

Chailey News

March 2026

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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.

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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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MARCH SERVICES 2026



St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

Sunday 1st March *The second Sunday of Lent*
Five Bells, Chailey 9am Parish Communion followed by breakfast.

Friday 6th March 2pm World Day of prayer (hopefully at St Peter's.)

Sunday 8th March *The third Sunday of Lent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 15th March *The fourth Sunday of Lent*
MOTHERING SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Mother's day Communion

Sunday 22nd March *The fifth Sunday of Lent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 29th March *Palm Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Thursday 2nd April 7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday 3rd April 2pm Good Friday Meditation at the cross

Sunday 5th April **EASTER DAY**
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Easter Day 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

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.
John 16:33*

Dear friends,

Welcome to the March edition of the St Peter's Chailey's Church & Community Magazine. March always feels like a threshold month, and in 2026 that sense of standing on the edge is especially strong.

This March brings a moment of shared celebration after our St Pete's at The Pub Service on the 1st of March, St Peter's reopens on Sunday 8 March, following two months of repair work. Times of closure can remind us how precious our church buildings are, not only as historic landmarks, but as living places of worship, welcome and community.

The reopening is a sign of renewal and care, and we give thanks for all those who have worked so diligently behind the scenes, and special thanks to Melle and the team at the 5 Bells and David and the Team at St Martins Chapel Chailey Heritage for accommodating us during the reordering. We look forward to gathering again, praying again, and filling that space with music, silence and praise.

At St Peter's, we journey into March during our season of Lent: a time of reflection, prayer and gentle honesty before God, even as the days lengthen, and the first signs of spring begin to appear around the village. The earth itself seems to echo the themes of Lent – quiet work beneath the surface, patient waiting, and the promise of new life to come.

Lent invites us to slow down and take stock. It is not simply about giving things up, but about making space: space for God, space for one another, and space to notice what really matters.

In a world that often feels hurried and noisy, Lent offers us a different rhythm. At St Peter's our services, prayers and daily lives during this season encourage us to walk more thoughtfully accompanying Jesus on the road that leads through the wilderness, to a season of fruitful ministry, yet also into a time of division, betrayal, persecution and the desolation of Good Friday. However, hope is not lost, and this season ultimately turns us towards the joy of Easter morning.

Midway through the month we pause for Mothering Sunday on 15 March. Traditionally a day of returning to one's "mother church," it has grown into a celebration of motherhood in all its forms. It is a day to give thanks for those who have nurtured us in faith and in life: mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster parents, godparents, carers, teachers, and friends. It can also be a tender day, holding joy and sorrow side by side.

We will mark Mothering Sunday with gentleness and gratitude, recognising the complexity of people's experiences while offering God's love and blessing to all, and come along to our Sunday Services where all those who have offered a mothering role will be recognised with a plant or flowers to take away.

As the month draws on, the sense of movement increases. On Sunday 29 March the clocks go forward by one hour, gifting us lighter evenings and a subtle shift in pace. This change always feels symbolic during Lent: more light, longer days, and the quiet reassurance that darkness does not have the final word. That same day marks the beginning of Holy Week, which runs from 29 March through to Easter Day on 5 April.

Holy Week is the heart of our Christian year. Beginning with Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted with joy and hope. As the week unfolds, the story deepens and darkens: the Last Supper, the anguish of Gethsemane, the pain of the cross. These are not easy moments, but they are honest ones, and they speak powerfully into the realities of human life.

Holy Week invites us not to rush ahead to Easter, but to stay with the story, trusting that God is present even in suffering and uncertainty.

Join us for our reflective Services on Maundy Thursday with the beautiful Service of Shadows, our At the Cross Service on Good Friday, and all of this leading us towards the utter joy of Easter Day on Sunday 5 April, when we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ: light overcoming darkness during our Sunrise Service at St Mary's join us in the Churchyard from 05:30am, and later at our 8am and 10am Communion services at St Peter's.

Easter is such a celebration as we see life triumphing over death, love proving stronger than fear, "where O death is your sting". Easter joy does not erase the challenges of the world, but it transforms how we face them. It reminds us that hope is not wishful thinking, but a living promise rooted in God's faithfulness.

As we journey through March together, you are warmly invited to be part of the life of St Mary's and St Peter's: to worship, to pray, to reflect, and to share in moments of renewal and hope.

Whether you come every week or simply pause to read these words, know that you are held in our prayers during this holiest of seasons.

May this Lent be a time of deepening faith, gentle growth, and quiet preparation for the joy of Easter.

Have a great month, and a blessed start to Spring, 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

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



March Diary

Thursday 5th - 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 9th - 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.

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:

Roger on 01273 890114

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www.chaileyfreechurch.com

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'.

From the Parish Leaflet March 1938

The Church Army began their Mission on March 20th. They have held services at St Mary's every week-night at 7.30 p.m. with lantern illustrations on alternative nights. The attendances have been good and have been listened to with rapt attention. The Missioners have met with a very kind reception and received much hospitality.

Waifs and Strays Society: Mrs Johnston (Hon. Sec.) desires us to say that she has sent up to Headquarters the sum of £2. 15s 2d collected by boxes and 10s received from St Mary's Sunday School. The Society has asked for special efforts to be made in order to avoid closing one of their homes.

Note: The Church Army is an evangelistic organisation and mission founded in 1882 by the Rev. Wilso Carlile and originated in London's slums. It is now operated internationally in many parts of the Anglican Communion.

The Waifs and Strays' Society was founded in 1881 by Edward de Montjoie Rudolf in the parish of St Anne's, South Lambeth, London. This was a poor area with many needy children. In 1946 it was renamed the 'Church of England Children's Society' and from 1982 it adopted the informal title of 'The Children's Society', as it is known today.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Chailey Horticultural Society

Firstly I must apologise for the last two paragraphs of last month's article where I raised the fear of a summer drought and further hosepipe ban. As soon as I had submitted the article for publication the heavens opened and it hasn't stopped raining though to be fair at that time the hosepipe ban was still in force! I'm glad to report that that has been lifted, the reservoirs are full and the ground is flooded and saturated!

Waterlogged ground greatly restricts what can be done in the garden. Treading on saturated ground leads to compaction especially on our clayey soils.

However the final pruning of apples, pears, quinces and roses can be completed. It is worth noting that after the 14th of February there is more than 10 hours of daylight and this is what is required to stimulate plant growth.

However many crops can be started undercover in the dry and planted out later when conditions permit. Onions can be started this way. I think growing onions from seed is for the enthusiast and for the amateur gardener the method of choice is from sets.

I grow three types. Firstly Sturon which produces round moist bulbs of mild flavour which store well. Then there is Stuttgarter Giant which produces rather flat bulbs of firm texture and good flavour which stores very well. Finally for red onions use Red Baron.

Plant in modules so that the top of the set is level with the soil surface. Use a dibber or finger to make a hole for the set as pushing the set into firm soil may damage the growing plate. Keep moist and plant out when roots appear at the bottom of the module. Onions like firm soil, well drained with an added general fertiliser. Keep weed free and water if it ever stops raining!

Also peas and broad beans can be started off in modules with the added advantage that they are less likely to be eaten by rodents and slugs. For peas use Douce Provence. For mange tout Sweet Horizon and Masterpiece Green Longpod for broad beans.

For beetroot fans they can also be started off in modules. Choose a variety that produces one plant per seed such as Monorubra. Place four seeds in a module and when germinated can be planted out as one unit.

Hopefully by the end of the month the ground will have dried out sufficiently to allow the planting off first early potatoes.

To grow parsnips use a dibber to make a hole and fill it with fine seed compost, water and place 4 to 5 seeds on top and cover with vermiculite. Beware slugs.

Hyacinths grown indoor in plots will be coming to an end. Remove the dying flower spike and put outside. Keep moist and occasionally feed. When the leaves die down remove the bulb and either dry it for further use in a pot in the autumn or just plant to twice its depth in the garden.

Please remember our Spring Show on 21st March. Schedules and entry forms can be obtained from committee members and from The Five Bells.

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt

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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. We have been very busy so far this year with lots of discarded litter to clear away! Our February group pick focussed on the roads and area around St Peters Church and green.

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, some of the group pick their own areas as and when they are able to. The March group pick will be Wednesday 25 March at 10.00am starting from the Free Church in South Chailey. 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.

More information about the Chailey Litter Pickers and future dates can be found on www.facebook.com/chaileylitterpickers

Sarah Droscher

Chailey Parish Council

Tourism contributed over £4 billion to Sussex economy in 2024

New research from Experience Sussex shows that tourism made a significant contribution to the East and West Sussex economy in 2024. According to the report, 50.6 million visitor trips generated more than £4.06 billion for the region (excluding Brighton & Hove). The report also notes a 21% increase in overseas visitors staying in Sussex compared with 2023.

Experience Sussex provides free marketing, training, networking and funding guidance for businesses operating in the visitor economy. The programme is cofunded by East and West Sussex County Councils and works in partnership with Visit England, Visit Britain and Visit Brighton, aiming to strengthen the attraction of high spending visitors to the area. Further information is available at <https://www.experiencesussex.com/business-support/resources-toolkits/>

Chailey Parish Council/Highways Meeting

The Parish Council will be meeting with Highways on the 10th March 2026. Such meetings happen twice a year and are an opportunity to be informed of and to discuss Highways' planned interventions, but also to discuss with Highways problems on the lanes and roads of Chailey. Residents will find the record of our previous meeting on our website, <https://chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/council-meetings> and are invited to tell the Clerk by emailing to clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk of any particular problem in their neighbourhood so that we can raise it with Highways and report back.

Small Grants Update

Please be advised that the Council's Small Grants Application process will open on 1st May and close on the 31st May 2026. In the past these have been in June, so local organisations who wish to apply for a small grant need to be aware of the change of date. We will also, of course, advertise this again the April/May edition. Application forms can be downloaded from the Website nearer the time, alternatively contact the Clerk at clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk for a copy of the form.

Bus Service Improvement Plan.

Following the cessation of BSIP supported fares, fares on our demand responsive transport (DRT) service are changing from Monday 2nd February.

In line with many other services, the standard fare will be the £3 national fare cap.

Child fares remain and concessionary passes continue to be accepted.

All of these single fares can be selected in the RidePingo booking app.

A range of other operator day tickets can be used on Flexibus. This helps passengers to connect to other services where needed without having to worry about buying another ticket.

A Flexibus family ticket only for use on Flexibus has been introduced for £14.

For more information on Flexibus fares and tickets, please click '[Fares and tickets](https://1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/Services/5767/FlexiBus)' on the Flexibus web pages <https://1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/Services/5767/FlexiBus>

Chailey Community Speedwatch Volunteers required

Two of our team are moving away so we need new volunteers if we are to be able to continue operating in South and North Chailey.

Our purpose is to reduce speed by our presence and through the educational letters issued by the police to any speeding drivers. Do we make a difference? Results from Sussex show that 95.43% of drivers, receiving an educational letter because of speeding, are not caught speeding again by any Speedwatch group in the UK (Speedwatch being a national service) or by the police in the following 12 months.

What we ask you to commit to is one 90-minute Speedwatch session each month. The locations and timings of session are circulated well in advance to volunteers, and they choose which sessions they are available. All sessions are attended by at least two volunteers one of whom will wear a Police issued body worn camera. All volunteers are covered by insurance provided by the police during sessions. Full training is provided.

If you are interested in volunteering or just finding out more about what is involved, then please come along to our drop-in sessions at The Reading Room on Chailey Green.

Session dates and times:

Thursday 12th March 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Saturday 21st March 10.30am – 12.00pm

Les Shilling & Nick Belcher

Joint Coordinators for Chailey Speedwatch

Nicola Menniss Clerk to Chailey Parish Council

Chailey Parish Council

The Reading Room, Chailey Green

Chailey, East Sussex, BN8 4DA

Email: Clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Web: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01825 722388

Chailey Commons Society

What a wet January it was – it looks like twice as much rain fell as normal and is the wettest January locally for five years. My local recording shows 200 mm which is 7.87 ins. The commons have taken on the look of a quagmire in places and showing many really soggy clay areas so sticky for walking across.

Our winter working parties have been meeting on Red House Common. Tools and inspiration and enthusiasm are provided and the fresh air and exercise are free. It's amazing what can be achieved. We have been carrying out these Winter tasks cutting birch and scrub in areas that are tricky for bigger machinery. The series of parallel ridges crossing Red House common are now more visible. These are thought to be the continuation of braided trackways where livestock was driven across the commons but some could be cultivation ridges perhaps for heather. We are hoping for advice from archaeologist Stewart Angell who talked on Mapping Sussex through the Ages in February.

Down at Markstakes common the volunteers have been continuing the large task of clearing in the Mire area and, with the help of the Lewes DC Ranger Alex, the invading brambles have been cut back and the roots removed. Heavy work but with the help of the marvellous tools called 'Lazy Dog' and 'Tree Popper' progress is being made.

This Spring we have completed the birch cutting for besom brooms which is now bundled tightly to season ready for processing in October. We still have a few besom brooms left over from last year which will be available at the AGM.

We welcome back our lichen expert Sim Elliott to talk about lichens at our AGM on the 12th of March.

The five Exmoor ponies are doing well on Red House Common foraging on a mixed diet with gorse being particularly nutritious in the Winter months. A reminder not to feed the ponies or put any prunings out for them which can cause serious illness.

We look forward to the start of our outdoor walks on Red House Common with a Spring bird walk on the 19th April - see details below.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Thursday March 12th 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.
- Sunday April 19th – Spring Bird Walk with Adrian from Red House car park 08.00 – 09.30

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

William Coleman
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Chailey Evening WI

Chailey Evening WI meet, at the village hall, on Tuesday March 3rd at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mark Beazley from Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare. Mark has worked in the field of animal welfare since 2003, following an earlier career in the military and police service. He took up his current post as Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Animal Welfare at Raystede in January 2025. Prior to this he was the Chief Executive at the Royal Kennel Club for four years, before that he held positions as Director of Operations at Cats Protection, Executive Director at Dogs Trust Ireland and Chief Executive of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Throughout his career he has been heavily involved in lobbying for improvements to animal welfare legislation both at national and EU level, with particular emphasis on companion animal welfare. All are welcome to attend what promises to be a most interesting evening. The first visit is free and includes refreshments. For more information visit the group's Facebook page or call Mandy on 07546 592739.

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 March this will be held at an alternative venue The Reading Room Chailey Green BN8 4DA on Friday March 6th 10am - 1pm.. A similar drop in session will be held in the Community Centre in Newick on Tuesday 10th March 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

Chailey Bonfire Society

A huge thank you to everyone who registered for our quiz night, details of how it went will be published next month.

Our fundraising efforts continue with our **Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th March** at Chailey Village Hall from 11am. Jumble can be left at the hall on Friday 6th March from 7.30pm (no earlier) until 9pm and from 8.30am on the Saturday. If you are unable to drop off your donations please get in touch by email – secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com, via Facebook or call Diane 07773 935403 and we will arrange a convenient time to collect.

Later in March, we are also holding a **Bingo Night on Saturday 28th March** at Chailey Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm and games start at 7pm. £12 for 6 books, light refreshments and snacks will be available and the chance to purchase tickets for our raffle. If you would like to book a space, please contact us via email yasmin.black93@gmail.com or Facebook.

Our main fundraising event of the year, **St Georges Fete is being held on Saturday 25th April** at the field opposite Markstakes Lane. The event runs from 12pm to 4pm and offers a great afternoon of entertainment, stalls, dog show, food, bar and much more. If you would like a stall pitch or register a vehicle for our Vintage Vehicle Show, please contact us for further information. Details of the dog show will be available on our Facebook page and in next month's magazine.

We are also looking for local businesses to promote their services by sponsoring specific events running on the day. If you feel you could help our fundraising efforts in exchange for advertising your business, please get in touch and we can give you more information.

The winner of our February 100 Club draw was number 59 Gillian Rogers, congratulations and thank you for your support. We still have a few spaces available for this years draws. Numbers are just £26 and you will be entered into a monthly draw to win £50 and the annual £1000 draw in the Summer. If you would like more information, please contact us.

There is still time to get involved and help with our fundraising events, if you would like further information, please contact secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com. Or you can find us on Facebook – just search Chailey Bonfire Society.



Chailey Repair Café – Busier Than Ever !!!!

Despite our temporary move back to the village hall while the church floor is being repaired and the challenging weather in January, Chailey Repair Café has hit the ground running, with a busy start to 2026. The stormy weather didn't deter folks from bringing in a huge range of repairs to tackle and we are bracing ourselves for whatever you throw at us next! (and the weather improving, hopefully!)

We are now in our 8th year and in that time have seen an amazing variety of items brought to us for repair. East Sussex is clearly a county of toast eaters, as we've had a large number of toasters in recently! Don't leave it too late to bring us your bikes as we get ready for what we hope is going to be a decent spring. The same applies to those garden tools which have been loitering in your shed over the winter - we can sharpen them and get those mowers and strimmers to work much better than they did when you put them away!!

We have an IT team who will not only get your laptop or iPad working properly again but will also spend time showing you how to use it if you've got stuck. It's all in a day's work for this successful local initiative which has gone from strength to strength since we opened our doors for the first time in 2018.

Our 2026 dates are easy to remember – we are normally open every 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am – 1pm. Our new posters and flyers with all our new dates are now 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.

You'll find us at Chailey Village Hall (next to the Five Bells) on the A275 normally on the second Saturday of each month (14 Feb, 14 Mar, 11 April, 9 May and so on....) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes!

Contact us at chaileyc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!! - Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Newick Cinema

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Can't make the cinema?

Our next show is on 15th March 2026. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "HAMNET". 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. **(Please note films are now being shown on the 3rd Sunday of the month, not the 4th)**

MARCH'S FILM - HAMNET (13) STARRING - Jessie Buckley Paul Mescal

Hamnet (a film adaptation from the book by Maggie O'Farrell) tells the fictionalized story of William Shakespeare's family, focusing on his wife, Agnes, who is a healer, and the loss of their son, Hamnet, to the plague. A powerful story of love and loss the plot follows their lives together - William's courtship, marriage, the birth of their twins Hamnet and Judith, and the tragedy of losing Hamnet at a young age. They cope with the loss in profound, differing ways, with William's sorrow becoming the inspiration for writing his famous play, Hamlet.

15th March 2026 in Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LY

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

Tickets: £8.00 (cash only) on the door, or by emailing detailed request to newickcinema@outlook.com. Sub titles and hearing loop in place



Meet the amazing Bevern Trust Volunteers

At The Bevern Trust, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do - helping our residents live "more from life." From baking and gardening to reading and events, their time and enthusiasm make a real difference every day. We have a wonderful mix of volunteers, from teenagers to retirees, including our youngest regular helper at just 15!

We're always looking for new faces to join our community. If you'd like to see the difference volunteering can make, come and visit us at Bevern View.

Sandra: *"Volunteering at Bevern View is a chance to do something really meaningful and at the same time, both fun and rewarding."*

Janet: *"Volunteering at Bevern View gives me the opportunity to engage with the residents as well as sharing my love of baking whilst giving me a sense of purpose and fulfilment."*

Evie and Millie: *"We really enjoy volunteering at Bevern View, especially talking to the residents and learning their own unique responses."*

Terry: *"Volunteering is great for me; I enjoy interaction with the residents and the staff. Bevern View is one big family and I'm very lucky to be included. If you want satisfaction in volunteering then give Bevern View a try."*

The Bevern Trust is a disability charity based in Barcombe and Bevern View is its residential home, providing lifelong care for 11 young adults with profound disabilities.

Donate: www.beverntrust.org **Email:** info@beverntrust.org

Follow us on social media: [@thebeverntrust](https://www.instagram.com/thebeverntrust) **Thank you for your support!**

Lewes Flower Club

Thursday 12th MARCH 2026 - 1.00 p.m. (doors open at 12.30 p.m.)

Beechwood Community Hall, Cooksbridge BN7 3QG

Demonstrator - Brenda Bull - 'The Silk Road'

Visitors- £7.00 to include a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit followed by a flower demonstration and flower raffle.

Friends of Fletching Church

Gala Concert to celebrate the restoration of Fletching's 1880 pipe organ

To mark the complete restoration of the Forster & Andrews pipe organ in Fletching Church, there will be a celebration evening on Friday 20th March at which distinguished organist, Daniel Moulton, will put the instrument through its paces.

Daniel, "one of the finest organists of our time" (*The Organ*), is an acclaimed concert organist, film presenter and recording artist. His musicianship has been praised as "exhilarating" (*Gramophone*), "dazzling" (*The Organ*), and "formidable" (*Organists' Review*). Of particular relevance to Fletching's organ, he is the presenter and performer of the massive seven-disc boxset, *The English Organ*. This history of instruments and repertoire spans 500 years and 33 locations. "Simply put, this is one of the most important organ recordings of all time" (*Fanfare*).

He is also in great demand as a teacher, valued for his sympathetic and enthusiastic approach: he is the Head of Organ at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and leads masterclasses, workshops and courses around the world.

The concert is on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in Fletching Church TN22 3SR
Tickets are available from 1st February via the project website:

www.fletchingorgan.org Adults £15; students £5

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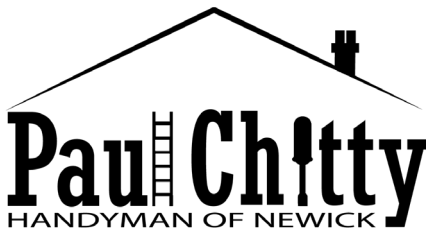
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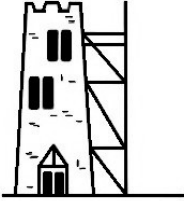


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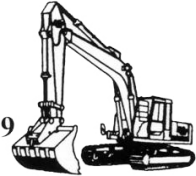


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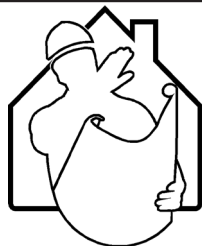
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