

Chailey News

Free



August 2026

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

For further information about Roman Catholic services and activities, please contact Mrs Mary Butterfield, 01825 724003

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AUGUST SERVICES 2026



Sunday 2nd August *The ninth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 9th August *The tenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 16th August *The eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 23rd August *The twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 30th August *The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am AT NEWICK

Sunday 6th September *The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion with the Archdeacon

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

Prayer is a great weapon, a rich treasure, a wealth that is never exhausted, an undisturbed refuge, a cause of tranquillity, the root of a multitude of blessings and their source.

St. John Chrysostom

Dear friends,

Welcome to the August edition of St Peter's Chailey's Church & Community magazine. August has always had a different rhythm. For many, it is the month when routines are put aside for a while. Schools are on holiday, families take time away together, gardens become places to linger, and there is, we hope, a little more opportunity to rest. Even if we are not travelling anywhere, the longer days and warmer evenings invite us to slow down, breathe more deeply, and notice the beauty that surrounds us.

Rest is not simply a modern luxury; it is woven into God's pattern for creation. From the beginning, God established a rhythm of work and rest, reminding us that our worth is not measured solely by how much we achieve. Jesus himself regularly withdrew from the crowds to pray, reflect and be renewed. In a world that often celebrates constant activity, perhaps August offers us permission to rediscover the gift of Sabbath—to make space for God, for one another, and for the quiet restoration of body, mind and spirit.

This year, however, our enjoyment of summer is tempered by the prolonged dry weather. Across Chailey and the surrounding countryside, the effects of drought are becoming increasingly visible. Lawns have turned brown, gardens are struggling, streams are lower than usual, and farmers are facing difficult decisions as crops and livestock are affected. Those who work the land know better than most how dependent we all are upon the gift of rain and the delicate balance of creation.

As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of God's creation. The opening chapters of Genesis remind us that humanity was entrusted with caring for the earth, not exploiting it. Stewardship is not only about protecting wildlife or reducing waste—important though those things are—but about recognising that the world belongs first to God. We are caretakers of a gift, called to use its resources wisely and to leave them in good heart for future generations.

Perhaps this summer invites each of us to consider small but meaningful ways of living out that calling. Conserving water where we can, nurturing wildlife in our gardens, supporting local farmers, reducing unnecessary consumption, and offering prayers for those whose livelihoods depend upon the land are all acts of faithful stewardship. Small actions, multiplied across many people, become powerful expressions of love for our neighbours and gratitude to our Creator.

Alongside caring for creation, we are also called to care for the future of our church community. With that in mind, I warmly invite everyone to our Church Vision Day on Saturday 22nd August 9am-3pm. This will be an opportunity to gather, pray, share

hospitality, listen to one another, and discern together where God may be leading St Peter's in the years ahead. Whether you have worshipped here for decades or have only recently joined us, your voice, your experience and your prayers matter. Vision is not something created by one person, but something we discover together as we seek God's guidance.

As August unfolds, may you find moments of genuine rest and refreshment. May you notice God's presence in the beauty of creation, even amidst the challenges of this dry season. And may we all grow in our calling to care faithfully for this wonderful world God has entrusted to us and for the community he has placed us within.

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

Rev Paul x

Pastoral Care Fund (Change of Account No)

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 40-52-40 Account 00009347**. 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'.

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



August Diary

Thursday 6th - Craft & Chat 7.00-9.00pm

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.

Saturday 8th August - Family Craft Day 10am-1pm

Come and join us for a fun filled time, trying out different craft activities. Free entry.

There won't be a Messy Church meeting in August. Come and join us again on Monday 14th September.

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

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www.chaileyfreechurch.com

Chailey Bonfire Society - End Of An Era?

After 60 years of tireless but enjoyable work for the village, Chailey Bonfire Society is in a situation where it will cease to exist from January 2027.

This will mean that there will be no further Jumble Sales, St George's Fete, Quiz and Bingo nights, Bonfire Night or Christmas Party for the senior residents of the village.

All these events are put on for the benefit of the village, many of which are free.

We need more active committee members and more importantly we need to fill two officer roles – Secretary and Treasurer. Sadly, our outgoing officers cannot continue to fulfil their roles due to other commitments.

If you can help, however small, please contact us for an informal chat and further information.

By email: Secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com

By phone: Gary 07730 645583 or Diane 07773 935403 (both evenings only)

From the Parish Leaflet for August 1939

Educational Visit to London; On August 10th some twenty children spent the day in London.

We took the train from Haywards Heath to London Bridge and walked to the Tower where we were conducted around to all the places of interest by a portly Beefeater. We lunched by the river, sheltering from the rain in a nearby tent, where we also enjoyed tea and lemonade

. At 1.30 p.m. we boarded a steamer to take us round the docks. First came the Pool of London then on to the Greenwich Observatory and finally Gallions Reach where the lock gates closed behind us to enable us to enter King George V Dock.

We passed close by the 'Mauretania' busy preparing for her voyage the next morning. Passenger ships and merchant ships of many nationalities discharged cargoes of hides, fruit, meat and grain into the waiting barges.

All the way a friendly voice from a megaphone gave us interesting information and after an intensive tour of this huge dock system we returned to Tower Pier at 6.30 p.m. We caught the 7.20 p.m. train from London arriving at Haywards Heath in time to board the 8.30 p.m. bus for home. E.M. Hazelden

Note: What a fascinating trip! The ship mentioned however was not the first 'Mauretania', rival of the Titanic and dismantled in 1935 This second ship was built in 1938, originally as a passenger liner, but then served as a troop ship in WW2.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Chailey Cricket Club

For our fixtures secretary / captain 2026 season been a very frustrating time. Since our last report we had ten fixtures arranged. Of those two were cancelled, four teams dropped out but thanks to our fixtures guru replacement oppositions were found for three matches. The remaining four matches stayed as arranged....phew! A mixed season so far. We hope the remainder of the season progresses as programmed. So, how have we done?

May17 – Chailey - 163 for 5 in 29 allocated overs. Marc Sellis 51 n.o. and James Chaplin 48 n.o. Gully - 147 all out. Two wickets apiece for Cameron Davis, James Brooklyn and Monty Clarke and one each for James Chaplin and Marc Sellis, plus 1 run out.

24 – Chailey - 209 for 2 dec. First 3 batsmen all retired not out – Chris Mackinnon 53, Alex Cox 52 and Ollie Williams 50 [Generally this tends to be our way so that everyone who plays gets bat or a bowl.]

Lancing Manor (a new opponent) – 140 for 8 (2 batsmen decided not to bat – too hot) 3 wickets for James Chaplin, 2 each for Suvir Sagar and Monty Clarke with Jon Davis sweeping up the remaining wicket.

31 – Blackboys (another new opponent) – Blackboys 191 all out. Marc Sellis picked up 4 wickets. 1 each for James Chaplin, Cameron Davis, Jamal Khan, Richie Simmons and Peter Dembrey. 1 run out.

Chailey -189 for 6 innings closed. Peter Dembrey 58 and James Brooklyn 52 both retired not out. Marc Sellis with 34 was the only other significant scorer

June

14 – Chailey -171 for 9 dec (40 overs). Chris Mackinnon 39, Chris Clayton 31 (down from the wilds of Norfolk – just for the game!), Peter Dembrey 17, Richie Simmons 15, Monty Clarke 14 and David Dembrey 12.

Balcombe Sunday -124 for 9 (40 overs). James Brooklyn collected 3 wickets. 1 each for James Chaplin, Richie Simmons, Monty Clarke, Cameron Davis, Peter Dembrey and Tilly Davis – well done Tilly.

21 – Chailey -170 for 6 dec. Top 4 scorers: Alex Cox 50 retired not out, Richie Simmons 47, Dylan Baker 20 n.o. and Chris Mackinnon 15

Rodmell - 156 for 8. Dylan Baker claimed 4 wickets, Monty Clarke 2 and one apiece for Cameron Davis and Aruun Shanmugan.

July

5 – Chailey - 229 for 6 dec (38 overs). Chris Mackinnon 61, James Brooklyn 58 n.o., James Chaplin 28, Marc Sellis 26 n.o. and Peter Dembrey 20 Streat & Westmeston - 195 for 6 (42 overs). Marc Sellis collected 2 wickets whilst David Dembrey, Richie

Simmons and James Chaplin achieved 1 each.

12 – Chailey - 232 for 8 dec. James Brooklyn 86, James Brooklyn 47n.o., Alex Cos 25 and 17 each for Cameron Davis and Jamal Khan. Beeding and Bramber – 197 for 7 inning closed Marc Sellis 5 for 49 and 1 each for Cameron Davis and Jamal Khan

We have continued our streak of not losing a game. Last game we lost was 1 June 2025 when we were thrashed by Waldron. The run is even more remarkable because so many of our players come and go to fit in with family. Long may this be the case. To maintain the viability of Chailey Cricket Club we do need more players – young or ancient, whatever gender and ability. If you are interested in joining ring our captain: Marc Sellis - 07741020793

Chailey Cricket Club– your village cricket club.

Please visit www.chailey.play-cricket.com for more information and how to contact our officials.

Chailey Parish Council

Green Waste Disposal on Chailey Commons

The Council has received recent reports of green waste fly-tipping on Red House Common. The Council kindly asks residents not to put green waste on the common. Garden and stable waste can harm wildlife, spread invasive plants and weeds, and damage the local environment. Residents are reminded that fly-tipping on Chailey Commons can be reported directly to Lewes District Council on <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>

Bleed Control Kits for Village Defibrillators

The incident at Newick Green in April was a stark reminder of how vital quick access to emergency equipment can be. Thanks to the availability of a bleed control kit, help was provided immediately to the injured person. Chailey Parish Council has since equipped all village defibrillators with bleed control kits to further support community safety. The Council remain dedicated to protecting residents and ensuring essential resources are close at hand. Please see the Council website for a list of the village defibrillator locations. Nicola Menniss, Clerk to Chailey Parish Council Email: Clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Web: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01825 722388

Many thanks,

Nicola Menniss
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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 7th August 10am - 1pm. St Mary's Church Newick is also hosting a session on Tuesday 11th August 11 pm -2pm

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

Many thanks

Bea Annis (Church Warden Chailey St Peter's)

Chailey Litter Pickers

Chailey Litter Pickers have continued to pick litter throughout the summer months in an effort to keep Chailey clean and tidy. Apart from the unattractive visual aspect of discarded rubbish, litter can be hazardous to both wildlife and domestic pets. Our group do their very best to minimise this impact, but a very real difference would be made if everyone used the many public bins throughout the village or just took their rubbish home!

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 next group pick will be on Thursday 13 August starting at 10.00am from the car park at the Sports Ground, North Chailey. We will focus on clearing any litter in and around the various Commons car parks, so that both locals and visitors to the Commons can enjoy the nature reserves looking their best.

We welcome new people to the group who are interested in helping to look after Chailey. There is no need for a regular commitment. Bin liners will be provided, as well as high-vis vests, gloves, grabbers, and hoops for those that need them. The more the merrier! We are always happy to welcome and support any young people taking part in Duke of Edinburgh awards or similar schemes, where they might need to do some community service as part of their studies or challenges. 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



CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ - 8 YEARS OF TEA, CAKE AND FIXING!!

Chailey Repair Café will be celebrating 8 years of fixing your stuff this August!!

None of us thought when we first opened our doors on 11th August 2018 that we would grow so quickly and achieve so much. In those days there were only 2 other Repair Cafes in East Sussex and 66 in the UK – now there are nearly 40 in West & East Sussex and Kent, with almost 800 nationally!!!

We have now attempted nearly 7000 repairs, and we are regularly tackling more than 70 each session – in the past 2 months, we've sorted a wooden monkey, put the growl back into a teddy, fixed a 1940s sewing machine and repaired a baby monitor against the clock, as the new baby was arriving imminently!!

The current high temperatures have seen a run on broken fans and parasols and our sharpening, cycle and lawnmower team are very busy sorting your mowers, strimmers and bikes as well as sharpening your garden tools....

None of that could have been possible without the support of the local community and of course the tireless work of our 40 hard working volunteers – they are simply the best! We now have a huge stock of specialist tools and many spares which enable us to tackle some really obscure items – as long as you can carry it, we'll look at it! (But no microwaves please – they have a dangerous bite!!)

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 repair 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 (11th July, 8th August, 12th September and so on) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes!

Not sure if we can fix your broken item? Contact us at chaileycrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

Friends of Chailey Windmill

The Windmill and Rural Life Museum will open on Sunday 16th and 30th August both days 3 - 5pm .

Admission is free but donations are welcome towards the maintenance costs .

The Windmill will also host a visit by the Sussex Young Archaeological Group which is based in Chailey . The Group which meets monthly was established 30 years ago and has completed a variety of projects . One activity was related to the wartime advanced landing airfield at Plumpton where a Polish Spitfire Squadron was based . There is an exhibit in the Windmill which records flights from this airfield in support of the D- Day landings

John Smith 01825 723519

Chailey Evening WI

Chailey Evening WI has two outings in August the first a tour of Newhaven Lifeboat Station and the second to Chichester Festival Theatre. Their next meeting at the village hall is on Tuesday September 1 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Emma Lansdell and the subject 'The Work of the Woodland Trust', which is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. The charity fights to protect woods and trees, preventing the loss of irreplaceable habitat and bringing damaged ancient woods back to life. Also, expanding native woodland and creating tree-rich habitats to benefit us all and in doing this they have planted over 68 million trees since 1972. To learn all about the charity do go along to the meeting on September 1, the first visit to Chailey Evening WI is free and includes refreshments. For more information about Chailey WI visit the group's Facebook page, email cewichailey@gmail.com or call 07546 592739.

Chailey Commons Society

The headlines are Heatwave, Heat Dome and Records broken. The local temperatures have been exceeding records, and the high pressure has been centred over the south of the UK making for a really hot summer and everywhere is very dry. Despite this the bracken continues to dominate on the commons once again reaching around seven feet in height and closing in on the pathways.

Our outdoor activities have continued with our Butterfly and Bird walk on Red House Common, and, despite the very dry and warm conditions, a good group saw a number of the usual Meadow Browns and white ones, usually the Large White and Small White but always looking hard to spot the less common Green Veined White. Red Admirals, Gatekeepers, Commas and the quick and erratic Skippers also make for good spotting. Birds at this time of year are quiet after the nesting season.

The ponies on Red House Common are looking well in their summer coats and always seeking shelter under the tree shade where there is some slight breeze to help ward off the flies. They often stand nose to tail and beside each other so that the swishing of the tails held to clear the flies. Our advice and request continue for no feeding or dumping of domestic trimmings – this will cause problems so thank you for not doing this.

We have been carrying out evening surveys on each common to monitor the number of nightjar territories and likely nesting activity using teams of volunteers who followed a prescribed route and area undertaking a set routine to record what was being seen and heard. This was followed by an aerial survey early one morning (yes – 4.a.m.) using the latest approved Drone technique to scan the heathland in detail from a suitable and safe height. We are analysing the results.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Wednesday August 12th – Family Holiday Discovery Time for accompanied children – Red House Common – 10.00.a.m. – 12.00. midday – meet at the car park.
- Thursday September 10th – Indoor Meeting – Chailey Village Hall – 7.30.p.m. Talk on Leaky Dams by Harriet Trueman from the Wilder Ouse Project. Visitors welcome.
- Sunday September 20th – Outdoor Activity – Early Bird Walk with Adrian – meet at Red House car park at 8.00.a.m.

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

William Coleman - 01444 831098

Chailey Horticultural Club

2026 is turning out to be quite a difficult year for the average gardener. A dry winter and a late spring followed by a hot spell. Then in May there was a huge drop in temperature and even a touch of frost and now, at time of writing, we are enduring a second heatwave with daytime temperatures over 30*and no rain in sight.

I think the extreme temperatures combined with the drought has lead to the poor setting of fruit on many plants especially tomatoes and runner beans. With tomatoes it is a bit late to do much about it but watch out for blossom end rot which causes the end of the fruit to become dark and leathery. It is caused by a calcium deficiency brought about by allowing the plant to dry out so regular watering is essential.

With runner beans ensure regular watering and a fine misty spray in the evening will help. Runner bean, French bean hybrids such as Moonlight and Firestorm are less prone to poor setting as they are self fertile but still benefit from a fine spray.

In the greenhouse aubergine are particularly prone to poor setting and greatly benefit from the gentle application of a finger to transfer pollen but again it is essential to ensure regular watering and good ventilation. Start a weekly feed as soon as the fruit has set.

One possible benefit from the dry weather is a reduced risk of tomato and potato blight which requires warm wet conditions to spread. However should rain appear; beware! As those of us who remember 1967 as soon as it rained after the drought a huge crop of field mushrooms appeared.

Courgettes always produce a plethora of male flowers before the fruit bearing female ones appear, so do not despair. As with cucumbers pick regularly to ensure continual cropping.

Early sweetcorn will be ripening. To confirm readiness peel back the outer leaves to reveal the kernels. Pierce one with a finger nail. If the fluid released is milky the cob is ripe. If watery leave a bit longer and if nothing appears you've missed it!

Dig second early potatoes and plant specially prepared potatoes in sacks for a crop around Christmas time. Grow in sacks so they can be moved under cover if blight appears or later on it turns frosty.

Another result of the drought is that the grass won't need cutting. Don't try and water lawns. They will recover as soon as the rains return.

So I suppose the message is to keep watering as efficiently as possible and within the guidelines of the water companies. Most domestic waste water can be used on the garden but cut down on detergents, bath salts and soap!

Our autumn show is on Saturday 12th September and we are holding it in conjunction with the Five Bells Harvest Festival so it should make great day out.

Good Gardening

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<https://www.chaileyhorticulturalsociety.com>

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

Uckfield Lewes and Newick Arts Society

New Season; September 2026 to June 2027

We do not have a lecture in August but Peggy our Programme secretary has been very busy organising the most wonderful new programme for the 2026/27 season. Great care is taken in choosing these for you and all our lecturers are accredited by the Arts Society.

I am sure many of you will have been saddened by the recent loss of David Hockney and we will be having a lecture all about his life and work on February 10th. As always, our lectures start at 2.30 prompt so make sure you are on time. Another lecture I am looking forward to is on January 13th and will be all about Theatre Design. Although 'Tales from Vienna' which is illustrated by images and music also promises to be really special.

Anyone can come to our lectures, just pay £8 on the door and you will be made more than welcome. However we would love you to join our society, for details just email me, annette@shelford.net. Then not only will you be able to come to all our lectures but also take advantage of the visits we organise. The next one will be to the Old Town Eastbourne and we will be having a guided tour of the wonderful church there, St Mary's, which is conveniently next door to that excellent pub the Lamb where we will have lunch!

We meet every second Wednesday in the month starting on 9th September in the Civic Hall in Uckfield. Ours lecture begin at 2.30 prompt, but you are welcome to come earlier and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits. We pride ourselves on being a really friendly society and a

Meantime all my best wishes to you all and of course have a wonderful summer.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

Laughton Greenwood 10th Birthday

Laughton Greenwood celebrates its 10th birthday on Sunday August 2nd, marking a decade of community, care, and connection with the forest. We come together to celebrate a living tradition where people support nature, build community, and reconnect with the woodland. Held in the heart of the ancient Vert Woods, the gathering invites everyone to take part in the next chapter of Laughton Greenwood's story.

This year, everyone is invited to come and volunteer from 10, however the official celebrations kick off at 12 with lunch, face painting, and a talk. Later there will be walks, more talks, games, and crafts.

Laughton Greenwood has a rich history as a community-led woodland. What began as a volunteer effort to restore a neglected patch of forest has become a vibrant green space full of wildlife, learning, and nature-based activities. Over the years volunteers have created paths and bridges while supporting biodiversity through conservation work. Achievements include the planting of around 2000 native tree species and, this year, the renovation of an ancient pond that is vital for local wildlife. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the group - whether through monthly conservation sessions, helping run children's activities, surveying the flora and fauna or simply bringing energy.

The birthday gathering celebrates the hard work of everyone involved and reminds us what people can achieve together. If you love nature and would like to help out, newcomers are warmly welcomed. No experience or specialist knowledge is needed. Come along, learn what it's all about, and help keep Laughton Greenwood growing strong! Come along and see what we do on Sunday 2nd August

Details are:

10-4 at Laughton Greenwood

£5 optional donation : <https://www.ticketsource.com/laughton-greenwood/t-njjaqrm>

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WILLOW COTTAGE STUDIO

Chiltington Lane, East Chiltington BN7 3QT

and will be open for an exhibition
of original paintings by Neville Mardell



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5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

From 11am to 5pm

A selection of limited edition prints,
Christmas cards and greetings cards
will also be on display



The Bevern Trust would like to invite you to...

Hamsey House Dahlia Society 1st Annual Show!

Saturday 19th September at Hamsey House, Hamsey, Lewes, BN8 5TD

DAHLIA COMPETITION: Bring your best blooms between 10am-12pm. Winners announced at 1pm £2 entry (including entry to the garden). Guest judges. Open to all

OPEN GARDEN: 1-4pm. Tea and cake sold in aid of The Bevern Trust. £5 entry per person. See the winning Dahlias.

DAHLIA COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- Best ball or pom pom
- Best decorative
- Best open centred
- Largest flower head
- Vase of three uniform stems
- Best arrangement using mixed dahlias & foliage, vessel of your choice

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

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Thank you for your support!

Chailey News - September Issue

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Gradwell Park Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November 2026, 11am-3pm

at Gradwell Park, Gradwell End, South Chailey, BN8 4FP
Please contact 01273 916 640 for more details
Proceeds go to Chailey Heritage Foundation

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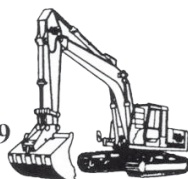


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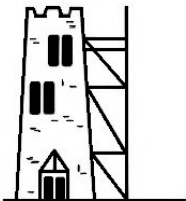
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