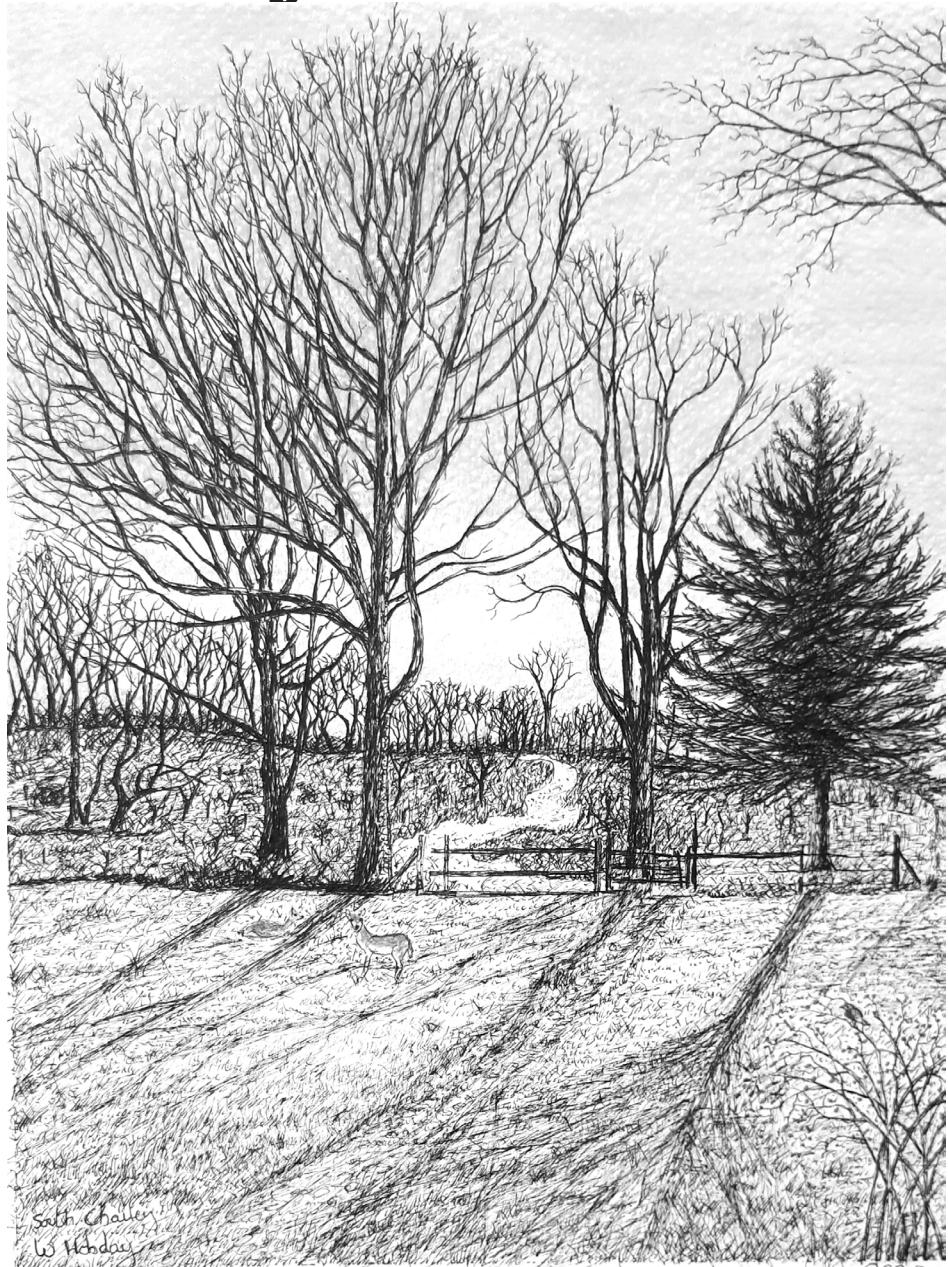


# Chailey News

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**January 2026**

# 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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## 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

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**St Peter's**  
CHURCH CHAILEY

## JANUARY SERVICES 2026

**Sunday 4th January *The second Sunday of Christmas***  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Services will be held each week as shown due to church closure for repairs to the floor.**  
**All 8am Holy Communions will be at St Mary's Newick.**

**Sunday 11th January *The first Sunday after Epiphany***  
***St Martin's, Chailey Heritage***  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 18th January *The second Sunday after Epiphany***  
***St Mary's, Newick***  
**10am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 25th January *The third Sunday of Epiphany***  
***St Martin's, Chailey Heritage***  
**10.00am Parish Communion**

**Sunday 1st February *Septuagesima***  
***Five Bells, Chailey***  
**10am Parish Communion**  
**(time to be confirmed)**

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.

# Rector's Ramble

*“The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God”.*  
Leviticus 19:34

Dear friends,

Happy New Year and welcome you to the January 2026 edition of the St Peter's Chailey's Church & Community Magazine.

Please do look at our diary of services this month and next as St Peter's will be closed whilst essential works are carried out to repair the flooring. Thank you to St Martin's Chailey Heritage Chapel, The Five Bells and St Mary's Newick for offering us a welcome on the relevant Sunday's whilst the works are completed. Please pray that all goes according to plan and we can be back in St P's before Easter.

As the calendar turns, many of us embark on the familiar ritual of setting New Year's resolutions. Whether it's promising to exercise more, save better, or deepen relationships, these intentions arrive from a heartfelt urge to reconnect with what truly matters. Yet, by February, many resolutions quietly fade away, lost under the weight of life's relentless pace. Perhaps what we actually need isn't a longer list of goals but a renewed sense of focus.

This is where the Christian season of Epiphany can offer a guiding light. Epiphany, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance," celebrates the moment Christ reveals himself to the Gentiles, symbolised by the three kings – or Magi – following a star to find the infant Jesus, and it proclaims a bold truth: Jesus came to save the whole world, not just one nation or people.

Epiphany invites us to welcome the light of Christ into our hearts just as the Magi followed the star to find the Saviour. Epiphany challenges us to seek God's guidance in all things, letting divine wisdom shape what truly matters in our lives and communities.

Consider the Magi: learned and wealthy, yet they didn't rely solely on their own understanding. They sought and trusted God's direction throughout their journey. Their story poses important questions for us: How might we align our daily actions and our resolutions with a deeper, more intentional purpose?

Adopting this perspective transforms New Year's resolutions from mere checklists into paths of intentional living. It might mean making space in our day for quiet reflection, committing to serve others in our community, or managing our resources more responsibly. Whatever the goal, Epiphany highlights the importance of lives shaped by God's character – humble, persistent, and faithful.

The Magi's journey was neither quick nor easy. They faced barriers but pressed on, trusting in God's provision. Likewise, when we choose to *embrace change*—whether personal or communal—it rarely happens overnight. Setbacks are inevitable, but the Epiphany story reminds us that perseverance intertwined with faith is key. Even when progress feels slow or uncertain, we can trust that God is working in and through us.

There is a less often told but profoundly important story of Epiphany that speaks directly to our current social and political realities. As we looked back on 2025, we saw a worrying upswing in far-right politics, often accompanied by a co-optation of Christian symbols and language. This agenda frequently casts asylum seekers and those of other faiths as threats, sometimes even quietly undermining the sense of welcome within our churches and communities.

Yet, right at the heart of both the Christmas and Epiphany narratives lies the story of a refugee family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to escape King Herod's deadly slaughter of the innocents. This isn't just a sentimental backdrop but a stark tale of political violence, terror, and forced displacement.

Egypt was a logical and safe place to find refuge. Egypt and Judea were linked by a coastal road known as the Via Maris (Way of the Sea). Egypt was outside the dominions of King Herod but was part of the Roman Empire and had large Jewish communities. The Jewish settlements of Egypt dated back to the time of Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 41:17 and 44:1). They had their own synagogues and had adopted Greek as their everyday language. The first translation of the Scriptures, which we call the Septuagint, was made in the third century BC at Alexandria in Egypt, originally for these Greek-speaking Jews. Though the Bible doesn't use the modern term "refugee," its demand to welcome and love outsiders is crystal clear: "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34). Remarkably, Jesus' very early life embodies this command before he ever spoke a word. We know little of their years in exile, but the theme of hospitality to strangers' echoes throughout the Gospels. Jesus later instructs, "I was a stranger, and you took me in" (Matthew 25:35). And the Letter to the Hebrews counsels, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers" (Hebrews 13:2). These powerful reminders call us to resist politics driven by fear and exclusion, and instead to live out Christ's vision for a world rooted in joy, hope, peace, and love.

Epiphany invites to look beyond ourselves. The light of Christ is not something to keep hidden—it's meant to illuminate and guide our actions and our words in the world around us. As you consider your 2026 resolutions, I encourage you to include an inclusive sharing of that light with others. Step into the new year with hope and purpose, ready for the encounters that will turn strangers into friends and transform communities into places of welcome and belonging.

Thank you for being part of our church family and community.

May this season bring you fresh insight, resilience, and joy as we journey together in faith.

*Keep the faith and keep doing the small things that make a big difference—to those you love and to those in need.*

*With every blessing,*

**Rev Paul x**

*Lord Jesus,*

*As we step into 2026, tune our hearts to your goodness. Let this New Year be marked by your presence. Give us the Hope of Anna & Simeon, the courage of St Paul, and the love of St Valentine. Fill us with faith instead of fear, peace where worry weighs heavy, and joy to strengthen our hearts so that we can live in unity with each other and every day with thankfulness and generosity.*

*We lift to you all those living in poverty or facing financial challenges. Provide daily bread, safe places to grow and people who will surround them with love. Bless our local churches as they serve families and communities with courage and compassion. Help us to welcome the stranger with your abundant hospitality, teach us to walk humbly, love mercy and act justly; make our homes bright with kindness and our hands quick to bless. Write a new song of hope over us and help us share your love wherever you lead.*

*Amen*



# January Diary

**Thursday 8th** - Craft & Chat 6.30pm-8.30pm

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 12th** - Messy Church 4.30pm-6.30pm

For the whole family (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Crafts, games and activities, singing and stories. Finishes with a meal together.

Suggested donation £2 per family.

**Saturday 24th** - Family Craft Workshop 10am-1pm

Various crafts for all ages to try. Free entry.

**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.

Chailey Free Church, South Chailey, BN8 4AN

For more information contact:

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God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

## 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](mailto: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'](mailto:stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk).

## Chailey Evening WI

Chailey Evening WI meeting last month was very interesting; the speaker Ian Dowding explained how Banoffi Pie came about and his role in its inception. This month the group meet on Tuesday January 6, at the village hall, at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Jonathan Cann on 'The Life & Times of a TV and Film Extra.' On leaving school Jonathan followed a scientific career for six years and then gave up his job to follow a performing career. After three years at Queen Margaret University he gained a Diploma in Drama (with a Merit in Stage Fighting). Jonathan has performed in many areas of the entertainment industry including repertory, touring in musicals and plays, children's theatre, magic and puppetry. His TV and film appearances have been varied and include a puppeteer in 'Mary Poppins Returns', magician in 'Bohemian Rhapsody', Perry's father in 'Harry Enfield', the usher in 'Trial & Retribution' and a judge in 'Britain's Most Evil Killers'. Jonathan will give us a fascinating insight into the role of a TV and film extra and all are welcome to attend. The first visit is free and includes refreshments. For more information visit the group's Facebook page or call

Mandy on 07546 592739.

# Chailey Bonfire Society

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Party for the senior members of the village. Everyone was gifted a fantastic 2 course meal, bingo, Christmas carols and gifts to take home. Our thanks also to everyone who was involved setting up, transporting guests, serving tables and for the support of Revived Inns and East Sussex Concert Band.

A reminder of our events for 2026 and dates for your diary:

21 <sup>st</sup> February	Quiz Night at Chailey Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Jumble Sale
25 <sup>th</sup> April	St Georges Village Fete
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Jumble Sale
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Celebrations
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Event

All dates/events are subject to change and/or cancellation depending on available help.

If you feel that you can help us and/or would be interested in joining our committee or event team, please do not hesitate to contact us for further details. You can contact us on Facebook (search for Chailey Bonfire Society) or by email [secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com](mailto:secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com).

# Chailey Commons Society

A Happy New Year to everyone. It is always good to know that we are past the Winter equinox, and the days will start to lengthen. The full moon on January 3<sup>rd</sup> is called the Wolf Moon - gets us off to a good start – apparently it is named after the howling of hungry wolves lamenting the scarcity of food in midwinter. Other names for this month's full moon include old moon and ice moon.

Since September, the five Exmoor were grazing in nearby fields kindly provided by neighbours. This was following the loss of two ponies with suspected acorn poisoning. The team of pony checkers have been diligently taking care of them. At the time of writing in December we plan to release them back on the common. We hope the ponies will resume their usual grazing behaviour selecting more gorse, bramble and holly in addition to heathland grasses. For the last four years they have come through the winter in excellent condition. If, however, there are more problems, the ponies will be off the common until next Spring. Please look for updates on Red House Common notice board.

Please do not feed the ponies which can also endanger their heath as they thrive on a low nutrient diet and under normal conditions the heathland provides all that they need, please do not throw any grass cuttings or prunings on to the common as this can cause poisoning and colic.

Our activities for 2026 will again include a Birch Cutting session to prepare more brushwood for our besom brooms on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> from 09.30 until 1.00.p.m. Join us for an outdoor workout cutting and bundling birch on Red House Common. Meet at the car park, bring your own gloves, secateurs, or loppers if you have them. If you would like to take part in the birch cutting, please contact Chailey Commons Society ([mail@chaileycommons.org.uk](mailto:mail@chaileycommons.org.uk)) in advance so that we can get you registered as a volunteer.

## Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Talk by Sacha Turnbull – Chailey Commons illustrated in paintings and images - Chailey Village Hall 7.30pm. Parking and refreshments; visitors welcome.
- Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> Birch harvesting on Red House Common for besom brooms. 09.30 – 1.00.p.m. with snack break.
- Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> Talk by Stewart Angell – A History of Mapping for Archaeology. Chailey Village Hall 7.30.p.m. Parking and refreshments; visitors welcome.
- Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Simm Elliott – Lichens of the Heathland – Chailey Village Hall 7.30.p.m. Parking and refreshments; visitors welcome.

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/) or [friendsofmarkstakescmon.weebly.com](http://friendsofmarkstakescmon.weebly.com)

*William Coleman - 01444 831098*

## From the Parish Leaflet for January 1938

**SCHOOL. MEALS** - For some time it has been felt that the children who stay at school during the dinner hour need something hot and sustaining for their mid day meal. It is impracticable to have a school canteen but our thanks are due to the local Education Authority for providing a Calor gas stove and the necessary equipment. When this has all arrived soup will be provided at half a penny per head and, to avoid monotony suet puddings on alternate days. If anyone has surplus vegetables of any kind to add to the soup they will be most welcome.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT** - is now arranged to be held on Saturday February 12th at 4.00 pm. The children (who are reminded to bring with them their mugs) are assured of having a very happy time. Parents and friends will be welcome after tea.

*Annette Shelford*

## Citizens Advice Drop In

Citizens Advice offer a monthly Drop In advice session in Chailey. This is usually held at St Peter's Church. Please note that in January this will be held at an alternative venue The Reading Room Chailey Green BN8 4DA on Friday January 9th 10am - 1pm.. A similar drop in session will be held in the Community Centre in Newick on Tuesday 13th January 12.00 - 3.00pm

High quality, impartial and professional advice, support and referrals given on a huge range of topics, including welfare benefits, housing issues, food and energy poverty, debt and much more.

This is a great opportunity to get easy access to advice locally without having to travel long distances for appointments.

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

Further information about rural out reach can be found at  
Rural Outreach/Lewes District CA - [www.Lewesdistrictca.org.uk](http://www.Lewesdistrictca.org.uk)

# Chailey Horticultural Society

Now all the festivities are over and it's cold and wet outside the time has come to review the past year and plan for the future.

Here are a few of my thoughts from how things went in 2025.

I'll start with tomatoes which are a basic staple for any vegetable garden. In the greenhouse I grow mainly beefsteak varieties as they do badly outside in our climate. The two varieties that I would recommend are Buffalosteak and Country Taste. These can be bought as plug plants or grown from seed. In general big varieties mature later than traditional greenhouse types but they do make wonderful tomato sauce!

The two standard varieties for the greenhouse that I would recommend are Shirley which produces a plentiful crop of medium sized fruit of a good flavour and Golden Delicious for small yellow fruit with a tinge of orange. They do have tendency to split which is why they are not usually available in shops but their flavour is outstanding so don't be tricked into buying "improved" varieties as they do not have the same flavour. For those who like their tomatoes red Gardeners Delight is a good alternative.

Outside I only grow blight resistant varieties and here I would recommend Crimson Plum and Cocktail Crush for medium sized tomatoes and Crimson Cherry for smaller fruit.

Remember tomatoes need horse manure, soot, lime and magnesium sulphate in the soil and to be fed with a seaweed based feed.

For the amateur gardener it's really only worth growing first early and second early potatoes. For very early first earlies Swift is the best but Red Duke of York and Sharpe's Express come a bit later and have better flavour. For second earlies I think Charlotte is the one of choice. All these can be grown in the ground or in potato sacks or old dustbins. They can be planted in late February or early March if given some warmth and protection such as in a greenhouse.

Owing to advancing age I've had to give up my vegetable plot at Balneath Manor and this has concentrated my mind on to what is really worth growing if space is limited.

The obvious 'must' is herbs as they are continually needed but often in relatively small quantities. Thyme, sage and rosemary can easily be grown in large pots and will last for years. Chives and garlic chives can be grown in pots or old window boxes and will keep going for a number of years. Basil, dill, parsley and coriander have to be repeatedly sown annually but again do well in old window boxes.

Then one has to think what gives better flavour when homegrown. The answer of course is most things but one I value most is fresh peas so try Douce Provence. If space allows dwarf French beans and runner beans are well worth it.

Most salad crops do well in old window boxes and buying in half a dozen plants at a time allows for continual production.

Chard is well worth growing since it lasts through out the year, is very versatile in the kitchen and almost impossible to buy. I prefer the old fashioned white silver type over the rainbow varieties. This is because it is more vigorous, stands better through the winter and the thick white stems are delicious.

Something I just like growing and foremost amongst these are chillies. They produce attractive

plants that can be grown in pots. The number of varieties is huge so unless you already have a favourite try Prairie Fire for small hot little chillies growing on an attractive small plant or Cayenne for standard sized hot red chillies good in the kitchen. But for the really decadent amongst you I recommend Bishops Crown. When red cut in half and remove the seeds and pith and fill with cream cheese. Then go and find a glass of red wine and sit down and relax!

Happy New Year

Good Gardening and remember our shows

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

## Chailey Litter Pickers

Chailey litter pickers have worked hard throughout 2025 collecting discarded rubbish along the roads and verges, no matter what the weather! Although it sometimes seems like a never-ending task, we are always encouraged by the friendly toots and waves of passing drivers and cyclists. We have received lots of positive support and comments from both local people and visitors to the area.

The group has been slowly expanding in number and we hope to attract some new pickers in the New Year. We are a friendly and enthusiastic group of locals who take part in the monthly group picks, which all helps to keep the Chailey environment as pleasant as possible.

The group picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. In addition, some of the group pick their own areas as and when they are able to. The first group pick in the New Year will take place on Saturday 17 January starting at 10.00am from the Sports Ground at North Chailey. Please come along and join us if you are free. Every bit helps!

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! There is no need for a regular commitment. Children over the age of 11 years are also welcome, but need to have an adult with them.

Please encourage everyone to help us by taking their litter home with them or using one of the many bins in the area!

More information about the Chailey Litter Pickers and future dates can be found on

[www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers](https://www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers)

Sarah Droscher



### CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – OVER 800 REPAIRS AND AN AWARD THIS YEAR

As we get ready for our final Repair Café of 2025 at St Peter's Church on 13<sup>th</sup> December, we are looking forward

to our 8<sup>th</sup> year of repairing your broken stuff. Incredibly, we attempted over 800 repairs this year and over 7000 items since we first opened our doors in 2018. We were delighted to receive an award this year from Lewes District Council in recognition of our service to the community

We always get a lot of Christmas tree lights coming in at this time of year – if you have the old-

style lights with push in bulbs, we may be able to help with spares, but there are many different types, so at worst we can tell you what to look for and where to find them... And of course, our sharpening team will be busy, as always, at Christmas. We now have two state-of-the-art sharpening machines to sort out those knives ready for the turkey!

Our new posters and flyers with all our 2026 dates are now available at the Café; pick some up and spread the word wherever you live!

The success of Chailey Repair Café has been due in great measure to the support we have received from all of you in the local community – if you didn't have broken stuff, we'd have nothing to do! We have saved a lot of things from finding their way into landfill and provided an opportunity for folks to understand more about what makes their household items work!

**PLEASE NOTE! St Peter's Church is having some well-deserved refurbishment from January onwards. Chailey Repair Café will be moving back to Chailey Village Hall, (next to the Five Bells just 500 yards down the road from the Church) from 10<sup>th</sup> January until the work in the church is completed.**

You'll find us there on the second Saturday of each month (i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 14 March and so on) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we'll have a full Café service including our legendary cakes.

If you'd like to contact us, please email us at [chaileyrc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyrc@gmail.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

We look forward to seeing you and your broken stuff very soon and wish you all a happy and successful New Year!

*Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team*

## Lewes Local Plan

Lewes District Council is developing a new Local Plan that will guide how our area grows and changes up to 2040. This Plan will set the framework for delivering housing, jobs, community facilities, and services needed by residents, workers, and visitors, while ensuring growth is sustainable and well-managed.

By the time you read this article, the revised copy of the Lewes Local Plan will have been presented to District Councillors for approval. (meeting scheduled for the 11th December 2025). Assuming that the Plan has been approved, then public consultation will begin shortly after approval.

The consultation window will be short (closing date 28th February 2026) so it is vital that as many residents as possible take part. A strong response is important: when the Plan is examined by a Planning Inspector, the level of community engagement and public support will be a key consideration.

Without an up-to-date Local Plan, the district is increasingly vulnerable to speculative and uncontrolled development, making this process urgent. The new proposal sets out a clearer, more strategic approach to identifying development sites—focusing on location, infrastructure capacity, environmental protection, and transport.

Key principles include:

- Protecting rural areas from development that would harm landscape character or biodiversity.

- Concentrating growth in and around Tier 1 and 2 settlements, where public transport and active travel options are strongest. Chailey is classed as Tiers 4 and 5, reflecting limited local services and reduced access to sustainable transport—meaning it is not considered suitable for significant planned growth.

- Ensuring development proposals demonstrate how they prioritise transport solutions such as walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport, shared mobility, and private vehicles.

Local Plan allocations will be required to:

- Provide or support early delivery of effective public transport and active travel links.

- Include comprehensive walking and cycling networks.

- Deliver mobility-hub infrastructure connecting homes with services and employment areas.

- Avoid any development that undermines sustainable transport or increases car dependency.

The Parish Council will share further information on their website [www.chailey.org](http://www.chailey.org) Information will also be found by going to Lewes District Council's website [www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) Further information will also be posted in the February edition of Chailey News.

### **Chailey Allotments**

We expect to see a couple of allotment plots become available in the new year. If anyone is interested in taking on a plot, then please get in touch with the Clerk at Chailey Parish Council. Email [clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call on 01825 733388

And finally, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

*Bettina Newell - Clerk to Chailey Parish Council*

## **OTHER LOCAL NEWS**

### **Newick, Lewes and Uckfield Arts Society**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Dr Colin Shindler 'Screening the Novel, Books into Films.'**

This should be a very good way to cheer up January. It is an intriguing subject and such gems as 'Gone with the Wind' leading up to the numerous Harry Potter films will be discussed. The older films seem to take the pattern of starting as if you are reading the book and do on the whole stay true to the original. The main problem must be what to include and what to leave out. Sometimes, to my mind, this means taking quite a different path from that which the poor author actually intended!

Colin Shindler has been lecturing on American and British social and cultural history for over 30 years. He won a BAFTA award for his production of 'A Little Princess', though he regards his greatest cultural contribution as choosing the title music for the police series Juliet Bravo. He has written more than a dozen books, but he is best known for his childhood memoir 'Manchester United Ruined My Life' which was short listed for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award.

Guests are always welcome, £8 on the door and you do not need to be invited by a member, our lectures are open to all. We look forward to welcoming you.

Happy New Year! - [annette@shelford.net](mailto:annette@shelford.net)

# **Fletching Singers' Epiphany Concert**

**Fletching Church, TN22 3SR. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm**

In celebration of Epiphany and the New Year, The Fletching Singers are excited to be joined by members of the Mid Sussex Silver Band who will add jubilation and triumph to music by Praetorius, Mendelssohn and Scheidt. With plenty more beautiful choral works both old and new, interspersed with a poem or two, this is sure to be a lovely way to liven up a dark January night. Directed by Ansy Boothroyd.

Tickets £15 on the door or £12.50 early bird until Tuesday 13th January. Available online at <https://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk> from members or 07802 855113

A slice of traditional Galette des Rois will be offered free with every drink bought from the bar.

Retiring collection for [www.thekindnesscooperation.org](http://www.thekindnesscooperation.org)

# **Chailey & Newick Painting Group**

## **November's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition**

We were delighted to welcome nearly 400 visitors – thank you all so much for coming! Thank you, too, for all the lovely compliments you paid us regarding the high standard of the show – 'Your best show yet', 'Gets better every year', 'I can't believe how good this is!' – and for the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere of the event. It means a lot to us to hear such reactions.

The 130 works on display, including some extremely large ones this year, represented a wide and exciting range of approaches to picture-making in terms of materials used, techniques employed and subjects portrayed. There was no shortage of sales, to the great pleasure of many of our artists. The winner of the visitors' favourite painting vote was 'Song of Sussex', a pastel of the river Ouse near Barcombe, by our Chairman and joint founder of the Painting Group 20 years ago, Carlina Oliver.

Once again, our members had painted 200 original small works for the ever-popular tombola raising funds for St Peter & St James Hospice. This, together with incredibly generous donations from our visitors, resulted in nearly £1,000 for the Hospice – wonderful and so much appreciated!

In case you missed it or want to revisit the exhibition, the paintings on show can be seen on our website [www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com](http://www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com)

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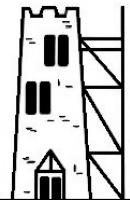


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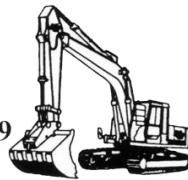
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