

Chailey News

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September 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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St Peter's
CHURCH CHAILEY

SEPTEMBER SERVICES 2026

Sunday 6th September *The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion with the Archdeacon

Sunday 13th September *The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 20th September *The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity ?*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 27th September *The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity ?*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

Sunday 4th October *The eighteenth 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.

Rector's Ramble

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground: I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and blessing on your descendants. Isaiah 44:3

Rector's Ramble

Dear friends,

Welcome to the September edition of our Church & Community Magazine.

Please remember in prayers this month, on the 26th of September when Anthony Meadows of St Peter's Chailey & Joshua Stockwell of St Mary's Newick, are called to Chichester Cathedral by the Bishop to receive The Order of St Richard for services to the Church and to the wider community within the parishes they serve.

Looking back, I don't think any of us will forget this summer in a hurry. Week after week of hard blue sky, the fields around St Peter's and St Mary's turning from green to a parched, biscuit gold far earlier than usual, lawns crisping underfoot, and the ground cracking in patterns like an aerial photograph from a geography textbook.

For a few weeks it was lovely. By August, most of us were simply tired of it, and quietly worried — about our farmers, our gardens, about wildlife, about the allotments so many of our communities have poured their summer days and evenings into.

Please do come and support our local horticultural shows on the Green at Newick on Saturday 5th September at 2pm and at Chailey Village Hall on Saturday 12th September from 2pm, alongside by our Harvest Celebration at The Five Bell's.

As I walk across our dry and golden fields, it keeps bringing me back to Isaiah's words: water on the thirsty land, streams on the dry ground. Isaiah wasn't speaking to a people wondering whether it might rain. He was speaking to a people who had watched the ground crack, and the wells run low, and who needed to hear that dryness is not the end of the story.

This year, I suspect, that promise lands differently than it has in a while, and it's certainly made me think differently about the harvest

Many of our farmers had their harvest home by the first week of August — around half the yield they were hoping for. Traditionally, as two farming parishes, we've kept our Harvest services in October, so our farmers can be with us once the busiest months are behind them. It's a festival of celebration and joy.

This year I suspect many will be looking at their land through September, wondering what on earth to plant next year to coax it back to profit. When we gather for Thanksgiving together in October, it won't be the gentle, familiar sentimentality of tins on the altar steps and a hymn about ploughing and scattering seed. This year feels very different. After a summer this dry, we know in our bones that harvest is never guaranteed. Whatever comes in will carry a little more weight, a little more gratitude, precisely because it was not straightforward.

There's a second harvest happening around us this month too. School shoes are being polished, uniforms tried on for the first time. Our Year 7s start secondary school, finding new classrooms and remembering what it feels like to be the youngest again. For our older young people, it's a bigger leaving still — bags packed for college and university, bedrooms suddenly

quiet, one last breakfast at the kitchen table before someone drives off towards a new life. Every one of these, five-year-old, eleven-year-old, eighteen-year-old, is its own kind of planting: seeds of confidence and character sown now, whose harvest none of us will see for years.

That's the thread running through this whole month, dry summer and all. The drought has taught us that the ground can look barren and still be doing quiet, hidden work beneath the surface — and God's Spirit is promised precisely to the dry places, not just the easy ones. The same is true of a nervous first day at school, a homesick first week away, or indeed of faith itself, tended patiently through seasons that don't always feel fruitful, God's Spirit is always with us, seeking the cracks in our lives for God's grace to pour in and for the seeds of hope to show their first signs of growth.

So, as September unfolds, I hope you'll notice what's growing quietly in you, even before it shows above ground, enabling you to be a blessing to those around you now and for the generations to come. And I hope our two church families will be there for whatever the season brings, dry or plentiful.

I'll finish with a couple of prayers to guide us through the month ahead:

Prayer for the Farm & Vineyard

Gracious God,

We lift up our farms & farmers, vineyards and vigneronns to you today, asking for steady rain to bring relief from the drought and for your loving protection over every crop.

Bless the work of every hand that tends our fields, and grant healthy roots, fruitful growth, and an abundant harvest in Your perfect timing.

Sustain and strengthen all who have laboured through the summer heat.

Keep them safe, refresh their spirits, and fill their work with the joy that comes from serving alongside one another.

Today, and in every season ahead, we entrust our farms, their families, future harvests, and all who care for them into Your faithful hands. May everything grown on this land be a blessing to our neighbours and a witness to Your abundant provision.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Beginning of Term

Lord God, at the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet wherever we are.

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need.

Thank you for our Schools, Colleges & Universities

Thank you for our friends and thank you for our families, and those who care for us.

Thank you for our fun and thank you for our learning.

Help us this term to do more, learn more and enjoy more.

So that we can bring joy, learning and love to our world.

May we be more like you in all we do,

Amen

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

Paul xx



September Diary

Thursday 3rd - 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.

Monday 14th - 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

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



CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ ENTERS ITS 9th YEAR OF FIXING YOUR STUFF!

We ended our 8th year of repairing in style, with
Chailey Repair Café tackling 60 repairs in 3 hours,

including numerous fans, a puppet which had lost its strings, a couple of laptops, and a mechanical drinking bear (really!) which had been sent all the way from New Zealand for us to fix!! Our fabrics team was kept busy with clothing repairs – but please note that we don't do alterations.

But the highlight must be the broken baby monitor brought in by a lady who was due to give birth to her third child in days. We had to order some parts for it (the monitor, not the baby...) and got it to her in the nick of time. The family now sent us a lovely photo of new baby Evie sound asleep pictured in the repaired monitor.

The hot weather means that we are taking on a lot of fan and parasol repairs as well as sharpening garden tools. Don't forget we will also tackle your bicycle repairs and maintenance, including children's bikes.

We now have a huge stock of specialist tools and many spares which enable us to tackle some really obscure items and will be happy to try to repair your broken items regardless of how old they are!

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 (8th August, 12th September, 10th October and so on) between 1000hrs and 1300hrs where we have a full Café service including our legendary cakes! We get very busy nowadays, so please don't leave it until the last minute to call in !!!!

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

Calling all potential bee keepers or those who want to learn about

bees anyway!

A 2 hour talk, with power point, about life in the hive , and what a new beekeeper should know.
Time for questions! Watch the bees working in an actual hive..

Venue : Hassocks United Reformed Church hall, 23 Keymer Road, Hassocks, West Sussex
BN6 8AB. (next to chip shop)

Date- Sunday Sept 6th Time - 2pm start.

Cost £10 if you email me and book early - £20 if just arriving on the day.

Young person, aged 8-14, free if with paying adult...

Contact heathermcniven@btinternet.com to book a place

Meeting at Hassocks to fund raise for a church, but I live in Newick and happy to mentor new beekeepers there.

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 4th September 10am - 1pm.

Newick Community Centre will also host a session on Tuesday 8th September 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 Commons Society

Incredibly the drought continued into August, and cracks are appearing in the ground. National concern is now high on the agenda as the benefits of the past wet winter must surely being exhausted. All the small streams on the commons have dried up so rain would be most welcome.

Our outdoor activities have continued with our Families discovery morning, held this year on Red House Common and as it was so warm we were always seeking shade. Being so dry there wasn't a huge number of little bugs and beasties to be found.

Our Exmoor ponies on Red House Common are looking well and increasingly having to search deeper into the bracken for any blades of grass. Luckily their inherent ability to graze widely on various vegetation is standing them in good stead. Regrettably there has been some evidence of. various vegetable and fruit bits and other small green stuff being left out on the common. Please remember that the ponies are checked daily; they are in good condition. They are free ranging ponies and still have enough to browse on as they are eating the bramble and herbs and grasses beneath the bracken. Our advice and request continue for no feeding or dumping of domestic trimmings – this will cause problems so thank you for not doing this.

Moonwise this month it will be the Harvest or Corn Moon on September 26th. A sure sign that the seasons are moving on. The term harvest moon primarily refers to the full moon closest to the autumn equinox, which occurs on September 26, 2026, providing extra evening light for gathering crops. It is unique because the Moon rises close to the same time several days in a row. With successive moonrises coming around the same time of day, it may feel like there are several Full Moons in a row. Historically, the extra moonlight meant that farmers could work and harvest their crops for a longer time in the evenings. Hence, the Harvest Moon.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- 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

Calling all golfers! Charity Golf Day at Piltdown

FINAL SPOTS: We have a few final team spots left for our Grand Charity Golf Day on Friday 18th September 2026 in aid of The Incredible Design Company (Reg Charity No: 1093222)

This is your chance to play one of the finest and most testing courses in Sussex all while supporting The Incredible Design Company (IDC) in our mission to provide meaningful work opportunities for severely disabled adults.

The Deal:

- Normal Non-Member Rate: £115
- Our Special Charity Rate: **Just £80 per player!**
- Team Entry: **£320 for a complete team of 4.**

What's Included:

- Coffee and a hot bacon bap on arrival
- 18 holes of competitive Four-Ball Stableford play
- A delicious 2-course buffet lunch
- Access to our cash bar
- We have incredible raffle and auction prizes up for grabs on the day, plus team prizes for 1st and 2nd place and nearest the pin!

Hurry! The field is limited and spots are filling up fast! Entries are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and final forms must be submitted by Friday 4th September.

Contact Sam Francis sam@i-d-c.org.uk for an entry form and further details.

Friends of Chailey Windmill

The Mill and Rural Life Museum will be open on Sundays 13th and 27th September 3-5 pm. Admission is free but donations are much appreciated

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 Parochial Church Council, **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'.

Chailey Evening WI

meet at the village hall, on Tuesday September 1 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Emma Lansdell and the subject 'The Work of the Woodland Trust'. This talk will include information regarding the conservation work the Woodland Trust do as the charity fights to protect woods and trees, preventing the loss of irreplaceable habitat and bringing damaged ancient woods back to life. They are also expanding native woodland and in doing this have planted over 68 million trees since 1972. Emma will provide information on some of the local woods and wildlife in and around East Sussex as well. To learn about this charity do go along to the meeting on Tuesday September 1, the first visit to Chailey Evening WI is free and includes refreshments. Next month's meeting on Tuesday October 6 will be 'Paper Flower Making' with Sue Roberts. This is sure to be an excellent evening, following on from last year's creative evening with Sue when members enjoyed making hedgehogs from pages of old books. Examples of Sue's hedgehogs and flowers can be found at Etsy. For information about Chailey WI visit the group's Facebook page, email cewichailey@gmail.com or call 07546 592739.

September 1939

Letter from the Rector

My Dear Friends,

How mixed are the feelings which the outbreak of war has caused in our hearts.

We feel the sorrow of it, knowing as we do something of the misery that war brings, the vast sacrifice of life and health, the distress of the homeless, the mourning of the bereaved!

We feel the disappointment and shame of it - that for all our efforts, for all our knowledge, our clever inventions, our boasted advance in civilisation - these should end only in widespread massacre and destruction.

The evacuation that has taken place from the big cities has given rise to a great many different problems all over the country. The provision for safe areas for our children and young people is a duty in which we are all glad to take our share. It means extra work and a good deal of inconvenience but we know we are doing something that is necessary and right.

Yours sincerely,
G.W. Taverner

Note: On Sunday 3 September 1939, the United Kingdom declared war on Germany two days after the German invasion of Poland. France also declared war on Germany.

Chailey Cricket Club

Our winning streak has stretched into August. Our last defeat was against Waldron on 1 June 2025!

Only two games to report on, both played on dusty worn-out pitches. The exceptionally hot weather makes it increasingly difficult for grounds folk to use their magic in creating a playable surface.

On 26 July we received Blackboys. The scores were:

Blackboys 180 all out. Our destroyers were skipper Marc Sellis with 5 for 28, Alex Cox 2 for 5 and Chris Mackinnon 2 for 24

Chailey 183 for 2. The first three batsmen all retired not out once they got to 50. They were Alex Cox 51no, James Brooklyn also with 51no and Chris Mackinnon 50no. Chris Clayton helped himself to 24 no.

The only other game on which to report was our game at Crawley Down:

Chailey 217 for 4 in their allotted 35 overs. Again, a top order batsman retired not on 50. This time it was Peter Dembrey. Cameron Davis, narrowly missed out on his maiden 50, with 48no. He shared an unbeaten partnership of 101 with James Chaplin 35no. Others who managed double figures were James Brooklyn 22 and Chris Clayton 11.

Crawley Down 141 all out. Three wickets apiece for Marc Sellis – 3 for 10 – and James Chaplin – 3 for 20 – which included a stunningly full-length one-handed dive by Cameron Davis [Catch of the season]. Trevin Singh 2 for 30 and Chris Mackinnon 2 for 9 accounted for the other wickets.

September sees us visit Chailey – seems a long time since we played at home! All the matches start at 12:30 except for the first which starts at 13:00.

6 September – Brighton & Hove Crescent [New opponents]

13 September – Steyning Rebels

20 September – Gully Cricketers [Our Saturday tenants]

27 September – Streat & Westmeston

A plea to all cricketers out there - 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

Local Government Devolution confirmed

The Government has confirmed that East Sussex will move to a new unitary system of local government. The One East Sussex proposal has been adopted for the majority of the County but East Saltdean, Peacehaven and Telscombe have been removed from Lewes district and placed under the authority of Brighton & Hove City Council. The current Lewes District Council will be abolished and Chailey will fall under a newly created East Sussex Unitary Council responsible for all local services. Elections to the new body to be held in May 2027.

Chailey Parish Council will continue to monitor developments closely and keep residents informed as more details become available. The new arrangements are expected to be phased in between 2027 and 2028.

October Highways meeting

Our next online meeting with East Sussex Highways will take place on Tuesday 13 October. These meetings happen twice a year and provide the opportunity to discuss planned works and highlight any concerns about Chailey's roads and lanes.

You can read the notes from the last meeting on our website: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/council-meetings

If there's a highways issue near you that you'd like us to raise, please contact the Clerk by Monday 21 September at clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

East Sussex Highways New Monthly Newsletter

Residents can sign up to East Sussex Highways new monthly newsletter:

Go to <https://live.eastsussexhighways.com> and click "Sign up here" where it says:

"Want the latest highways news delivered straight to your inbox?"

ESCC Holiday Food Vouchers

East Sussex County Council have advised that due to changes in Government funding, the food vouchers during holidays scheme has now ended. Please see Latest News on the Parish Council Website for a linked poster which identifies alternatives.

Recent Incident at Chailey Sports Club Car Park

The Parish Council was saddened to learn of the death of a man at the Chailey Sports Club car park on 25 July. Emergency services attended, and Sussex Police have confirmed that the incident is not being treated as suspicious. Our heartfelt condolences go to his family and loved ones at this difficult time.

New Contact Number for Chailey Parish Council

Please note that Chailey Parish Council has a new contact number 07983 567003. This replaces the existing land line number which will be disconnected on 1st September.

*Nicola Menniss - Clerk to Chailey Parish Council Email: Clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Web: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 07983 567003*

Chailey Litter Pickers

The Litter Pickers continue to pick the roads and verges along the roads and lanes of Chailey, with the aim of keeping the village as clean as possible. We are an enthusiastic group of people with differing ages and backgrounds who meet once a month to do a group pick. It is amazing

what a difference a relatively small group of people can make. It is also amazing the quantity of litter that we collect, mainly fast food wrappers and drinks cans discarded by drivers. So far this year, we have collected hundreds of full bin liners already.

We have continued to pick throughout this long hot summer which has been quite challenging at times! In August a group of pickers collected rubbish from around the various Commons car parks and surrounding areas. It was quite disturbing to find so many cigarette butts and broken glass which could have been a real fire risk when the Commons have been so dry. Thankfully, there have been no incidents of fires on the Commons so far this year.

The group picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. In addition, some of the group pick their own areas as and when they are able to. The September group pick will be on Wednesday 9 September at 10.00am starting from the Free Church, South Chailey. Please come along and join us if you are free. Every bit helps!

We welcome new people to the group who are interested in helping to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. 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! Children over the age of 11 years are also welcome, but need to have an adult with them.

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

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

Chailey News - October Issue

The deadline for the July issue of Chailey News is 15th September. 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.
3. If a new subscriber or sending from an e mail address for the first time please phone us on 01825 724376 so we are aware and able to look out for it.

Best wishes from everyone at The Incredible Design Company

Chailey Horticultural Society

We had a very successful summer show on the 25th of July and our next event is the autumn show on Saturday 12th September in the village hall. We will be running the show in conjunction with the Harvest Festival at the Five Bells and the connecting gateway between the two car parks will be open all day. Schedules and entry forms are available from committee members and at the Five Bells. Doors open to the public at 2pm and the prize giving is at 3.30.

To be honest I wonder what will still be growing by early September. The hot weather and drought have brought about a number of changes in the growth and quality of produce particularly in the vegetable garden. My impression is that most crops are three to four weeks earlier than usual.

The hot weather certainly inhibited the setting of tomatoes and runner beans. Fine misty spraying in the evening may have helped but high daytime temperatures have certainly effected the end product. With beans the crop has been diminished and the size and texture altered despite regular watering. The pods seem to set to bean production very quickly making daily picking essential.

With tomatoes the main problem has been greenback where the area round the calyx remains yellow and hard and fails to ripen. This is partly due to excessive heat combined with insufficient watering and potassium deficiency. Hence regular watering and application of a potassium rich tomato feed will help. Contrary to the general believe I do find that regular watering with a tomato feed and a good dose of patience often leads to eventual ripening. On the plus side the increased amount of sunshine should add extra sweetness to the fruit and reduce the risk of blight.

Interestingly with courgettes and squashes I have found that the heat seems to have stimulated the plant into producing a surfeit of male flowers rather than the desired female ones. The same applies to cucumbers in the varieties that produce both types of flower. As for potatoes, the ground has been so hard I've been unable to dig them but they should be fine until the rains come as slugs don't like hot dry conditions.

It hasn't been a good year for stoned fruit but now is the time to prune the trees to open up the centre and keep them of a manageable size and as soon as the rains come , a good feed and a layer of compost round the trunk.

As for apples and pears I am again a bit pessimistic. The so called June drop of apples seems to have extended into August whilst early pears are struggling.

Rather to my surprise my greenhouse grapes are doing well. They are an old fashioned variety called Muscat Alexandria and suspect it is more resilient than newer varieties.

Sadly the outlook for rain is not good and I fear that water restrictions will become ever tighter with a complete ban on watering so it will be back to the washing up and shower water!

There is every likelihood that this weather pattern will be repeated in future years so it may be a good idea to plan for the future by noting what plants and crops did well and what watering regime was the most effective.

Join us at the autumn show.

Peter Estcourt - pge44@icloud.com - 07803179708

<https://www.chaileyhorticulturalsociety.com>

Chailey Bonfire Society

We are very pleased to announce that we have been able to fill the vacant positions on our committee and are therefore able to continue with all our fundraising efforts enabling us to put on a bonfire celebration and party for the senior members of the village this year. We welcome the new members to our committee at our next meeting.

Our next event is a Jumble Sale on Saturday 5th September at the village hall. Jumble can be dropped off at the hall on Friday 4th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and Saturday 5th September from 8.30am to 10am. Please do not leave jumble at the hall outside of these times other users are in the hall, also if it rains then we must dispose of everything that has got wet. We can arrange local jumble collections – please call Clare 07985 112968 to make arrangements.

The 100 Club winner for July was number 65 Doreen Newton. Our August draw winner was number 59 Gillian Rodgers and the winner of our annual £1000 draw was number 62 Sandi Carter. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your support.

We will soon be sending out renewal details for next years 100 club. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact us secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com and we will send you details.

On 19th September we will be holding our Badge/Membership night at The Five Bells from 6pm. Our membership fees have remained the same for many years now but unfortunately, with the rising costs of everything, we are forced to increase them this year. Individual membership for this season will be £10 for an individual (over 18 years) and £15 for a family of two adults and children (under 18 years). Come along to the pub and chat with the Bonfire Committee and current members to see how you can get involved.

Dates for your diary:

5th Sept	Jumble Sale at Chailey Village Hall
19th Sept	Badge/Membership Night at The Five Bells
7th Nov	Bonfire Night
5th Dec	Christmas Party

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.

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

The Bevern Trust

A date reminder for your diary from The Bevern Trust

Don't forget we're holding the Hamsey House Dahlia Society 1st Annual Show on Saturday 19th September at Hamsey House, Hamsey, Lewes, BN8 5TD.

We would be delighted to welcome you as a competition entrant, or as an open garden visitor, or both!

DAHLIA COMPETITION: Bring your best blooms between 10am-12pm.

Winners announced at 1pm

£2 entry per category entered (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

Tickets are now available for purchase on our website – www.beverntrust.org or simply turn up on the day.

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.

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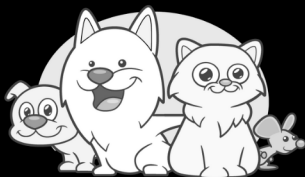
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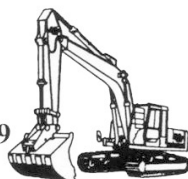


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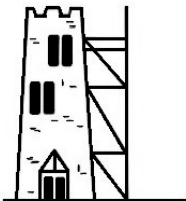
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