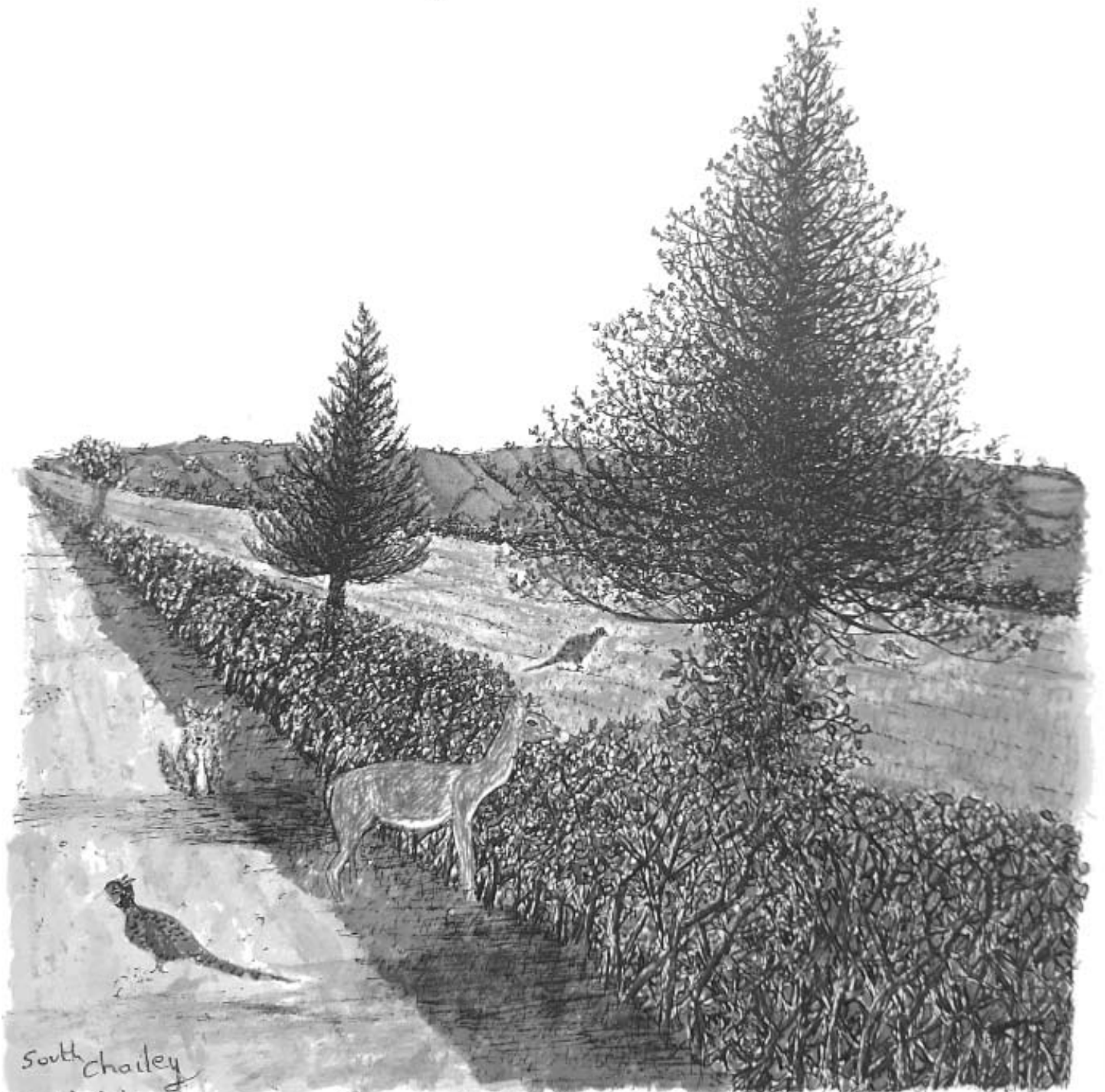


# Chailey News December 2019

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# The Church of St Peter

## Parish of Chailey



### WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

**PRIEST IN CHARGE:** The Parish is in Interregnum

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### CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

**Contacts:** Mr Roger Nutley 01273 890114  
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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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# DECEMBER SERVICES 2019



**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

## **Sunday 1st December *ADVENT SUNDAY***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family Communion

## **Sunday 8th December *The second Sunday of Advent***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am CHRISTINGLE

## **Sunday 15th December *The third Sunday of Advent***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6pm Carol Service

## **Sunday 22nd December *The fourth Sunday of Advent***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

## **Tuesday 24th December *Christmas Eve***

3pm Crib Service

11pm Midnight Communion

## **Wednesday 25th December *CHRISTMAS DAY***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Christmas Family Service

## **Sunday 29th December *The first Sunday of Christmas***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

## **Sunday 5th January *The second Sunday of Christmas***

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.



This year, Sunday the first of December is also the beginning of Advent, when the 'countdown to Christmas' really begins: Advent Sunday, the start of the season in which we prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, and the day we light the first candle on our Advent wreath in church. Advent always begins on the Sunday nearest November 30th, (the feast day of St. Andrew the

Apostle), and covers four Sundays. Advent Sunday can be from the 27th November (which it was in 2016) to the 3rd December (which it was in 2017). Advent only starts on the 1st December when Christmas Day is on a Wednesday (which will happen this year). Because the day it begins changes from year to year, so does the length of each Advent season.

No-one is really sure when Advent was first celebrated but it dates back at least to the year 567 when monks were ordered to fast during December leading up to Christmas. Even in medieval times, in parts of England, there were early forms of Nativity scenes called 'advent images' or 'vessel cups'. They usually consisted of a box, often with a glass lid that was covered with a white napkin, which contained two dolls representing Mary and the baby Jesus. The box was decorated with ribbons, flowers and sometimes apples, and they were carried around from door to door. It was thought to be very unlucky if you hadn't seen a box before Christmas Eve! People were expected to pay the box carriers a halfpenny to see inside the box.

In church at this time, most of us eagerly anticipate the singing of carols, both traditional and modern. The word carol is derived from the Old French word *carole*, which was a circle dance accompanied by singers. Carols were very popular as dance songs from the 1150s to the 1350s, after which their use expanded as processional songs sung during festivals, while others were written to accompany religious mystery plays, such as one of our favourites, the 'Coventry Carol', which was written before 1534.

There are some songs that we know as Christmas Carols that are really 'Advent Carols'. These include 'People Look East', 'Come, thou long expected Jesus', 'Lo! He comes, with clouds descending' and perhaps the most popular Advent song 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel!'

Much like the Christmas Tree tradition, the Germans were the first to use Advent calendars. In the 19th Century, German Christians often counted down to Christmas by marking 24 chalk lines on a door and rubbing one off every day in December. Commercial Advent calendars first became popular in Germany in the early 1900s, although people frequently made their own from the 1850s. They soon became very popular all over the western world. However, during World War II, the production of Advent calendars stopped due to a shortage of cardboard. I remember as a young child in the 1960s opening each window of our advent calendar, which was recycled annually, and gazing with delight not on a chocolate, but simply on the tiny, pretty Christmas picture behind. The first calendar with chocolate in it appeared in shops in 1958, although they only became really popular in the 1980s.

Now, today, millions of households all over the world will have opened the first window of their Advent Calendar, the styles of which are as varied as the people who buy, or make, them (and, interestingly, most calendars these days have no reference at all to the birth of Christ). There are Advent Calendars used to sell and promote different products including perfumes, alcohol and beauty products. You can even get advent calendars for pets, with dog or cat treats in them! The world's largest advent calendar was made in 2007 at St Pancras Station in London. It was 71m tall and 23m wide and celebrated the refurbishment of the station. Perhaps some of you saw it? The most expensive advent calendar ever (so far...) was made in 2010 by a jewellers in Belgium. It was made of 24 glass tubes each containing some diamonds and silver and it was worth about £2.1 million! I hope it was put to good use!

At St Peter's we will be celebrating Advent and the Christmas seasons in a variety of lovely services, some of which will have special appeal for families with young children such as 'Christingle', and the Crib Service. Take a look at the dates listed on our 'December Services' page in this magazine. We also have our much anticipated annual Christmas visit of the wonderful choir, 'Coro Nuovu', on Dec 7th, when we will be treated to Part One of The Messiah, as well as a mix of other seasonal songs. However you do your 'countdown to Christmas', please come and enjoy these special occasions with us: you will be warmly welcomed!

Have a very happy Advent and 'Christ'-mas, from all at 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](mailto:stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

## December Parish Register 2019

Deaths	William (Bill) Harris	23rd October 2019
	Eric Wilkins	23rd October 2019

## Chailey Litter Pickers

### **1357 bags so far!**

You never know what you are going to come across when out litter picking. We regularly pick up car hub caps and those magnetic learner driver signs are a waste of money as we pick up a lot of those too. Very occasionally someone picks up a coin or £5 note but last month's pick resulted in something of much greater value. On the curve of the A272 near Holford Manor I found a large plastic yellow carrying case. Inside was a piece of equipment of some sort. I took it home along with my bags of litter and showed it to my husband. It turned out to be a laser level devise used in ground works and construction. It was in full working order and a check on the internet told us it was worth about £600. My other half got into his best detective mode and set about trying to find out who owned it, and had lost it. A day later a courier arrived to pick it up from our house and return it to a very grateful company; job well done!

We were delighted on Sunday 10th November to help Chailey Bonfire Society clean up the parade route and field after the Bonfire celebrations. Well done Bonfire Society on another great event, despite the weather you did us proud!

Next Group Litter Pick: Thursday 19th December meeting at 10am at Pound Common car park.

For more information contact Janet Caughley on 01273 400785 or [janetcaughley@gmail.com](mailto:janetcaughley@gmail.com)

# Christmas at Chailey Free Church

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

## Sunday Services

1st	10:30a	
8th	10:30a	6:30p
15th	10:30a	6:30p
22nd		4pm
29th		6:30p

2<sup>nd</sup>

### Messy Christingle Service

4:30pm, **Monday** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Service followed by a tea  
Christingles provided



20<sup>th</sup>

### Coffee Stop Party & Carols

10am, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Coffee & Carols



22<sup>nd</sup>

### Carol Service

4pm, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Service followed by a tea  
Helped by **Messy Church**



25<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Day

10:30am, 25<sup>th</sup> December  
A short service to share this  
special day with your family



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

# Christmas Concert

Messiah (Part 1) and seasonal favourites. Performed by Coro Nuovo. Musical Director Andrew Rees Saturday 7th December 2019 7.00pm - St Peter's Church, Chailey Green BN8 4DA. Email [tickets@coronuovo.org.uk](mailto:tickets@coronuovo.org.uk) Phone 01444 717320 [coronuovo.org.uk/tickets](http://coronuovo.org.uk/tickets)

## Do You Enjoy Singing?

At St Peter's Church we have a small but able choir, led by Andrew Rees, our musical director. We sing at the Sunday 10am service and have a weekday practice on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. We have a wide range repertoire, but are also chilled out, friendly and we have fun. If you feel you would like to join us, or give us a try, please contact a churchwarden. We don't make every Sunday, no one can, but we turn up whenever we are able. We have several times in the church year when we use our music to celebrate the season and a number of singers join us to boost numbers.

## Christmas Market at St Peter's Church

Chailey Green, 30th November 2019 10am-2pm. Come and meet Father Christmas. Entry £2.00 to include Seasonal Refreshments.

Stalls to include: Wine Tasting from Bluebell Vineyard, Art from Local Artists, Pete's Pantry Homemade Cake & Sweets, Handmade Seasonal Cards & Gifts, Rowdy and Fancy Chocolates, Handbags, Nose to Tail Butchers, Generation 11 Gin, Children's Toys, Deerview Chutneys, Hayley's Fudge, Hand Knitted Items, Face Painting and many other stalls!

## The Rob & Ann Bequest

The Rob & Ann bequest has invested £50,000 to yield £2-2,500 p.a. to help young people start their working lives, tools, equipment & fees to vocational courses and give a bonus at Christmas to the aged, infirm and lonely. Request in writing R & A Bequest, Bineham Garden, N. Chailey BN8 4DD

*Best wishes, Rob & Ann*

## From the Parish Leaflet December 1919

A very interesting and instructive Lecture on France was given in the Parish Room by Miss Bell. Illustrated by lantern slides the lecturer thrilled the audience by the graphic description she gave of the ruthless havoc wrought by the Germans and by the dauntless bravery and resourcefulness shown by the men and women of France. The pictures were excellent, those of the beautiful cathedrals making us realise more fully of the wanton crimes committed by their destruction.

*Note: The lantern slide originated in the 17th Century. The earliest were hand painted and very popular at country fairs. However Miss Bell would have been able to take advantage of the many photographs available at the time.*

*Annette Shelford*

# Chailey Commons Society

As another year draws to a close, the commons are now in winter mode with the bracken collapsed once again and paths and vistas have opened. The restored areas continued to fill with fresh growth and the scrapes are showing new heather plants to form the lovely heathland landscape. The work continues to cut and roll the bracken areas and the birch will receive attention in due course.

Our Besom Broom making, and sales, continued in October, making really good use of the available material on the common. Our thanks to those involved for their help and good work and we will be continuing this in 2020. We hope to have birch cutting days in January on Pound Common on Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th between 10.00.a.m. – 3.00.p.m. Look out for details and posters and come along and help us.

For our Fungus Foray on Pound Common we welcomed Melissa Waddingham for a return visit. Her enthusiasm and knowledge about the various fungi is amazing and we were treated to a lovely informative afternoon of discovery of the fruiting bodies of this fascinating kingdom. Owing to the seasonal rains the numbers of fungus were numerous and extensive, perhaps the best for a few years.

There is no indoor meeting in December so our next one will be on Thursday January 9th, 2020 at 7.30.p.m. when we welcome Steve Alton giving a talk 'Managing people and stock on Ashdown Forest'. Steve works as a conservator on Ashdown Forest and has expert knowledge to share with us about this famous ancient and well-known local heathland. Parking and refreshments and visitors welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

It is good to see that the rubbish bins provided are being well used and that dog owners are taking care to use them appropriately. This is essential for practical and health reasons to help prevent the spread of diseases.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*

## Chailey Parish Council

A272 Western Road through Newick: between Goldbridge and Allington Road is expected to be closed at night between 7PM and 6AM until December 13th for carriageway works. For further information on this and other roadworks, actual or planned, see [www.roadworks.org\\_eastsussex](http://www.roadworks.org_eastsussex)

**Highways meeting:** your Parish Council met with Highways on October 21st. A detailed Record of the meeting will be found on the Council's website.

- Highways reported that they were working to propose a crossing facility at the Junction of Warrs Hill and A275, to help pedestrians cross to the footpath leading to services at the King's Head crossroads. They anticipate a Road Safety Audit early in the New Year.
- A request to drop kerbs and facilitate wheelchair access along the footpath between the King's Head and Chailey Heritage had been passed for detailed work.
- It was agreed to commission two Traffic Surveys at the junction Mill Lane/A275; these were essential preliminaries to any design work and had been delayed by major roadworks at the junction. The eventual design will determine the approximate cost of a pedestrian crossing at this point, and the Parish Council will then have to consider what funds may be available.
- We also discussed possible ways to link the footpaths along the A275 South



Street and Markstakes Corner onwards. Given that the crossing at Mill Lane remains the Council's priority, no easy solution suggested itself and it may be advisable to commission a Feasibility Study to consider the problem.

**Jubilee map:** to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 the Parish Council commissioned an illustrated map of Chailey to be given to each household to mark this historic occasion. However, several new households have moved into the village in recent years and it may be that they would like a copy of the Jubilee Map of Chailey. These are still available and are free-of-charge to residents. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk to request one.

*Chailey Parish Council*

## Bee Keeping

I am running a few tuition days next March/April if you fancy coming to one to learn how to become a beekeeper. Starting at 9am with bee biology, and continuing with equipment needed, what's in the hive, what do they do all day, diseases, swarm control, harvesting honey, flowers and the environment ending about 4pm with Q/A- after we have looked in a hive at the real thing! Bee jackets provided  
Email me for dates and prices.

*Heather McNiven - heathermcniven@btinternet.com*

## Cattle Grid Cleaning

East Sussex Highways will be cattle grid cleaning on Beggars Wood Road, Chailey. Works will start on Monday 2nd December 2019 and continue for 5 days.

During this time, Beggars Wood Road will be closed from A275 to North Common Road between 7am & 7pm. Traffic will be diverted via A275, A272, North Common Road & vice versa. Please see our website for further information: <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/roadworks/beggars-wood-road-cattle-grids>.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd December when our speaker will be Gilly Halcrow on Our Christmas Traditions. Gilly has been to speak to us before so we know we will have an excellent evening.

In November Malcolm Wells MBE gave us an extremely interesting and amusing talk on his most varied life, leading up to him being the national speaker for charities. He told us he left school with only one GCSE in music, but that led to him joining the army and being lead cellist for the symphony orchestra, frequently playing at Buckingham Palace for Royal State banquets, and also at Wembley Stadium for an international football match. On retirement from his 24 year army career, which took him on active service to Iraq, Kuwait, Northern Ireland and elsewhere, he became a fund raiser for various charities, being awarded the MBE in the process. He now travels throughout the country giving talks and raising money. A funny story he told us concerned a charity training dogs to help people with disabilities, he said it takes 18 months to train a dog, but the dog chooses the partner he will go to. One young ex-rugby player who had broken his back in the game and was permanently in a wheelchair said he fancied one of the two labradors they had, thought his image down the pub would be helped by a labrador. However, when the dogs came in the labradors went straight past him, as did the retrievers until the last dog remained - a poodle. This one rushed straight up to him, picking up his ball to put it into his lap! Several years later the two

are inseparable.

A couple of weeks before that Chailey WI hosted one of the regular Group meetings where WI members from neighbouring Institutes join us for a speaker and afternoon tea. This time we had Hamish Brown who had retired from his career in the Metropolitan Police where he was involved in stalking crimes. He outlined some of the cases he had taken part in as well as giving us advice on how best to deal with stalking. He donated the fee we gave him to the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Chailey Village Hall when we are always pleased to welcome new members or guests who wish to come along. For the nominal sum of £3 you can listen to the speaker and enjoy some home made refreshments.

*Margaret Smith 01825 723519*

## **Chailey Horticultural Society**

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and productive new year. December is a month with many distractions away from the garden. However though there may be little to do in the way of planting there is much to do in the way of planning. This starts at the end of December with pruning of apples, pears, quince, greenhouse grapes and wisteria. But not stone fruit bearing trees such as apricot, plum and nectarine which should be pruned in the summer months when the sap is rising to avoid silver leaf and other diseases. Grapes are pruned by cutting back the fruit bearing laterals to one bud from the main stem. Also old vines may benefit from removal of some of the loose bark which may harbour disease.

Rhubarb may require some attention. Sometimes after a number of years of adding a layer of compost the crown becomes too deeply bedded and may become waterlogged and prone to rot. In days gone by the crown was dug up every January and laid on the surface for a period of cold which is essential for new growth so make sure the crown is just below the surface. It can also be dug up and split with a spade. Each section should have a growth bud and replant with the bud at or just below the surface. Do not force rhubarb more than once every five years.

This is also the time to plant new raspberry canes. They should be replaced every ten to twelve years with fresh virus free canes. Ideally a fresh site should be chosen but if this is impracticable add plenty of well rotted manure and compost.

If overwintering or growing crops in a greenhouse or poly tunnel it is important to keep the outside clean to ensure the maximum amount of sunlight can penetrate.

After the first frost you can dig parsnips and pick sprouts ( much tastier after a frost). Make sure the ground is free of rotting vegetation and protect more delicate vegetables such as lettuce, peas and carrots and beetroot still in the ground. Birds, slugs, squirrels and rabbits may remain a problem so be careful.

Now retreat inside with the catalogues and plan what to do in the coming year starting with potatoes. Subject for next month Good gardening

*Peter Estcourt pge44@icloud.com - 01273400791 - 07803179708*



100 Club winner for November was number 15 – I Walters, congratulations and thank you for your support.

We have had a great bonfire season this year. The out meetings have been well attended – thank you to all the members who took their time to represent the village. Chailey was represented in Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Isfield, Newick, Lindfield, Barcombe and Hastings.

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come to our own bonfire night, it was lovely to have your support on such a wet evening. We only had one float entry this year and we would like to thank Windmill District Guides and Chailey Brownies for their hard work. They were awarded The Langley Shied for Best Dressed Float. We were also joined by Barcombe and Lindfield Bonfire Societies, the vintage tractors and vehicles as well as Raven Drumming Band. Our thanks to them all for their support.

If you weren't able to make it out on Saturday and would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts, we have set up a fundraising page for donations:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chailey-bonfire-society2019?utm\\_term=MvppWBarB](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chailey-bonfire-society2019?utm_term=MvppWBarB)

We could not have held Bonfire night without all the helpers before, during and after celebrations. Our list of thanks is huge and we unfortunately we cannot name everyone individually. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was involved. Our thanks to Chailey Litter Pickers who did an amazing job of cleaning up the procession route on our behalf. If you have any feedback about Bonfire Night please contact us via email with your comments (good or bad). We can't promise to implement your ideas to improve our Bonfire Night, but they will be read. If you have any photos or videos of the evening that you would like to share, please email them to [contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk](mailto:contact@chaileybonfire.co.uk) so we can add them to the archives and share them on our website and Facebook.

Our final event of the year is our Senior Citizens Christmas Party on 7th December at Chailey Village Hall 12.30pm – 5.00pm. Entertainment and transport is provided. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Jane Stent on 01273 400632 or [jane.stent@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.stent@btinternet.com).

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

*The bonfire society committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas.*



## **SOUTH CHAILEY – MILL LANE**

Thank you to a very helpful resident for contacting me. Signs and debris were left and blocking paths and verges in South Chailey. They had

been left by the Gas Company who was working on behalf of Gradwell Retirement village. I felt that the responsibility of removing these objects lie with Retirement Villages. I contacted the Director and he assured me that they would be removed. I did make the point that it was important to consider South Chailey residents in a neighbourly fashion.

I am pleased to say he was quick to respond to my request.

Residents in Mill Lane are finding the never ending construction and traffic problems extremely difficult. On your behalf, I have contacted the Head of Planning and Environment at East Sussex County Council and asked that the Enforcement Officer investigates the problems. I am hoping that the Greenacres development will be completed very soon, as so many problems have arisen from Sunninghill, the construction company – breaching the working hours and parking.

## **GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME – Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme**

It's imperative that we in rural villages have good communication. Many Chailey businesses and residents might already be aware of additional funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. I apologise if this is old news for some. Group projects are when two or more residents and/or (small or medium enterprises) get together to combine their vouchers towards the shared cost of installation.

Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small or medium enterprise and up to £1,500 per residential premises to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections to eligible premises. So if you, and neighbouring property owners are interested, you can get together and apply for vouchers to put towards the cost. You can check and confirm voucher eligibility for your area on the government's website: [gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural](http://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural).

## **THANK YOU FOR A GREAT CHAILEY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Like every year, our incredibly hard-working Bonfire Society produces a great show and thankfully, the rain stopped for the display. The dancing fire ladies were great too. We are lucky that a few, hard-working volunteers tirelessly fundraise for our Chailey Bonfire celebration throughout the year. Fireworks are not free, so whatever you can afford to give, is gratefully received – you can give and support throughout the year. With warm wishes for a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

*Cllr Sharon Davy email [sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk) Tel: 01444 831 336*



**CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – 1000 repairs and counting!**

As we enter the New Year, Chailey Repair Café celebrates having supported the local community by repairing more than 1000 items since it opened in August 2018. The café's skilled fabrics team has completed repairs on antique and modern clothes and handbags. Bicycles and lawnmowers have been given a new lease of life by the cycles and mowers team and our electrics and general repairs teams have tackled toasters, irons, record

players, table lamps and everything from a unicorn to a beautiful 1940s Pedigree doll and much more!

Founder and coordinator Bryan McAlley said "when we opened, there were 66 Repair Cafés in the UK. There are now over 150, and counting and we have been happy to have had a hand in advising some of those emerging in Sussex. I am so grateful for the support given by the local Parish Councils and the media, but none of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work by our remarkable 38 volunteers!"

Bryan added "Our 2020 dates are easy to remember – we are normally open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm. Free fridge magnets with all our 2020 dates will be available at the café, so you won't forget!"

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!

Chailey Repair Café next opens at Chailey Parish Hall 10am – 1pm on 14th December, then 11th January 2020, and then normally on the second Saturday of each month..

If you would like to know more, contact us at [chaileycr@gmail.com](mailto:chaileycr@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### New Train Services

The Cooksbridge Station Partnership invites you to join them at the station to celebrate the provision of Saturday services for the first time in 35 years.

10.30am Saturday 21st December

- \*Speeches - Phil Hutchinson, Strategy Manager  
Govia Thameslink Railway  
Robert Baughan, Cooksbridge Station Partnership
- \*Unveiling of commemorative plaque  
Councillor Tamsyn d'Arienzo  
Chair, Hamsey Parish Council
- \*Light Refreshments
- \*Festive music

Invited guests include: MP Maria Caulfield, Norman Baker,  
District Councillor Isabelle Linington,  
Hamsey Parish Councillors,  
Chailey and Barcombe Parish Councils,  
South Downs National Park Authority,  
Sussex Community Rail Partnership  
Rail Future UK.

We do hope that you will be able to join us

# Newick Country Market

Every Friday 10 am to 11 am  
Newick Village Hall

Make it a date on the A272. Come and join us in the Village Hall for a wide range of homemade and locally grown produce. Bespoke greetings cards and flower arrangements for that special occasion; savoury or sweet bakes as the fancy takes you. Special diets can also be catered for.

With the festive season nearly here, as well as our normal range, we will have Christmas goodies available, so why not let our cooks save you time and know you are getting genuinely home cooked food. Christmas orders will be available for collection on 13th or 20th December.

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.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and remind you our last market this year is on 20th December. We look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen on 10th January 2020.

Further information *01825 722907*

## Wivelsfield Films

Here are the dates for the film schedule for 2020. 19th January, 16th February, 15th March, 19th April, 17th May, 14th June, 19th July, no film August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, no film December

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Lewes District Citizens Advice 12 tips for Christmas:

- 1)**Plan early:** Plan how much you are going to spend on each person and stick to it.
- 2)**Don't forget everyday bills:** It may be Christmas, but keep on top of priority bills, such as rent and council tax.
- 3)**Think twice about overdrafts:** Don't run up an overdraft without first chatting to your bank
- 4)**Keep it simple:** Pay for your goods with cash or a debit card if you can.
- 5)**Shop around:** Look for the best price and buy only what you want, not what others say you need.
- 6)**Avoid unauthorised lenders:** Borrowing from loan sharks is never a good idea

- 7)... **and unauthorised traders:** Whatever the deal, don't buy from unauthorised traders
- 8)**Read the small print:** Check credit agreements for hidden extras and work out the total amount to repay.
- 9)**Do your own credit checks:** If you plan to use a credit card, shop around
- 10)**Be organised:** If you've borrowed, repayment will be due before you know it. Make sure you make at least the minimum repayment or you'll be hit with charges.
- 11)**Start planning for next Christmas:** It may sound crackers, but just after Christmas is the best time to start saving.
- 12)**Get help if you're worried:** We can give you solid, free and impartial debt advice online, over the phone and face-to-face.



December 2019 Production

## “IN AT THE DEEP END”

A COMEDY BY  
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DIRECTED BY CIARAN KIELY

The highly moral Mr Potter presides over a health farm and prides himself on his high standards. But when Gerald Corby arrives in search of peace and tranquillity - only to be followed by a trio of ladies in his life and an apparently sex-mad window cleaner - the resulting misunderstandings and mix-ups prove more than a headache for the hapless Mr Potter as he strives to keep the moral fabric of the health farm intact...

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**THE ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO THE VILLAGE HALL**

Wednesday 4th – Saturday 7th December 2019  
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*Peter Todd*

## The Arts Society, Uckfield, Lewes and Newick

**Franz Schubert: The Piano and the Power of Friendship.**

**December 11th 2.30 Civic Centre Uckfield**

Dr Graham Griffiths, lecturer, conductor, pianist and composer will be giving a delightfully informal but informative lecture on Schubert. He lives in East Sussex and he has a keen interest in music-education-through-performance and has taught in local schools.

Franz Schubert, born in 1797 was the darling of Vienna with his songs and dances, wrote over 1,000 pieces despite dying at the young age of 31. Always penniless and struggling with ill health he had to work as a schoolmaster to make ends meet. It seems extraordinary to us in this day and age where pop stars make millions for very little effort that he should have had such difficulties. But in such pieces as the Trout Quintet and the ever popular Ava Maria he will live for ever.

Cost is £7 on the door for non-members. If you need any further information please go to our web site.

*Happy Christmas! Annette Shelford*

## Memory Cafe – December 2019

We meet in the Newick Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 – 4.30pm. The dates for December are as follows.

10th Dec.	Full Beam singing.
17th Dec.	Tideway's Christmas.

The Cafe will be closed on the 3rd ; 24th & 31st December and will reopen on the 7th January 2020. we wish all our members a very Happy Christmas.and see you all in the New Year.

## Chailey News - January 2020 Issue

The deadline for the January 2020 issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 10th December. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

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*Best wishes from everyone at CHEC*