

Chailey News

Free



May 2024

The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Hérons 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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St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

MAY SERVICES 2024

Sunday 5th May *The sixth Sunday of Easter*
8am AT NEWICK
10am Parish Communion (Revd Mundy)

Sunday 12th May *The Sunday after Ascension*
8am AT NEWICK
10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th May *Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 26th May *Trinity Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP) (Revd Mundy)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 2nd June *The first Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

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

Rectors Ramble

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the May edition of our Church & Community Magazine. I love the month of May, two bank holidays is always a blessing and it's our wedding anniversary phew! But I especially love May because for the last 8 years (except during the pandemic), St Mary's have taken a group of young people from Newick & Chailey to the Diocese of Chichester Youth Festival called 'May Camp.' This event is held each year at Plumpton Racecourse over the second Bank Holiday. In our first year we took 6 young people, this year we are taking 32 and one of those original six will be up on stage the whole weekend as a May Camp Leader, in fact this will be the third year that one of our young people have been on the main stage in a leadership role, which is a great reflection on our rural youth.

May Camp brings together hundreds of young people from across the Chichester Diocese for a bank holiday weekend of worship, teaching, discipleship, sports, games, music and more!

This year we're exploring what it means to go on a journey of faith, looking deeper into what it's like to love our neighbour, in the context of the Christian faith. We've got a line-up of inspiring talks, a range of interactive seminars, and space to experience and engage in worship and prayer in different and exciting ways.

Here are what two of our May Campers from 2023 have said:

May Camper 1: I go to May Camp because it gives me a chance to build core memories with my friends as I have over the last couple years I have been going ; it's not just the big things either that build the memories , it's the times where we'd all come together in the evening when we didn't want to go to sleep so we'd sit around in the marquee with hot chocolates warming our hands all of us talking about the randomness things it was be so silent yet so much chatter was happening , it's the laying out in the campsite trying to catch the last warm breeze of the evening before the sun set and being able to see the heat rising on the horizon when we were lucky enough to have a heatwave on the weekend.

I love the community how everyone makes you feel welcome and as though you've known them your whole life. How it feels when we all gather into the main marquee for morning worship and evening worship when the songs start to play and even if you don't know all the lyrics it feels like you do (and you definitely do by the end of the weekend), the certain dances and things that go with just the one song that you pick up along the way is always such a memorable thing, it's all very enlightening and freeing in a sense.

All the activities in the day fill up your weekend you barley even notice that it's happened. There are so many things to do, although I think my top three, I've done across the years has been archery, spray painting and the inflatable obstacle course, that I could race for hours on with my friends, and the football tournament has to be up there too, and especially the disco at the end of the weekend, that's the thing that I look forward to the whole time.

It's so incredible how such a few days can create such huge memories and strong connections that really make you feel so happy and connected to everything again.

The first year I went with my friend we felt so at home and enjoyed it so much that the two of us have both continued coming every year (for the last 3). It's a weekend we look forward to all year round, we have brought friends along too, who I think would agree with us that it is such a life fulfilling experience.

This is why I think may camp brings me so much joy.

May Camper 2:

I have been to May Camp twice and I am going again for the third time this year.

This camping trip is such a brilliant weekend away. I get to spend time with friends and meet new people. I especially love this trip as I have made so many good friends.

The activities they provide are great fun. We tried spray painting graffiti, axe throwing, an inflatable obstacle course, as well as the disco on the last night, which is always the best part as everyone has the best time and doesn't stop dancing.

Paul's cooking is amazing, there is always SO much cake and the tuck shop is full of sweets.

It feels like one big family, everyone is so welcoming and friendly.

We couldn't take a group to May Camp if it wasn't for your support and generosity, and our amazing Youth Worker Lee Buck (He is the one in the middle) and our awesome team of volunteers.

As I wrote in the April magazine, at the end of 2023 we asked for your help in funding our Families and Youth Work at St Mary's and St Peter's, and I thanked you for the donations. I've been asked by some you for a bit more information, so our Youth Appeal for 2023 came to over £15,000 from across the two church communities. This goes a long way to enabling us to carry on our Youth Work, which costs us between £32,000 - £40,000 each year. This is solely funded from our Church giving and a Church Mission Fund grant which finishes this year. We currently employ a part time Youth Worker, and we are recruiting for a Families worker this month, again a part time position as budget allows.

Through your continued support we can continue our work with Chailey & Newick young people through our youth clubs, school mentoring and families work, and we hope to be taking many more groups to May Camp in the years to come, as Jesus said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

You can find a link to May Camp to see how much fun we have and you might recognise some faces too. <https://youtu.be/fq7psNlrW-I> <https://www.maycamp.org/>

Have a great month, be joyful, keep the faith and keep doing the little things that make a difference to those you love and those in need.

Rev Paul x

P.S. St Mary's Newick are hosting a Confirmation Service on 30th June with Bishop Will presiding. If you or anyone you know is interested in being Confirmed, please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Pastoral Care Fund

St Peter's church has set up a specific fund to help families in Chailey who are suffering from hardship and difficult circumstances. Help is available to anyone in the village, not just to church members. If you know of anyone who needs financial or material help and who would benefit from access to this fund, please contact Rev'd Paul Mundy, one of the Church Wardens, or email 'stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk'. This fund is ongoing and if you feel you can contribute, however little, it would be very much appreciated.

Donations can be made at any time to the Treasurer or directly to the bank. (Chailey P C C, Sort Code 09-01-55 Account 06923088. Please state 'Pastoral Care Fund'). Cheques can be posted in the letterbox outside St Peter's bell tower or handed to a Church Warden.

If you are able to gift aid your donation, please include a note with your name, address and postcode, or you can email a note to the Treasurer via: 'stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk'.



May Diary

Thursday 2nd - Craft 'n Chat 7pm-9pm

Join us for our monthly meet-up at the church.
Bring along a craft you are working on or join in with our 'craft of the month'.
All are welcome but under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday 13th - Messy Church 4.30pm-6.30pm.

For the whole family (children must bring an adult)
Crafts, games and activities, singing and stories. Finishes with a meal together.
Suggested donation £1 per family.

Thursday 16th - Youth Group 6pm-8pm

For young people in school years 6-11. Fun & games, a tuckshop and a chance to ask big questions about life. Simple meal provided.

Wednesdays - Open Doors 11am-3pm.

Come along for chat, cake and a cuppa! All ages welcome.

Sundays - We meet at 10.30am for a time of worship and we warmly invite you to join us.

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www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Honey Bees

Very soon, hives of bees will be getting crowded, and the bees may decide half of them will leave-taking their queen - and look for a new home.

Yes A SWARM. They are not dangerous, just go indoors and enjoy the spectacle!

Leave them to settle, call me and I will come and remove them - giving them a new safe home.

I don't charge (though you may get a 20 minute talk on how wonderful bees are whilst I wait for them to settle)

I am teaching new people to keep bees so these swarms are lovely for them to begin their exciting hobby.

Thank you

Heather McNiven 07792551413 01825 722066

Chailey Parish Council

Mill Lane A275 Traffic Crossing Feasibility Study Results.

For many years the Parish Council has attempted to achieve a pedestrian crossing at or near the junction of Mill Lane and the A275. The first feasibility study was carried out in 2011 but more recently, the feasibility study undertaken in 2020 looked at two possibilities:

- 1 A controlled crossing on the A275 to the south side of Mill Lane Jct. estimated cost £245,000
- 2 Two uncontrolled pedestrian refuge islands on A275 either side of Mill Lane Jct. estimated cost £85,000

The Parish Council considered the report in 2020 and concluded that the uncontrolled crossing would not be considered safe enough based on the feasibility report, and the controlled crossing would be unaffordable for the Parish Council, so could not realistically be considered.

Nevertheless as there was still a strong desire for a crossing amongst the Councillors and residents and school children who have to cross the A275 regularly, in 2023 we requested a further feasibility report to consider dropped kerbs, tactile paving and footpath improvement, to cross A275 south of Mill Lane.

This 'desk top study' took into account the last speed data collection which was in 2019 which shows drivers mainly (on average) driving at 40mph, which is the speed limit. It also looked at the accident record for the period 2020 – 2023 which showed 1 'slight' accident on Mill Lane. (In fact, if you look at the area of the A275 up to Markstakes and down to Grantham Close, the number rises to 4 'slight' accidents and 1 serious.)

The conclusion of the latest feasibility study is as follows:

'An uncontrolled crossing does not provide precedence to pedestrians; good judgement is required from the pedestrians and pedestrians may have much longer waiting times on busy routes. Elderly, disabled pedestrians or school children may find them difficult to use, particularly on busy routes.

For these reasons, the proposed uncontrolled crossing facilities would not provide the benefits to pedestrians at this location and East Sussex Highways would not recommend that the introduction of an uncontrolled crossing point with dropped kerbs and tactile paving, on the A275 south of the Mill Lane Junction be considered further. The option of a signalled crossing developed in 2011 would be more appropriate at this location.

Regrettably therefore, at the most recent Parish Council Meeting, Councillors accepted that the only crossing of any kind that is likely to meet with ESH approval is a controlled one. In 2020 this was costed at approximately £245,000 which was significantly beyond our reach. It is likely to be considerably more expensive now.

Our available funds are (approximately) £22,000 and although some Community Infrastructure Funds could be bid for from Lewes Council, we fall way short of the necessary funds, even if we were successful in the bidding process.

Additionally, a Controlled Crossing would involve the provision of road lighting on and to the approaches of the crossing facility and councillors are aware that there has in the past been resistance to this from residents who live close to the proposed crossing site. 5 new street lighting columns might be required.

We attach below a link to the latest feasibility report which can be accessed on the Parish Council Website, and we continue to search for viable solutions which include reminding East Sussex Highways and Lewes District Council that as long as planning permission for new developments in Chailey continue to be awarded, thereby increasing both the traffic and the number of residents who wish to cross the A275, a far more meaningful financial contribution will be needed from the developers to insure the future road safety in the area.

Elizabeth Berry

Chair, Chailey Parish Council

<https://chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/mill-lane-a275-traffic-crossing-feasibility-study-results>

A reminder to you all that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Friday 24th May 2024 at the Village Hall, Chailey. All are very welcome to attend. You are invited to arrive from 7.00pm to enjoy light refreshments and to meet with your Council. The meeting will start at 7.30pm. An agenda will be published on the Parish Council website www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk five working days before the meeting.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, a member from the Community Transport Team for Sussex will be speaking on community transport in rural areas; they have asked if residents of Chailey could complete a short survey prior to the meeting, so that they can gauge our needs for local transport. It would be very helpful to have your views, therefore, if you have time, please access the link by going to the Parish Council website or please manually type the link into your browser <https://forms.office.com/e/Yn4tcWd1GF> Or please contact the Clerk at clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk should you require help.

Bettina Newell - Clerk to Chailey Parish Council

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100 Years Ago

From the Parish Leaflet for May 1924

We have all been revelling in the beautiful warm weather that has come at long last. However last Sunday in the midst of a pulpit discourse by a cleric who shall be nameless, the soporific influence of the balmy air acted so strongly on the brain nerves of a particular congregation (also anonymous) that some slumbered and slept and even the organ had to be given a goodly prod before it would take part in the strains of the last hymn.

Moral, let us move the organ to the West end of the Church and have the choir up beside it, with plenty of room for the circulation of the circumambient air, and for the organ officials to breathe in.

Note: Let's hope by the time this goes to print we will all be enjoying warmer weather! Also how many of you have ever used the wonderful word 'circumambient'? Try and see if you can use it in conversation today!

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Maria Caulfield

Local News – Royal Mail Update

Many of you will be aware of issues with Royal Mail letter deliveries over the past few months. I have heard from many concerned residents about delays, which has had a severe impact on people including missed medical appointments and prescriptions.

I am keen to hear from residents if this is improving as I am picking up that in some parts of the constituency a good service is returning but in others it is still very hit and miss. I have met with local posties regularly and been to the Lewes sorting office to see first hand the pressures they are under. Before Christmas staff were not being replaced to cover sickness or leave and vans were being taken away from routine walk routes. I met with local managers to raise concerns from residents and to ask them to urgently look at the situation of staffing and resources.

When things did not improve after Christmas, as a group of Sussex MPs we met in Parliament with senior representatives from Royal Mail so we could discuss the continuing local issues with the service.

Since then Royal Mail have confirmed that they have ended their recruitment freeze and so more posties are now working in each area so residents should start seeing improvements. They have also started hiring more vans so that posties, particularly in rural parts, should again notice the difference.

Since this meeting a few weeks ago there does seem to have been improvements in the service. With most areas in the constituency seeming to have returned to a normal service.

I would encourage anyone who is still experiencing issues with their post to please report it to me at maria.caulfield.mp@parliament.uk so that I can make sure Royal Mail are aware of the situation and can rectify it.

Chailey Repair Café - Music, Music Everywhere !!

With the revival of vinyl records and music cassettes, many of you are now bringing your old record players and cassette decks to us at Chailey Repair Café – usually, they've been up in your loft or gathering dust in your shed!! Here's a few tips before you bring them in to us....

If a power lead is required, please bring it! We can usually find something to fit in our spares box, but it saves time if you have it. Bring any speakers which plug in to the device too please.... Your record player may need a new stylus (the "needle" which plays the record). We don't carry stocks of those as there are so many different types, but an eBay search will help you track down a new one before you visit. With cassette decks, perished small rubber belts inside are the usual culprit – we have stocks of some of those. Oh – and if you don't bring a record or cassette, you'll have to listen to one of ours - ABBA mainly!!!!

Now is the time for us to look at your cycles which will need some attention, as well as mowers, trimmers and hedge cutters. Our amazing fabrics team will also be on hand to tackle clothing repairs, dolls and, of course, teddy bears!

Our 2024 dates are easy to remember – we are open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm (13th April, 11th May, 8 June and so on). Please remember that we can get very busy, so be prepared to wait and enjoy some refreshments while you do so. Only one item at a time please (although you can go round again if there's time) and try not to arrive too late as we may not be able to accommodate you....

Our 2024 posters and flyers with all our dates are available at the Café, so you won't forget. And don't forget to pick up a free car sticker and one of our smart new bamboo pens so you can spread the word!

Chailey Repair Café is part of a world-wide movement where volunteer experts repair things free of charge – although a donation towards running costs is invited. Anyone can bring along broken items or clothing needing repair from home, and have a cuppa and a cake while they wait. Not sure if we can fix your stuff? Contact us at chaileycrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

Chailey Windmill

The Mill and Rural Life Museum opened its doors for the first time on Sunday 28th April - going forward we will now be open from 3pm-5pm, on the last Sunday of every month until September. National Mills Day takes place on Sunday 12th May and the Mill will be open in celebration between 3-5pm.

Last year we were able to welcome over 200 visitors to this fabulous piece of local history. We hope to welcome many more this year. Admission is free but donations are welcome to help support this historic landmark building.

Quick fire question that can be answered on your visit:

In 1935 how much would a cartload of litter cut from the meadow in front of the Mill have cost you?

Answer: to be found on the first floor, clue - look at the photos!

We hope to see you at our wonderful local landmark soon.

For more information please look at our Facebook page: [@ChaileyWindmill](https://www.facebook.com/ChaileyWindmill)

Gail Wickens on behalf of the Chailey Windmill Committee

Chailey Commons Society

The commons are breaking out of the winter shadows with lovely fresh green growth in many shades across the vistas. The rain has continued to fall resulting in the paths remaining soggy and unsuitable in some areas but, with the longer days and warm sunshine, things should improve.

Wildlife refuges: we have set out some advisory refuge boundaries, with one again on Red House Common encompassing the east side of the north slope as before, and two on Memorial Common of which one is a new one taking in the large central area of this common. The area to the west side is set up again as this contains valuable and suitable habitat for the nesting birds. We always recognise that some of our heathland areas are known to be important for ground nesting birds such as Nightjar, and these can be disturbed by walkers and dogs off the main paths. Please look out for any wildlife refuge areas marked out between March and July. Public rights of way will not be affected, and fortunately, there are many established paths across the commons. Your help will be appreciated.

Over the Easter holidays we joined the St Peter's School PTA who set up an Easter Trail with clues displayed around Memorial Common and a crafts afternoon based in the Sports Pavilion. The Windmill was open for an hour as well thanks to the Friends of the Windmill.

The moon will be a full moon on Thursday 23rd May and is called the Flower Moon. The name is given because it coincides with the time of the year when spring flowers are in abundant bloom. For gardeners sowing seeds the New Moon is on Wednesday 8th May. It's said that seeds will absorb more water during the new Moon phase when more moisture is pulled to the soil surface. This causes seeds to swell, resulting in greater germination and better-established plants.

Our meetings continue this month with an evening walk which we are calling a Night-time Safari. We will meet on Tuesday May 28th at Pound Common car park at 8.30.p.m. and explore this common as night falls and look and listen. As dusk falls hopefully we'll enjoy birdsong such as the Song Thrush, Blackbird and maybe the early arrivals of the Nightjar. We will also have our bat detector for checking the flight of these tiny creatures. Bookings in the usual way as numbers are limited.

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

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey Horticultural Society

Our next event is the plant sale on the 18th May in the Village Hall car park between 10am and 12 midday. A wide selection of flower and vegetable plants will be available as well as plenty of advice and good company.

We will also be hosting a stall at the St. George's Day fete on the 27th April.

I think the early part of this year has been very frustrating for gardeners due to the continual rain leading to soggy ground and difficulties in early planting. Hopefully all that has now passed and the arrival of May will bring longer days, warmth and plenty of sunshine.

One of the great treats of late April and May is asparagus. Once the bed is established and after three years harvesting can start. Cut spears when they are 5 to 6 inches tall. Cut obliquely just below ground level. The season last to early June when they should be left to build up strength for the following season. Keep weed free but be careful as asparagus is shallow rooted and weeding is best done by hand. Apply a general fertiliser and leave until the foliage yellows in the autumn. Cut down and apply a good layer of well rotted manure plus if possible seaweed collected after autumn gales as asparagus is a plant of coastal regions.

It is still possible to get a late frost in May though this has become much less likely as a result of changes in the climate. However by the end of May it should be safe to plant out frost tender plants such as tomatoes, courgettes and runner beans.

If growing tomatoes in greenhouse borders plant as deeply as possible, even up to the first true leaves. This ensures that the first truss is low down on the plant and should ensure enough space for six trusses before stopping growth. Always water at the base and avoid wetting the leaves so as to avoid disease. Start feeding as soon as the first truss has set. There may be difficulties in getting the first truss to set so when passing gently tap the truss and use a finger to transfer pollen. Sweet peppers, chillies and aubergine need regular watering and feeding once the fruit has set. They also may benefit from a light spray of warm water to aid setting and deter pests. Watch out for the dreaded aphids!

If space allows greenhouse cucumbers are well worth growing but just two plants will produce an adequate harvest. Choose an all female variety.

With greenhouse grapes allow one shoot per spur and stop two leaves beyond the embryo bunch.

Allow daffodils to die down naturally although this may look untidy.

When adding grass cuttings to the compost heap remember to add plenty of old paper and cardboard to avoid the heap from becoming too soggy.

By the end of May the first strawberries will be ripening and will need protection from slugs and birds.

Remember the plant sale and St. George's Day.

Good Gardening - *Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com 07803179708*

Chailey Cricket Club

In last month's edition it was reported that this is a strange season as our first home match is much later than usual. We do have away matches to satisfy the playing members who have been in the nets since January. Seeing the current (early April) state of the ground our fixtures secretary must have had a premonition by arranging away matches until the end of May. By now we would have been able to roll, cut, fertilise etc our square but those tasks have been impossible until better weather is upon us enabling the ground to recover from the winter rains. We held our Annual Meeting earlier this year with the following taking office:

John Padgham continues as President – no election required

Chair: David Dembrey. Secretary: James Chaplin (taking over from Mike Beard who decided it was time to take a back seat after many years in post – third time around!) Treasurer: Peter Dembrey

Fixtures Secretary: Marc Sellis. Club Safeguarding Officer: Chris McKinnon

Agreed not to increase match fees (£10) or subscriptions (£40) – juniors paying 50%: £5 and £20 respectively. However, because of increased food costs the cost of teas would be £60 per home match, payable to whoever supplies them.

May matches – just a reminder in case you were hoping to pop along – first match is on 5 May away to Cuckfield, starting at 13:00. The following Sunday: 12 May we hope to be at Middleton Manor to play Streat & Westmeston – start time 14:00 whilst our first home match will rock up on 26 May against the Gentlemen of Lewes starting at 13:30. All matches will depend on how quickly the ground recovers from the winter battering and our ability to get the square in playable condition.

Spectators will be very welcome – home or away.

We are still finding gems amongst the British Newspaper archives such as the two-day match played in July 1833 between Uckfield and Chailey. Uckfield scored 30 in their first innings and 53 in their second. Chailey scores were 38 and 27 thus losing overall by 18 runs. It does beg the question what on earth were they doing the rest of the time: two innings apiece realising a total of 148 runs. Something to think about until our next report.

Finally, as always seeking a sponsor as well as anyone who wishes to come and play, score or umpire or assist is preparing the pitches. Contacts are on our website – see below.

Chailey Cricket Club – your village cricket club
www.chailey.play-cricket.com

Chailey Litter Pickers

The Chailey Litter Pickers are a friendly and enthusiastic group of people who do their best to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. You may have seen us in our high-vis jackets doing our regular monthly picks along the roads and verges. Please encourage everyone to help us by taking their litter home with them or using one of the many bins in the area!

The picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. In addition to the regular picks, group members also pick their own areas as and when the need arises. Despite some disappointing incidents of fly tipping in the country lanes and Commons car parks, our aim is to maintain Chailey as a litter-free village.

In April we supported Chailey Bonfire Society at their St Georges Fete by picking the field both during and after the event. We also supported St Peters School at their Easter event at the Sports Field, N Chailey. Some of the group offered an activity for children in which they could learn a little about how they can help to look after their local environment, as well as having some fun at the same time.

We welcome new people to the group who are interested in helping to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. Bin liners will be provided, as well as high-vis vests, gloves, grabbers, and hoops for those that need them. The more the merrier! Children over the age of 11 years are also welcome, but need to have an adult with them. Two students from Chailey School have taken part in litter-picking in Chailey for a number of weeks as part of their Duke of Edinburgh awards. We are very keen to encourage young people to join our group, whether as regular pickers or as part of their studies. The next group pick is on Friday 17 May from 10.00am starting from the Sports Ground at North Chailey. This will be followed by an informal get together with coffee and cake, outside if the weather allows. More information about the Chailey Litter Pickers and future picking dates can be found on www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers

Sarah Droscher

Chailey Evening WI

Last month members and visitors enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mike Ramsey, chair of the Lewes Swift Supporters Group, on the initiatives in Lewes to promote swifts, which include monitoring nest sites and installing boxes. Mike also explained how the initiatives have benefited the breeding population. Members also learnt of the need to provide suitable habitats for house martins and swallows whose populations are also in decline. The WI meet next at the village hall on Tuesday May 7, at 730pm, for their Annual Meeting when the committee for the year will be decided. All are welcome; all that is asked for is a voluntary contribution towards delicious homemade refreshments. For more information call Mandy Dembrey on 0754 6592739.

Chailey Bonfire Society

Our St George's Fete is on Saturday 27th April and is open from 12pm – 4pm. Join us for a fun family day out, with stalls, Swords of Albion Re-enactment, car show, dog show, hot food, bar and more. There is still time to book a stall/car boot space - please contact Claire on 07985 112968 or yasmin.black93@gmail.com for more information. Stalls are £12 per 3mx3m pitch. Bookings are also being taken for the vintage car show, so if you have a vehicle you would like to show, please contact us to guarantee a space. Registration for the dog show will start at 12pm on but you can pre-register by contacting Diane secretary@chaileybonfire.co.uk for a registration form. Entry is £1.50 per dog (except pair class). Rosettes for 1st-3rd places. We look forward to seeing you. Our 100 club winner for this month was number 61 – John Smith. Congratulations John and thank you for your support. If you shop online, you can help raise funds for Chailey Bonfire by signing up to the link below. Over 4000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use this link for your online shopping. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chaileybonfiresociety/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Citizens Advice Drop In

Citizens Advice are offering a Drop In advice session at Chailey St Peter's Church on Friday May 17th 10 30 am -12am.

Information and advice can be accessed on Cost of Living, Benefits, Debt, Housing, Work Relationships and so much more.

This is a great opportunity to get easy access to advice locally without having to travel long distances for appointments. We look forward to welcoming you to a friendly environment and have refreshment while you wait.

Local transport can be provided by Newick Good Neighbours Service from Chailey Newick and Fletching please ring 07933096033

Many thanks

Bea Annis (Church Warden St Peter's Chailey)

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Plumpton Flower Club

We are very pleased to welcome Ben Cross who will be giving a talk entitled "British Flowers Rock!" (Alstroemerias & The British Flower Industry) on Wednesday 15th May commencing at 7.30pm at Plumpton Village Hall. Members £3, visitors £8 including refreshments.

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Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society

The Civic Hall, Uckfield, May 8th 2.30 Rosamund Bartlett: The Culture of Ukraine

At any time, this would be a wonderful lecture, but in the present situation it must surely be very poignant. Rosamund will tell us how art and architecture have evolved in this now shattered country. The many multi cultures that have, over the centuries, influenced Ukrainian art even today. Secret codes in ancient embroidery, Cossack dancing even the national dish of Borsch, all have had their say!

Rosamund is a cultural historian, author and translator. She has written biographies of Tolstoy, Chekhov, Wagner and a translation of my favourite book, Anna Karenina. She has also contributed regularly to the BBC Proms and opera broadcasts.

We are in the Civic Hall Uckfield, parking is free and the lecture will start promptly at 2.30. The cost is £7 but if you are interested in joining, please contact me. We look forward to welcoming you to what I am know will be a most colourful and musical experience.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Newick Cinema

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Our next show is on 26th MAY 2024. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "BACK TO BLACK". As always 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. You can also just come along at 7pm and buy a ticket on the door; the film will start at 7:30pm.

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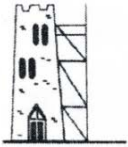
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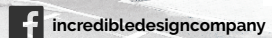
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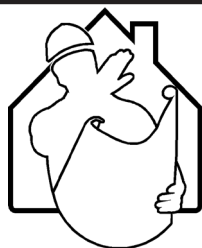
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