God won't give up on you, so don't give up on Him. There's a work going on in you right now. Something is dying that has to die, so something better can be brought to life. Let it happen. Like the frogs we are all different. Don't bow to temptation or to manipulation, or ungodly persuasion. Don't try to keep up with the Joneses, or surrender to selfish ambition and selfish-promotion. Don't bow to the spirit of anxiousness and impatience. Continue to walk by faith and not by sight, knowing that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we are able to ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). They say 'Good things come to those who wait.' The determining factor is, who you are waiting for. God says there's a purpose for all these things (Ecclesiastes 3:1) wait, God will make the pieces fit together. He won't disappoint you.

Daisy and I are really looking forward to next year and the arrival of the frogs-spawn season and her last year at prep School, before she begins her tadpole journey into her Senior School and morphs into the person God wants her to be. As well as losing my 'charges' shortly, we thought we were losing Betty this week. She began walking around the Rectory crying and we thought maybe she had 'bloat' or a twisted gut. The more we spoke to her the more she cried. On closer inspection we discovered she had stolen a pork chop and it was wedged up in her cheek and she was crying to be let into the garden so that she could bury it. Oh Betty! The tadpoles were so much easier than you.

From all at the Rectory.

John the Rector and all the PCC would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations at the Gift Day on the 19th April 2014 and to let you know that the sum raised was £26,886.40 with a further promise of £15,000 when the work begins. We are now on the road forward and can proceed with our applications to various charities.

If you still wish to donate towards the re-ordering of the Church its not to late to do so as we still have a long way to go.

I want to give a special thanks to Tim our organist, the choir, the bell ringers and the ladies who supplied refreshments all afternoon.

Thank you all, it was another Easter miracle.

John

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

May Parish Register

Deaths:	Arthur Funnel	2nd March 2014
	Harry Walker	March 2014

Grantham Close

Grantham Close, South Chailey, is a group of almshouses, which provide warden assisted, sheltered housing to people over 60, with little capital and low income. We have 35 flats, double and single. We are currently full, but would welcome suitable applicants who could be placed on a waiting list. If you know of any person in need of this type of housing, please contact us.

Teresa Wenban 01825 722586

Lay Parish Pastoral Care 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

For details and more news

www.chaileyfreechurch.com

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Saturday 31st May



*at 12:20 for
12:30 start*

DO
COME
AND
BRING A
FRIEND

07884 303725 voice or

07792 889078 text

You are very
welcome at
any of our
services

Coffee Stop

Fridays 10.00—12.00

Everyone welcome

Bring your friends

All free

Sunday Services

10.30am

and

6.15pm

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Spring Concert

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Chailey invite you to a Spring Concert to be held on Saturday 10th May at 7.30 pm in the church on Chailey Green.

The programme will feature the Mid Sussex Choir singing pieces by John Rutter, George Shearing and other popular choral numbers, a Barbershop Quartet and instrumental solos. We are delighted to welcome back Margaret Watson with her ever popular Harp music. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are priced £10, Children (under 16) free, and are available from:

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

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

Chailey Commons Society

Isn't it wonderful now that Spring has arrived and given us a lovely show of flowers in the woodlands and hedgerows. The daffodils looked splendid and the carpets of celandines, primroses, bluebells and Ladies Smock were a joy to behold.

As the commons wake up from the winter, the birdsong has been lovely and the clouds of blackthorn flowers in early April were magnificent.

The grazing stock have now all moved together down to the lower commons making Red House and Lane End stock free, but care should still be taken when walking dogs as the ground nesting birds and other wildlife which live there need to be respected. Dogs under control and poo bags ready please!

We held our AGM as usual in the Village Hall when, after the official business, we were entertained by an excellent talk from Peter Anderton about the Wealden Geology. He covered this big subject in a most interesting way and revealed to us what was under our feet as it were. Our survey familiarisation walk on 22nd April was on Pound Common and we were able to see how the heathland is being restored and it should be a most interesting area to survey during this year. Thanks to our volunteer surveyors for their interest and help.

We shall be going along to Plumpton College Open Day with our tent on Saturday 10th May and Linda Ball will be leading us on an Archaeology and Local History walk on Pound Common on Saturday 17th May at 10.00 a.m.

For further information visit our website – www.chaileyccommons.org.uk

William Coleman - 01444 831098

St Peter's School

Before the school closed for the Easter holiday our Year 1 children went pond dipping, closely supervised, of course. Ever since I was a boy, I have thought that studying pond life was something interesting to do, so to use pond life as a derogatory term for miscreants and criminals is unfair to water borne plants and creatures is misguided.

All the school took part in an egg decorating competition and later in an egg rolling competition. The winners were presented with chocolate Easter Eggs. The unwanted hens' eggs were collected and sent for animal feed. On the last day of term the school went to the church for an Easter service.

Bill Clarke. tel. 01273 400131

Mid Down Medical Practice - Dispensary Application

Dear Residents,

We have applied for a license to dispense medicines at the South Chailey branch surgery. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain a bit more about what this means and how it should benefit our community and to dispel some of the rumours which are circulating. A GP Dispensary is not a pharmacy. We will not be seeking to replace or 'put out of business' the Lloyds pharmacy in Newick or any other local businesses. The Lloyds pharmacy in Newick provides a vital and valuable service and we have a good working relationship with the pharmacy team there. The dispensary would not be a replacement for the services they provide. There would be no threat to the excellent delivery service currently provided by Lloyds. A dispensary will only hold a limited number of medicines, particularly those that are often needed urgently, such as antibiotics.

The reasons for applying to set up a dispensary at Chailey are simple. A large proportion of our patients reside in the South of our practice area at some distance from the Newick and other pharmacies. This means that it can be difficult for patients living in the villages outside Newick and attending the Chailey surgery to obtain medication with the same ease as those living in Newick and attending the Newick surgery. Access to medicines is particularly difficult for patients attending late afternoon/evening appointments at Chailey who then need medication urgently. It can frequently be impossible for them to reach Lloyds prior to closing time or to travel to another pharmacy due to transport difficulties.

Those patients that stand to gain the most will be some of our most vulnerable patients - those without transport, the elderly and families with young children.

We have always prided ourselves on offering the best possible service for the patients in our care and we view the dispensary as another small but significant step towards improving that service.

We hope to have your support should our application be approved.

Dr Zoe Nunn/Douglass

GP Partner at Mid Downs Medical Practice and Barcombe Resident.

Open Garden @ Northfields

East Grinstead Road (A275), North Chailey, BN8 4JB

Bank Holiday MONDAY 26th May 2014 2-5pm

A garden under development ~ imagine a patch of grass [no soil but plenty of Nettles and Brambles] ~ now in year 5 ~ full of Rhododendrons and Azaleas...with new front garden - once a drive! - Beach Grass garden, Poly tunnel and vegetable patch!

Over an acre to wander through at your leisure.

Teas and homemade cakes available plus plant stall. £4 admission (under 12's FREE)
In aid of St Peter's Church Re-ordering fund.



Chailey WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th May, which is our Resolutions meeting. We will discuss the 2014 resolution due to be forwarded on to the Annual General Meeting in June, and is on Organ Donation. There is a waiting list of 10,000 for organ transplants and although 3,000 people every year receive a transplant, enabling them to take on a new lease of life, three people will die every day whilst waiting. There is a shortage of organs and the gap between the number of organs donated and the number of people waiting for a transplant is increasing. The WI is urging all members to make their wishes regarding organ donation known and to encourage their families and friends and members of their local community to do likewise.

In April we heard all about the Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare from Mr Nigel Mason. Despite Raystede being relatively close in Ringmer, most of us were quite ignorant of all they do and the scale of the Charity. As well as rehoming animals, mainly cats, dogs, rabbits and chickens, the Centre offers a home for many animals for the rest of their lives. For some of the very long lived species (such as the parrots and terrapins) this is quite a commitment. The Centre is open daily free of charge and many of us plan to pay them a visit soon.

In June we will be having a talk on Crop Circles. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall and are always pleased to welcome prospective members and visitors for a nominal charge of £2

Margaret Smith - 01825 723519

Chailey Link Walk

The annual Village Walk will take place on Monday 5th May starting at 10 am from the North Chailey Sports Ground. The route is clearly described in leaflets which will be available and covers six and a half miles, taking in Chailey Common, ancient woodland, bluebell woods and with superb views of the Downs. A shorter walk of approximately four miles is also available. Dogs are most welcome.

The walk finishes at the Sports Ground where there will be a free BBQ. Chailey Sports Club will be running a bar in aid of their funds. Certificates will be awarded for children who complete the course

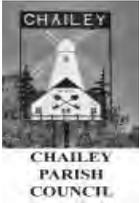
John Smith - 01825 523519

Trevor Smith - 01273 891008

Friends of Chailey Windmill

We regret that contrary to the news in April, the Windmill and Rural Life Museum will not now open until the last Sunday in June. The reason for this is Chailey Parish Council, who are the leaseholders, have agreed to treat the Mill for woodworm and, additionally, the fantail at the rear of the Mill was damaged during the winter storms. It is in a dangerous condition and needs to be replaced. Prior to the woodworm treatment the exhibits in the Mill will have to be cleared and the hessian covering stripped from the walls. Afterwards entry will not be permitted for several days and the exhibits will then be reinstated.

John Smith - 01825 723519



Chairman: Cllr. Don Cranfield (01825 722651)
Clerk: Mrs Vera Grainger (Tel 01825 740409)
For Reading Room bookings contact the Clerk.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point sessions are held on Friday mornings at the Coffee Stop, Free Church, South Chailey. In May sessions will be held on Friday 16th May and Friday 23rd May between 10.00 am and 12.00.

Grants to Local Organisations

The Council considers its community grants in July each year and applications need to be submitted by the end of June. Community grants offer financial support to local groups and organisations. A grant application form and a copy of the Council's grant policy may be obtained by contacting the Clerk or down loading from the Council's web site www.chailey.org

Animal Grazing on Chailey Common

At the beginning of April, the Exmoor ponies were moved from Red House and Lane End Commons and commenced grazing on the combined commons (Romany Ridge, Pound and Memorial). The Hebridean sheep will join them there with some Longhorn cattle. The animals will remain on the combined commons until September/October time, leaving Red House and Lane End Commons free of stock over the summer months.

May 14th, 1264 At the Battle of Lewes, Simon de Montfort defeated Henry III, which resulted in the first Parliament at which affairs of the realm were discussed with elected commoners present in the House - one of the seeds of our democracy. *The Company* will present de Montfort's March to battle at Lewes with you, the audience, as members of de Montfort's army, marching the four miles over the Downs from East Chiltington.

Meet at Nevill Road to be bussed to the starting point on 8 dates from May 3. Full details on our website www.chailey.org and at www.brightonfringe.org

Highways: the Parish Council met with Highways on March 18, too late for inclusion of this report in the April issue of *Chailey News*. Our County Councillor, Jim Sheppard, also assisted our discussions. The Council and Highways regret that the unusual winter has resulted in, for us, more delays than progress.

- Annual maintenance of Chailey's drains has been delayed but is programmed for April.
- It still remains Highways' intention to make more visible the School warning signs on the A272 close to Lower Station Road. As of April 15, the electrical connector posts have been erected, but time-controlled Amber warning lights have not been installed. The Parish Council continues to press Highways to complete this project.
- Similarly delayed is the installation of a 40mph limit on the A275 Northwards from the King's Head crossing to Warren Way.
- The Pump House has been restored but awaits tarmac for the pathway down to it, which will be delivered at the same time as to the basketball post on Rowheath.

Mill Lane/A275: it has long been the Parish Council's priority to see a pedestrian refuge installed on the A275 to assist with crossing. We are hopeful that design time will be found in July to cost a refuge being installed to the South of Mill Lane; this project is very much at first stage, since the costing will then allow the Parish and County to try and identify funds, before it goes out to public consultation.

Members of the Cinder Hill traffic group were present to discuss their recent traffic reports (which are still under consideration) on problems along Cinder Hill where a detailed HGV survey has been agreed for mid-May and playground signage agreed for the Rowheath area.

Warrs Hill Road and beyond: this road was not included in the draft two-year surfacing programme and the Parish Council again provided a resident's report on the lamentable state of this road, and requested it be given priority, drawing attention to the very great increase in traffic both ways resulting from the creation of the New Heritage.

Windmills: enthusiasts will have noted that Chailey Windmill is likely to be closed to the public for the first two months of the summer for woodworm treatment and to repair storm damage to the fantail. Nutley Mill, for those who do not know it, is an interesting and enjoyable alternative visit and plans to be open to visitors on May 25 and 26 from 2pm-5.30pm (follow the signs from the Friends' car park and clump on Ashdown Forest – approx. half-a-mile)

Call 101 to help stop illegal off-roading in the countryside

People witnessing illegal or anti-social off-road driving on paths in the countryside are being called on to report it to the police using the new 101 phone number.

Sussex Pathwatch is a special service set up to help protect the safety of everyone using rights-of-way, fields and woodland to prevent the damage that illegal off-roading can cause. Anyone can report an offence by calling 101 or emailing contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk in Sussex.

Pathwatch was recently successful in tackling incidents of illegal off-road motorcycling on a Site of Special Scientific interest near Small Dole in West Sussex. The site, which holds three nationally rare habitats and supports a rich community of rare butterflies and moths, was blighted by off-road motorcyclists who had even brought in equipment to dig tracks. Following calls from the public, Sussex Police were able to catch them in the act and serve notice – meaning that if they reoffend in the next 12 months their vehicle will be impounded and possibly crushed. This led to the activity stopping. Find out more about Sussex Pathwatch at www.pathwatch.info.

Diary Reminder: A Planning & Environs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May and the Annual Full Council Meeting will be held on 27th May; both meetings held in the Reading Room at Chailey Green starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chailey Parish Council



UP-DATE ON STORM DRAINS/JAMMED COVERS AND GULLIES

Since my last note in the Parish News, residents have contacted me to report that in their view, the information I received from Planned Maintenance was incorrect and stated that these works had not been done.

Acting on this information, I immediately contacted Planned Maintenance and reported this complaint and asked that the works should be done as a matter of priority. I also requested to see the original contractor's paperwork for the job. Local residents report that the drains were emptied within a few days of my request. Thanks to all residents who alerted me to this problem.

COUNCIL TAX IN CHAILEY – NEW – SPECIAL EXPENSES

For the third successive year, our District Council Tax has been frozen by the current administration and a new system that is much fairer for Chailey residents has been introduced. Previously, all residents in the district would pay equally for all of the District Council's open spaces wherever they are located. This meant that part of the council tax

of a resident of Chailey would be paying for open spaces and parks in Lewes town or on the coast - for example. The result is that a Chailey Band D taxpayer is £19.45 better off from 1st April – every little bit helps.

CHAILEY COMMON – Lewes District Council has a duty to manage, preserve and protect all common land regulated by the Scheme

It is important to note that the 1899 Commons Act and Scheme of Regulation of Local Commons (1915) are still in place. There is currently no power to amend or revoke the scheme. Chailey Common does not fall into the District Council open space category and it is their duty to maintain the Commons free from all encroachments, trespass, administer bylaws, protect and preserve the flora, fauna and amenity of common land. It is a designated Local Nature Reserve (1966) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest, managed by the Countryside Management Team, East Sussex County Council.

CHAILEY SCHOOL

Chailey School performs at the upper end of the County’s performance tables which is why so many families want their children to get a place. County Councillor Jim Sheppard and I give full support to our excellent, local secondary school and its small size is part of its success – coupled with excellent teaching and dedicated staff. As far as transportation, it seems to me that schools in rural areas need services in tune with their locations and communities – better value for money, tailor-made community transport options could be considered.

Cllr. Sharon Davy email sharondavy@lewes.gov.uk Telephone: 01444 831336

Chailey Police Report

	January	February	March	Total
Thefts	4	1		5
Vehicle Crime	2	1		3
Burglary		2	2	4
Criminal Damage	2	2	1	5
Violence		1	1	2
Other	35	23	18	76
RTC	4	4	5	13
Total	47	34	27	

Burglary - This continues to be a district concern. There have regrettably been a few burglaries to dwellings aswell as outbuildings across the district over the last 2 months. We encourage everyone to report any suspicious vehicles or behaviour to police as soon as possible if it is witnessed. If you would be interested in a home security visit please contact your local officer.

Cold callers – Reports have been made of regular cold calling recently. This has mainly been through phone calls but occasionally there have been reports of home visits. Please remember never to give personal information over the phone unless you know for sure who you are giving it to. Never allow door callers in to your house unless they have a valid ID badge and a genuine reason to request entry (meter reading etc). Any concerns then please call police.

Oil theft - There have been a few recent reports of heating oil theft across the district. Please make sure that your oil tank security is checked. Oil tank alarms are one of the more effective methods to protecting your tank. If you would like a home visit to discuss oil tank security please contact your local officer.

Vehicle crime - The reports of vehicle crime continue across the district and include theft from or damage to vehicles. The main problem has been theft from vehicles and we encourage residents to remove all valuables from your vehicle when it is not in use. In particular never leave handbags or sat navs on display as these are the main items reported stolen. Chailey common was a high priority target for vehicle crime a few months ago and continues to be monitored to try and prevent further issues.

Weather - The weather recently has caused a number of problems from floods to trees being blown down. Residents are encouraged to use caution when the weather turns poor. Take extra care when out in the poor weather especially if you are driving. Be cautious on flooded roads, if the water looks deep do not attempt to drive through as there have been a few vehicles that have recently gotten stuck in flood water.

Community speedwatch – The Chailey CSW team have proven very proactive since going live. The team have been trying to deploy as regular a possible and have been using sites along Mill lane, the A275 and the A272. Most recently the team have been authorised to monitor traffic along the A275 near the village shop. This site has been requested for considerable time. The team welcome new volunteers and anyone is welcome to join. All training is conducted by PCSO Knowles.

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 **07787685708** 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

Defibrillator Appeal

As I reported in a past Chailey News we are providing two defibrillators for Chailey. For those of you who have no idea what a defibrillator is here is an explanation. It is a piece of medical equipment which is vital in restarting the heart after a heart attack has occurred. The equipment we shall be buying will be usable by anyone with no prior knowledge. On opening it will talk to you and take you through the procedures. It will even give you instructions on carrying out chest compressions and monitor the timing and depth of these chest compressions. One will be sited at The Kings Head and the other in the vicinity of the Chailey Free Church. No fixed abode has been found yet. The cost of providing these two PADs (Public Access Defibrillators) is proving a funding problem. Each one costs with a weatherproof case (they have to be accessible 24hours) around £1300. We are applying for funding from Chailey Parish Council, and we have obtained £200.00 from the Police Property Act Fund. We have also applied to another charity for funding. But this still leaves us short of quite an amount of cash. We are hoping that with the generosity of Chailey residents we will achieve our target of £2600.

If you feel that you can contribute then please send your donation to The Treasurer, Trevor Burgess, Little Bretts, Goldbridge Road, Newick, BN8 4LD. Cheques should be made payable to The Friends Of Newick Health Centre. Thank you.

Peter Todd, Chairman/Hon.Sec

Bee swarms... what do I do?

This winter wasn't so cold, although very wet. Honey bees that have survived the winter may well be thinking of expanding by the month of May. They do this by swarming.

If you see such a wonderful sight, please don't be afraid. Keep a little distance and watch nature at work. They have usually eaten loads of honey before they left the hive to sustain them on their journey, so are very placid albeit noisy. They will settle somewhere in a huge ball (between the size of a rugby ball or melon).

Please do not consider calling a pest control person to kill these precious insects. Bees are struggling enough with pesticides, poor weather and lack of forage due to more intensive farming. I am more than happy to come and remove these bees. I do not charge, but a donation to my charity is always gratefully received. I live in Newick but will travel to recover swarms. I also am happy to give talks about bee keepingschools a favourite of mine, where I take a sealed observation hive so children can get up close and personal.

Heather McNiven Tel. 07792551413 or 01825 722066

NADFAS

Newick & District Decorative and Fine Art Society

Plumpton Village Hall Tuesday May 13th 2014 at 2.15

PETRA the lost kingdom of the Nabataeans.

Petra famous as ' the rose red city half as old as time,' is steeped in history. It is, according to Arab tradition, the place where Moses struck a rock with his staff and water flowed, and it has been a UNESCO Heritage Site since 1985. But who were these Nabataeans who hewed this magnificent city out of the solid rock? They were originally nomads trading in frankincense and spices but, to control the caravan routes, they needed a centre and Petra, hidden away in a natural gorge was the perfect solution. They stayed for over four hundred years building over 800 individual monuments, tombs, baths, funerary halls, temples, and arched gateways. And then, as quickly as they had arrived, they disappeared and after a little while so did their city and it was only rediscovered in 1812.

Our lecturer Geoffrey Toms trained at Cambridge University and has devoted his lifetime to the ancient world. For twenty years he was Head of Education at the Museum of London which gave him a unique and special expertise in the understanding of the great city.

Visitors are always welcome to our lectures, the cost is £7 on the door with 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.

Annette Shelford

Welcome to your local Children's Centre!

What is a Children's Centre?

A Children's Centre is a place where parents-to-be and families of children aged 0-5 can come and meet other families and receive information, advice and support. Most of all, it is a place you can come and have fun with your children!

We run groups from play sessions and music groups to grandparent groups and twins clubs. There is something for everyone and most of the sessions that we run are free so you can drop in to any group and just join in!

We also have child health clinics so you can come and have your baby weighed by a health visitor and ask any questions you might have about your child's health. If you have any queries about your child's speech or language, we have support for that too.

Children's Centres can offer opportunities for learning, training and even gaining a qualification. Most of the courses we provide are free and available with a free crèche for your children.

Our buildings are now also available for community hire so if you have a children's party or a meeting you would like a venue for, please contact one of our offices for our competitive rates.

Children's Centres are here to provide what local families need so we are always interested in your feedback about the services we provide.

If you want to find out what's going on at your local children's centre and get an up to date programme of events and activities or any more information about anything in this article, please contact your local Children's Centre on:

Lewes: 01273 336870; Ringmer: 01273 336950; Chailey: 01273 336940

or email: childrenscentres.lewescluster@eastsussex.gov.uk

Chailey Bonfire Society

Aprils 100 Club winner was No 47 – Glenda Taylor

An Urgent call for assistance – Is there is anyone out there who has knowledge of electric knitting machines and would be willing to assist our secretary Diane Palmer to set up a machine we have been giving in order to knit bonfire jumpers. If you are able to help please contact Diane on 07773935403 or email Secretary@chaileyBonfire.co.uk.

Chailey Bonfire Society AGM will be held at the meeting rooms on 21st May 2014 at 8pm.

At the time of writing our St Georges fete is due to take place shortly, I hope you all managed to come along and enjoy yourselves. I will provide an update in Mays report.

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> and ask to join.

Chailey Bonfire Society Email: contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Charity Tabletop Fair

Don't miss this CHARITY TABLETOP FAIR on Saturday 10thth May : from 10am to 12.30pm NEWICK BARN CENTRE (next to Newick Parish Church – BN4 8JZ)
SEE YOU THERE !

Montfort's March

"Montfort's March" is a new site-specific play produced by The Company (East Chiltington based Theatre Company), to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Lewes. The Company specialise in site-specific theatre, creating plays to be performed anywhere, but in a theatre.

"Montfort's March" takes place on the South Downs, between East Chiltington & Lewes. The audience meet at a bus stop in Lewes & then will be bussed to the edge of Warningore Wood, where Simon de Montfort camped the night before the Battle of Lewes in 1264. On arrival, the audience become, along with the actors, Montfort's army, & will be marched up & over the South Downs to Lewes to fight Henry III, while the play happens all around them.

There are 8 public performances on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th & 18th May, with all performances starting at 2pm, except the special twilight performance on the anniversary of the Battle on 14th May, which starts at 6pm.

Tickets are available over the phone from the Lewes Tourist Information Centre, Tel 01273 483 448 & the Brighton Festival Fringe, www.brightonfringe.org

For all the performances the audience meet at the Public Bus Stop on A275/Nevill Rd by Nevill Crescent, BN7 1NA. Further details at www.thecompanyuk.com

Wivelsfield FILMS

Wivelsfield Village Hall, off Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green RH17 7QG

Free, easy parking at the hall

Sunday, 18 May 2014. Doors/licenced bar: 7pm, film: 7.30pm

The Railway Man (15) Drama Biography

Director: Jonathan Teplitzky, 2014. **Starring:** Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman

Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks served before the film and during the interval.

Tickets £5.50 on the door, in advance from the Post Office & Village Stores or The Cock Inn, or online via the Facebook page for Wivelsfield Films or wivelsfieldfilms.wordpress.com

Newick Cinema

A brand new community based venture that is going to bring the very best and most popular, recent films to Newick, where **everyone** can enjoy them in the Newick Village Hall facilities at sensible prices. Just buy a ticket in advance or on the night, turn up and enjoy a big movie on a big screen. This is a joint fund raising venture by the Village Hall and a range of local Clubs and Societies to provide top quality entertainment that doesn't involve having to go outside the village.

Those essential refreshments will be available (homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks (alcoholic, soft and hot). There will be six films shown on Sundays this year so this is your chance to see the ones everybody talked about but you couldn't get to see.. until now!

First Film: The Railway Man (15) (116 minutes) Starring; Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman. Director: Jonathan Teplitzky

Where: Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LE. When: 25 May 2014

Time: Doors/ Licenced Bar 7pm Film starts 7.30pm. There will be an interval for refreshments. Tickets: £6 on the door or in advance by emailing detailed request to newickcinema@outlook.com or ringing 01825 723392

Burgess Hill Symphony Orchestra

Our concert on Saturday 10th May at 7.30 pm in St. Andrews' Church, Junction Road, Burgess Hill is music by Liszt and Brahms. The programme includes:

Academic Festival Overture - Brahms; St. Anthony Variation on a theme by Haydn; Symphony No.1 in C minor; Hungarian Rhapsody No.2 - Liszt. Tickets in advance from members or 01444 232067 are £11 or on the door @ £13. We now have five members in this area and we welcome your support and hope you enjoy the evening.

Monica Todd - 01825 722 660

Newick Country Market is held every Friday from 10am until 11am in Newick Village Hall on the A272. We now have a selection of charcuterie available each week which is produced locally. We have a wide selection of plants available for you to choose from. Vegetables will also be more plentiful this month, and there is always a good selection of cakes and savoury items as well as eggs, preserves and locally produced cheeses. We also have greetings cards, knitted items, paintings and animal portraits. Orders can be taken for any of the above. Come along early as many items sell out fast, and, if you wish to, when you have finished shopping stay for a cup of tea or coffee and chat with friends.

Information and orders 01825 768544

Open Day at Plumpton College

in association with the Sussex Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Saturday 10th May 2014 10am - 5pm. £5 Adult. £3 Senior Citizen. FREE entry for under 16s. Equine displays, Forestry demonstrations, Craft & trade fair, plant sales & much more.

Tel 01273 890454 www.plumpton.ac.uk

Latchetts Garden Openings 2014

The Open Days will be Fridays & Saturdays May 30 & 31, June 20 & 21, July 18 & 19, August 8 & 9 from 1.30 – 5.30 pm, entrance £5, and children are free. Delicious Cream Teas are £5. Tea helpers in July will be from, and their takings for, our Church. In May it will be for Family Support Work. The charity called LIVABILITY will also be opening on Saturday July 12th.

We have a new Sensory Garden, enlarged Fern Stumpery, altered Water Garden and a few other improvements/alterations. We have put the entrance fee up for private visits (to £10) because we can no longer cope with 4, 5 or even 6 a week between the Open Days. However we could be flexible about this if we find we are not getting enough!

The garden does have very good reputation so if you are considering visiting do make a date in your diaries or maybe book a private visit with friends or a group (20-60). We look forward to welcoming you all.

Laurence & Rebeka Hardy Tel. 01825 790237. rebekahardy@gmail.com. RH17 7HQ

Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

Do not miss production of "**Blithe Spirit**" an improbable farce by Noel Coward. **Performance dates: 7th – 10th May 2014.** Curtain up 8.00 pm - Doors open 7.15 pm. For your added enjoyment there will be a Bar and raked seating with cushions **Tickets £9. Box Office:** 01825 722359 / 01825 722985

Email: info@newickdrama.org or direct from Newick Butchers or at the door on performance nights.