

Chailey News May 2026

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The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 5pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

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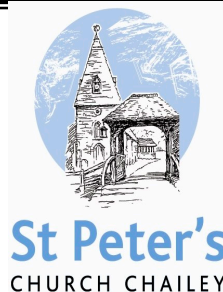
Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

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ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

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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MAY SERVICES 2026

Sunday 3rd May *The fifth Sunday of Easter*
10am Morning Worship

Sunday 10th May *The sixth Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion
11.30am APCM

Sunday 17th May *The Sunday after Ascension Day*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 24th May *PENTECOST*
10am Morning Worship

Sunday 31st May *TRINITY SUNDAY*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 7th June *The first Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

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

Rectors Ramble

*“God has called you by name and made you His own.
Confirm , O Lord , you Servant with your Holy Spirit Amen “*
Order of Confirmation, Church of England

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the May edition of St Peter's Chailey's Church & Community magazine. Across the churches of Uckfield Deanery, we are preparing for a joyful and significant occasion in the life of our Christian community: a Confirmation Service to be held at St Mary's Church Newick on Monday 8th June at 7pm.

As Rector, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what confirmation means, why it matters, and to warmly invite you to consider whether this could be the right next step in your own journey of faith.

Confirmation is, at its heart, about saying “yes” to God for yourself. Many of us were baptised as infants, with parents and godparents making promises on our behalf - promises to turn away from sin and to follow Jesus Christ. Confirmation provides the opportunity to affirm those promises personally and publicly, as a conscious and meaningful decision. It is a moment of ownership: a declaration that faith is not simply something we inherit, but something we choose to embrace.

These promises are both simple and profound. They recognise the depth of God's love for each of us, while also acknowledging our need to turn away from selfishness and wrongdoing. In making these commitments, we accept God's offer of forgiveness and a new beginning. Confirmation is not about perfection; it is about direction - turning towards Christ and seeking to follow him in daily life.

At the same time, confirmation is not just an individual act. It is deeply communal. When you are confirmed, you are affirming your place within the local church and the worldwide Christian family. The Church, in turn, promises to support you, pray for you, and walk alongside you in your faith journey. It is a powerful reminder that we do not travel alone.

For some, confirmation also marks the beginning of receiving Holy Communion regularly. If you have not yet been taking communion - perhaps because you are new to church, have come from another tradition, or were waiting for this step - confirmation opens that door. It is worth saying clearly: if you have already been confirmed in another church, you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at St Mary's and St Peter's. You are already part of the wider body of Christ.

The roots of confirmation lie in the early Church, where baptism with water and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit were part of one unified act of initiation. Over time, these elements came to be separated, particularly as infant baptism became more common. Today, confirmation allows those baptised as children to affirm their faith when they are ready to speak for themselves.

The Confirmation Service itself is always a special and memorable occasion. It will be led by the Bishop, who represents the wider Church and connects us to the broader life of the diocese and beyond. The service will include sung worship, readings from Scripture, a talk, and prayers. Each candidate will have the opportunity to declare their faith publicly before the congregation, if they so wish.

A particularly meaningful moment comes when the Bishop prays individually for each person being confirmed. With the laying on of hands, the Bishop asks God to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross is made on the forehead using Chrism oil - an ancient symbol of belonging to Christ and being marked by the Spirit, using oils blessed each year at the Cathedral during Holy week. As each name is spoken, the words remind us of God's personal call: that each one is known, loved, and claimed as his own.

If you were baptised as a child, your Godparents made promises on your behalf. At confirmation, you renew those promises yourself. You may also choose to have a sponsor - someone who stands with you as a sign of encouragement and support, much like a godparent at baptism.

Who is confirmation for?

Quite simply, anyone who has been baptised and feels ready to take this step. The Church of England generally suggests that candidates should be around the age of 10 or older, and able to make the promises with understanding. But at any age, what matters most is a genuine sense that this is the right moment for you.

Preparation is an important part of the journey. Confirmation classes provide space to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and reflect more deeply. They are open to anyone who is curious - even if you are not yet sure whether you want to be confirmed. There is no pressure, only invitation. See dates below.

You might be considering confirmation for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you were baptised as a child and now wish to affirm those promises for yourself. Perhaps you have been following Jesus for some time and feel called to make a renewed commitment. Perhaps you have come from another church tradition and would like to formally join the Anglican Communion. Or perhaps you are exploring faith for the first time - if you have not yet been baptised, that is no barrier. Baptism can take place at the beginning of the service, making it possible to experience both baptism and confirmation together.

If you are wondering whether this might be for you, I encourage you to pray about it. Speak with others you trust - family members, friends, or fellow Christians. And please do come and talk to me, or to Fr Martin. We would be delighted to walk alongside you as you discern your next steps.

The Confirmation Service on 8th June will be a joyful celebration, shared with friends, family, and churches from across the Deanery. There will be refreshments afterwards, and all are warmly invited to attend and support those taking this important step.

If you feel even a small nudge of interest, do not ignore it. This may be an invitation worth exploring.

Have a great month, and a blessed Ascension & Pentecost.

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

Confirmation Classes

Sunday 3rd May : Ages 10-17, 4 - 5pm. Over 18's 5.15-6.30pm

Sunday 10th May: Ages 10-17, 4-5pm. Over 18's 5.15-6.30pm

Sunday 17th May: Ages 10-17, 4-5pm. Over 18's 5.15-6.30pm

Sunday 7th June: Ages 10-17, 4-5pm. Over 18's 5.15-6.30pm



May Diary

Thursday 7th - 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 11th - 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.

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www.chaileyfreechurch.com

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

May Camp 2026

22nd- 25th May - Breathe

This year we are taking 32 young people from our parishes to May Camp

Here are 5 ways to Pray for our most fun weekend of the year

1. Breathe- that's our theme this year, so please, Pray that attendees (youth and leaders) will experience spiritual refreshment and pause in God's presence.
2. Safety and Community: Pray for safe travel, protective care during the weekend, and for strong, positive friendships to be built among the hundreds of youth attending.
3. Spiritual Growth & Worship: Pray for an impactful experience during worship sessions, and that the teaching will bring guidance and clarity to young people's lives.
4. Leadership and Volunteers: Pray for the youth workers and volunteers leading teams and running activities, that they may inspire and connect with the young people.
5. Lasting Impact: Pray that the memories and spiritual connections made during this bank holiday weekend will influence their faith beyond the camp.

<https://www.maycamp.org>

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 May 7th 1938

CRICKET CLUB

A very pleasant little ceremony took place on Roeheath's Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon. At the tea interval of the match between our Club and the Spartans C.C. well deserved presentations were made to Mr H Langridge, who until recently was Hon. Secretary of Chailey Cricket Club, and to Mr F. Smith the Hon. Scorer. The former received a handsome bureau in token of his good work for our Club for over 30 years and the latter received a very comfortable arm chair in recognition of his services for the Club over a similar period. Both gifts were suitably inscribed. The subscribers numbered 64 and Mr Philpott who was responsible for collecting the subscriptions found his task a very pleasant one as everyone whom he called upon was very ready to give. A photograph of the presentation is being hung in the pavilion.

Note Chailey Cricket Club was established in the mid 1700's and is still going strong. I am going to go along to the club house to see if that photograph is still in existence, but sadly I think it will be long gone!

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net



CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – IT'S SPRING!!!!

We are delighted to be back in the sunshine at our home base at St Peter's Church after some excellent restoration work on its floor!! April and May are always busy months for us at the Repair Café, as you bring all the kit you've just got out of the shed ready for some sunshine! We'll gladly take on broken garden furniture including parasols and loungers, as well as sorting out those lawnmowers and strimmers and sharpening your garden tools.

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

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

Our bike repairers will be hard at work sorting out repairs for bikes big and small and all that will be alongside our usual electrical and clothing repairs. There's a huge demand for our service nowadays, so please get there early and we'll see you as soon as we can!

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 and then watch while your repairs is done in front of you..

You'll find us at St Peter's Church, Chailey on the A275 at Chailey Green on the second Saturday of each month (11 April, 9 May, 13 June and so on) between 10.00hrs and 13.00hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes!

Not sure if we can fix it? Contact us at chaileycr@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

Friends of Chailey Windmill

The Windmill and Rural life Museum will open on Sunday 10th May and Sunday 24th May from 3 -5pm . There is no charge for admission but donations are welcome towards the cost of maintaining this historic feature of our village . National Mills weekend is 9/10 th May and all day Saturday and Sunday morning the Downland Radio Group will be broadcasting to mills in the U.K. and Europe . The Group will be pleased to welcome visitors .

John Smith 01825 723519

Chailey Commons Society

The spring sunshine has really been welcome and the displays of the wild daffodils on Lane End Common, in particular, have been lovely.

Our outdoor activities have started with the bird walk on Red House Common and we were able to enjoy the resident birds bursting into song and spring feeling. Our next walk in May should see the migrants coming in and looking to the breeding season once again.

We are now in the season when ground nesting birds such as nightjar and reptiles such as adders are especially vulnerable to disturbance from dogs and people. Throughout the commons dogs should be under close control between April and the end of July. In areas of high habitat suitability, we have re-instated the Wildlife Refuges.

Three Wildlife Refuges have been completed, one area on the northern slope of Red House Common and two areas of Memorial common. Walkers will notice the boundaries marked with fallen birch and explanatory notices asking people and dogs to avoid these areas. The public footpaths are not affected by any of these marked areas. Thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping the areas quiet. The migrating Nightjars usually

arrive in May. We now monitor the number of nightjar territories and hope that the 7 territories we observed in total last year over all the commons, will be occupied again.

Regrettably there have been a couple of incidents of fly tipping at Red House common car park and thank you if you have reported them to Lewes District Council.

The five ponies have come through the Winter in good condition and are now beginning to show their summer coats. We are looking for another pony checker so please do get in contact if you are interested in joining the rota and able to check 2 days a month.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Sunday May 17th – Migrants Bird Walk with Adrian from Red House car park 08.00 – 09.30
- Wednesday May 20th – Spring Flower Walk with William on Red House 2.00.p.m. – 4.00.p.m. Leisurely walk looking at the new season's flowers. Meet at car park.
- Wednesday May 27th – Nighttime Safari – From Red House car park 8.30.p.m. – 10.00.p.m. Finish in the darkness so torches required – hoping to hear and see Bats, Owls and Nightjars.
- Thursday June 11th - Nightjar Walk – Memorial Common 9.30.p.m. – 11.00.p.m. Meet at the Sports Club car park by A272. Finish in the dark – bring torches

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

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey Evening WI

Meet, at the village hall, on Tuesday May 5th at 7.30pm for their Annual Meeting and Resolution vote. After which Audrey Wende, former President of the Chailey Evening Women's Institute, will give a talk about 'Birds'.

Audrey is a member of the Sussex Ornithological Society, which she joined in 1984. She served on the Society's Council for fifteen years, seven of these as Chairman and in addition undertook other roles including organising birding outings for members, setting up monthly mid-week walks and helping with the Society's Conference catering. Audrey became the first 'Swift Champion' in 2008, liaising with local people to find out where Swifts nest and delivering Swift nest boxes throughout the county. She continues to support this initiative and various groups including Lewes Swift Group and Worthing & Adur Swifts Group.

At a Sussex Ornithological Society's Annual Conference Audrey was given an engraved glass goblet in recognition of her work on behalf of the Society and of the birdlife of the

county. An example of Audrey's bird sightings can be seen on the Friends of Weir Wood Society website where she records 'A lovely visit in the sunshine today and found a Great White Egret and 6 Egyptian Geese, rafts of Canada and Greylag Geese, Cormorants, 1 Green Sandpiper, 2 Moorhen, Mallards and finished with 2 Buzzards mewing overhead'. Audrey is sure to enlighten us on all these birds and more.

All are welcome to the meeting; 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 at Chailey St Peter's Church. The next session will be on Friday 1st May 10am - 1pm. St Mary's Church Newick is also hosting a session on Tuesday 12th May 12pm -3pm

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

www.Lewesdistrictca.org.uk

Chailey Cricket Club

The season will have commenced by the time you read this – Cuckfield at home on 3 May. Successive May fixtures are below. Details of remaining 2026 season matches are detailed on our website: chailey.play-cricket.com - under 'Fixtures'.

10 May away at Streat & Westmeston (at Middleton Manor, Westmeston) starting at 14:00

17 May home to Gully Cricketers (Crawley) starting at 14:00

24 May home to The Sunday Seconds XI starting at 13:30

31 May away at Waldron starting at 13:00

We are always looking to welcome new or returning members....interested? .. contact Marc: 0774 102 0793

The Five Bells was the venue for our AGM held on Friday 10 April. Reports from officers were received. Among the reports the meeting was informed that, 2025 was a very good season – played 18 (16) / won 11 (5) / lost 3 (3) / drew 3 (4) / cancelled 1 (4). (2024 stats in brackets) The chair extended a vote of thanks to all the 2025 officers, the volunteer grounds folk, without whom we would not enjoy a very good square and the individuals that shared the provision of our brilliant teas including the amazing 'Davis banoffee pies'.

The election of officers returned the following:

President: John Padgham; Chair: David Dembrey; Secretary: James Chaplin;
Treasurer: Peter Dembrey; Fixtures Secretary: Marc Sellis; Club Captain: Marc Sellis;
Club Vice-Captain: Chris Mackinnon; Club Welfare Officer: Chris Mackinnon.

Let us hope the weather is kind for our 2026 and we attract more playing members – young or old, whatever ability or gender. We are a no league cricket, social and friendly Sunday club. Join and you will wonder why you did not join before! Pop by on our ground preparation evenings: Wednesdays and Fridays from 18.00.

Most of you will know the different ways that a batsman can get out in cricket, but a new one appeared in the 24 June 1960 edition of the Sussex Express. The report read: 'Out, killed at wicket' must have been the umpire's decision on a member of Chailey Cricket Club who met this tragic fate when playing cricket 289 years ago.' The report continued: 'The Chailey parish register for 31 May 1737 records the player was killed by running against another in crossing the wicket! It is believed to be the earliest reference to village cricket in any church register.' So, does this suggest the club was born earlier than we thought. For many years the club has been attempting to find its birthday, but without any luck. The club has taken 1758 as there is a record of members of the club joining with players from Lindfield, Newick and Hamsey in a match against players from the Lewes, Brighton and Rottingdean clubs. The match played at Cooksbridge was announced in the Sussex Weekly Advertiser on 26 June 1758 and reported in the 3 July 1758 edition. Should anyone know anything different please contact the club. Meanwhile please come and support your village club.

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

Chailey Horticultural Society

Our Spring Show in March was a great success with a number of people exhibiting for the first time . The childrens sections were well supported and a lovely day brought in a good crowd in the afternoon.

Our next event is the plant sale in the village hall car park on Saturday 23rd May from 10am to midday.

On the 6th June we will be hosting an afternoon of tea and entertainment in the village hall. Entrance will be £10 for a lovely afternoon.

We are now in May and though the nights can still be cold the threat of a frost has largely passed Greenhouse tomatoes should be growing well and by mid May it is time to start hardening off outside tomatoes by taking them during the day but back to shelter overnight. After a couple of weeks and the arrival of June they can be planted out. Plant up to the level of the first true leaves and make sure the hole is fully saturated before planting. Then water in and add a good layer of mulch to help reduce evaporation as I fear another dry summer! When the first truss has set give a weekly feed with a seaweed

based fertiliser. For those with limited space there are plenty of bush varieties that can be grown in 18" pots on a patio.

It is interesting to note that with the present unrest in the world there is the threat of food shortages and the most vulnerable this summer are said to be tomatoes and cucumbers. For cucumbers in a greenhouse or poly tunnel try all female varieties Femspot and Carmen F1. Outside try bush varieties such as Bush Champion or Patio Snacker in 18" pots.

I'm not convinced with outside ridge varieties as they tend to trail all over the place and the quality is not nearly as good as those grown under cover.

One of the great favourites of the summer is runner beans which seem to be a peculiarity of the British as they are rarely grown elsewhere. I choose modern hybrid crosses of French and runner beans such as Firestorm and Moonlight as they are largely self fertile and tend to crop better. Enorma is the best of the traditional varieties. Grow them up canes in straight lines to allow in more sunlight and a better flow of air. I start off some under cover to plant out in early June and at the same time I plant more seeds directly to prolong the harvest.

For climbing French beans try Cobra and for dwarf varieties Tendergreen. If space allows the climbing pea Alderman produces a heavy crop of delicious peas over a prolonged period.

Make sure potatoes are well earthed up to avoid tubers being exposed to sunlight and turning green.

Plant courgettes, marrows and squash under cover.

Pray for rain?

Good Gardening

Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708
<https://www.chaileyhorticulturalsociety.com>

Chailey Parish Council

Highways Update

Chailey Parish Council Highways Committee met with Highways on the 10th March for their bi-annual meeting. The Parish Council continues to work closely with East Sussex Highways on several long standing safety concerns. The poor condition of the A275 road between the Brickworks and South Chailey shop remains a major issue, with resurfacing now proposed for the 2027 programme; in the meantime, residents are encouraged to keep reporting potholes so repairs can be raised promptly. The footpath between the Brickworks and South Chailey Shop also remains problematic for wheelchair users and parents with prams, and Highways officers are still working to confirm its adoption so maintenance can begin. Other matters under review include the need for dropped kerbs

at the Markstakes Lane junction, a proposed reduction of the A272 speed limit to 40mph, and the installation of Wigwag flashing signs on Mill Lane, for which updated costings and funding options are awaited.

Speeding and road safety continue to be a strong focus. Mill Lane is being assessed for traffic calming measures, including Speed Indicator Devices and the feasibility of chicanes, while the Speedwatch team has identified six potential locations for “check your speed” signage. Residents have also raised concerns about construction traffic linked to the Oxbottom development and the heavily obstructed footpath opposite the road to Holford Manor, which has been reported for clearance. The Parish Council encourages residents to keep reporting hazards—such as potholes, overgrown verges, and blocked footpaths—so that issues can be addressed quickly and the parish remains safe for all. The full minutes of this meeting can be viewed at www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/council-meetings

Annual Parish Meeting

We held our Annual Parish Meeting on 1st April. Councillor Berry provided an update on Parish Council activities over the last year, and Nick Belcher gave an update on Speedwatch activities. A last report from County Councillor Milligan was also received at the meeting. He will be standing down from his role in the May 2026 elections. For full details please visit our website: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/council-meetings

Government Support for Heating Oil Costs

The Government recently announced targeted support for low-income households that rely on heating oil and are being impacted by the current spike in prices. Residents should apply for support with heating oil costs directly to the Warm Home Check service. Details of the process and online application form can be found at : <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support/your-home/help-for-households-using-oil-heating>

Residents can also call the Warm Home Check service on 0800 464 7307 to apply, or if they have queries.

When people apply for support, their circumstances will be assessed and if they are not eligible for this particular support scheme, they will be provided with information, advice or signposting to alternative support that may be available, including some of the following:

- Cost of living support at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support>
- For families eligible for free school meals Holiday food and fun at: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/welcome-to-holiday-food-and-fun>
- To check if you are receiving all the financial support that you are entitled to at: <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>
- Advice on debt or benefits - phone the welfare benefits helpline for free, confidential advice on 0333 344 0681 (calls cost no more than the national rate).

East Sussex Bus Service Changes

East Sussex County Council is advising residents of forthcoming changes to several local bus services. Most adjustments will come into effect from 12 April 2026, with a few routes changing on alternative dates.

Where to find more information:

Upcoming changes will be published on the East Sussex County Council website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/public/journeyplan/changes-to-bus-services
Bus operators will also update their own websites and timetables in due course.
We have also attached the PDF document of the full details on the Parish Council website at <https://chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news>.

Small Grants Application Process Final Reminder

Chailey Parish Council will be welcoming applications to its small grants scheme. Applications open 1st May and close 31st May. Application forms can be downloaded from the Website. Alternatively, contact the RFO via email on rfo@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Please note the scheme is open earlier this year than previous years and applications received after 31st May 2026 cannot be included for consideration.

Nicola Menniss - Clerk to Chailey Parish Council Email: Clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Web: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01825 722388

Chailey School

Over recent months, Chailey School has been buzzing with activity, achievement and community engagement. Students have taken part in a wide range of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom, including debating and public speaking events, Duke of Edinburgh awards, creative projects and careers focused activities that help prepare them for life beyond school. We are also proud to have recently been awarded Gold Artsmark, recognising our strong commitment to creativity and cultural education. Alongside this, we continue to strengthen links with local employers, colleges and community organisations, reflecting our ambition to be a school that not only serves its students but actively contributes to the wider Chailey community.

It was also wonderful to see so many members of the community attend our 3G Community Meeting on 25th March.

If you would like to share your views or comment on the proposed 3G pitch, you can do so by scanning the QR code included here.



We will be holding our next Community Meeting on Wednesday 10th June at Chailey School, 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along if you can.

Chailey Bonfire Society

Huge thanks to everyone who came to our bingo night last month. It was a great success and lovely to see many familiar faces as well as the opportunity to meet some new people from the village. We raised £ 840 which will go towards putting on our bonfire celebrations and the Christmas party for the senior members of the village, both later this year.

The St George's Day Fete will go ahead towards the end of the month. We hope that you will pop along and enjoy the day. We will give an update of the event in the next magazine.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 12th May at 7.45pm at The Five Bells. This is your opportunity to come along and get involved in your village bonfire society. The support of the village is paramount to the ongoing success of the society.

We have a vacancy this year for someone willing to help with some secretarial work – taking and producing minutes of meetings, writing Chailey News, booking events and keeping our Risk Assessments up to date. If you think you may be able to support this role, please contact us secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com

Our next fundraising event is a Bingo Night on Saturday 30th May at the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Contact us by email or via Facebook to pre-book you tickets and reserve your seats - £10 per person.

We also are running another quiz night "Burger & Brains" on Saturday 4th July at Chailey Village Hall. Entry is £12 per person, with a maximum of 6 people per team. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Contact us via email to book tickets or watch out for details on our Facebook Page.

The winner of our April 100 Club draw was number 72 Ben Griffin. Congratulations, and thank you for your support. We have a few numbers still available for this year's 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.

Newick And Chailey Hospice Support Group

Our annual walk in aid of St. Peter and St James Hospice will take place on Thursday 7th May.

It is a four mile circular walk starting at The Anchor Inn , Anchor Lane, Barcombe BN8 5EA. Meet at The Anchor at 10am for coffee and to order lunch. A guide and map will be provided. The walk takes about 2 hours and is gentle through lovely woods and country side. Dogs are welcome and there is ample parking.

For further information please contact Peter Estcourt-pge44@icloud.com. 07803179708

Plumpton Flower Club

We are pleased to welcome Graham King who will be giving a floral demonstration entitled "Beauty in Sculpture" at Plumpton Village Hall on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm. Members £3 visitors £10 which includes refreshments. There will be a raffle at the end of the evening with a chance to win one of Graham's gorgeous floral displays. Everyone is welcome to come along. Any enquiries please contact

Jo on 07719887590 or Sue on 01273 801701

Uckfield Lewes and Newick Arts Society

May 13th 2.30 in the Civic Hall Uckfield

Is Ephemera Really Art? John Scott C.B.E.

What is Ephemera for a start? It is an experience enjoyed for a short moment and then gone for ever except in the memory. Buddhist monks create intricate designs in sand, sometimes taking weeks to complete. Once finished, they are ceremoniously destroyed to symbolize the impermanence of life, a powerful reminder to let go of attachment and appreciate the beauty in every moment.

Think about a train ticket, (now of course almost a thing of the past) but once used they were always thrown away. Junk mail, newspapers, magazines, shopping lists, all disposable and unimportant. Or are they?

John Scott, graduated in History and then worked in the City at Morgan Grenfell and Deutsche Bank. He is an elected Member of the City of London Corporation, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society in London and a Council member of the Ephemera Society in Great Britain. The lecture is based on original unpublished sources from his own archive.

We look forward to welcoming you. Guests please pay £8 on the door.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Newick Cinema

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Can't make the cinema?

Our next show is on 17th May 2026. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "H Is For HAWK". 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.

MAY'S FILM - 'H Is For HAWK' (12A)

STARRING - Claire Foy Brendan Gleeson Lindsay Duncan

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17th May 2026 in Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LY
Licensed bar and refreshments from 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30 pm
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29th & 30th May 2026. Don't miss NADS next Murder/Mystery Evening
"Death by Radio"

Book now – The bar will be open all through the evening and NADS invites you to bring along a picnic for the interval or if you prefer there will be tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams for sale.. Seating will be at tables for 4, 6 or 8, but you don't need to book a whole table smaller bookings will be combined to make larger tables.

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As the actual play is a short one, we are also adding in a quiz, some dancing and some songs. The MM itself is set in WW2 and the whole evening will be WW2 based and please do feel free to dress in the appropriate era. The dancing could be anything from Lindy Hop to Jive and a competition will be held, so get practising. Enthusiasm will be viewed just as much as technique! The quiz will be 1940's based with a bit of artistic licence.

The pièce de résistance will be the Murder Mystery and will have you wondering Who Dunit! Due to an unexploded bomb at the BBC studios, the latest episode of a popular drama series will be broadcasted at the Newick Village hall as an alternative venue. All is not well with certain members of the cast, for various reasons of which you will find out through audience questioning but includes a gullible forces sweetheart, a drunkard and a spiv!

Play Badminton!

Newick Badminton Club play every Tuesday evening at Newick Village Hall.

We are a friendly club and welcome players of all abilities including beginners.

You can drop in anytime between 7.45pm and 10.00pm to try us out. Racquets can be provided and your first session is free!

If you are interested in coming along, *please call 07801079334 or email secretary@newickbadmintonclub.co.uk.*

Lewes Flower Club

Thursday 14th May 2026-DOORS OPEN AT 12.30PM Beechwood Community Hall, Cooksbridge BN7 3QG

Demonstrator – Gill Smaggasgale – “Show Stoppers”

Visitors - £7 – to include cup of tea/coffee and biscuits

This will then be followed by a flower demonstration and flower raffle.

Chailey News - June Issue

The deadline for the June issue of Chailey News is Tues 19th May. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

1. Send items to chaileynews@chec.co.uk
2. Include “Chailey News” in Subject section of the e mail.
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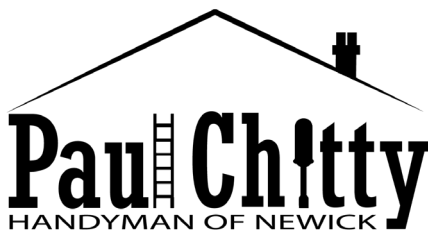
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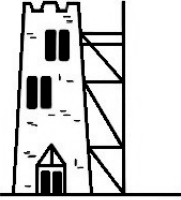
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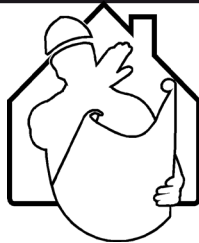
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