

Chailey News

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October 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

OCTOBER SERVICES 2026

Sunday 4th October *The eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th October *The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Harvest Communion

Sunday 18th October *The twentieth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 25th October *The last Sunday of Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

Sunday 1st November *All saints day*
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

*"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way;
and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light"*

Exodus 13:21

Dear friends,

Welcome to the October edition of StPeter's, Chailey's Church & Community Magazine. This month we look forward to celebrating Harvest St Peter's Chailey on the 11th October, we would love for you to join us, and please do stay for lunch afterwards.

As the nights draw in and the leaves turn gold and copper across our parishes, October also brings with it one of the most distinctive features of Sussex life: bonfire season. Newick's celebrations light up the village on Saturday 31st October, followed a week later by Chailey's celebrations on Saturday 7th November. For many of us, these torchlit processions, the crackle of the fire, and the boom of fireworks overhead are simply part of the rhythm of autumn — a chance to gather with family, neighbours and friends, wrap up warm, and enjoy something woven into the fabric of Sussex communities for generations. Please remember that without the dedication of our Bonfire Society members, none of this would happen, and I ask you all to give generously to our societies, to enable them to continue for future generations.

As we watch the flames rise this year, it's worth pausing to reflect on what fire has meant, and continues to mean, in the story of faith.

Fire is one of the Bible's most enduring images. It appears at the burning bush, where Moses encountered the living God and discovered that some flames burn without consuming. It descended at Pentecost as tongues of fire, marking the birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on ordinary men and women. And fire runs through the story of persecution and faithfulness that shaped so much of the bonfire tradition here in Sussex.

We cannot talk about bonfire season in this part of England without acknowledging its roots in remembrance — of the Gunpowder Plot, certainly, but also, particularly in Sussex, of those martyrs who were burned at the stake in the sixteenth century rather than renounce their faith. Lewes and the surrounding Sussex villages have long held this history close, and it is sobering to remember alongside the fun of the fireworks: that ordinary people once faced the fire itself rather than deny what they believed to be true. Their faithfulness echoes a call running right through Scripture. Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, were thrown into a blazing furnace for refusing to bow to an idol — and yet they were found unharmed, walking in the flames with a fourth figure beside them, understood by many as a sign of God's presence in the fire of trial. "Even if he does not save us," they said, before ever being cast into the flames, "we will not serve your gods." That is a remarkable statement of trust, not that God would necessarily rescue them, but that He was worth trusting regardless of the outcome.

That is the heart of faithfulness: not the absence of fire, but the presence of God within it. Whatever trials, changes or uncertainties we each carry into this autumn, we are invited to remember that God does not promise us a life without flames, but he does promise to be present in the midst of them.

As our two parishes look ahead, that promise feels especially relevant. Alongside the shared delight of bonfire season, St Peter's Chailey and St Mary's Newick are united in a shared hope: our joint application for 50/50 grant funding to employ a full-time Children, Youth and Families Minister. This matters enormously for the future shape of faith and community life across both villages — a dedicated person able to walk alongside our

children, young people and families, nurturing a community of unity and love, and building bridges between generations that so often struggle to connect in a busy modern world. We would ask that you hold this application in your prayers over the coming weeks. Pray for wisdom for those submitting it, for positive discernment for the Diocese panel reviewing it, for generosity from community as we seek to match fund ant grant monies we might receive, and for the right person to answer God's call, should we be successful. Just as the bonfire tradition draws Chailey and Newick together each autumn, may this shared endeavour draw our churches closer still , not simply as neighbouring parishes, but as one body seeking the same hope.

So, as the torches are lit in Newick on the 31st and in Chailey on the 7th November, perhaps there is room for a quieter reflection alongside the celebration. Fire has always meant more than spectacle; it is memory, testing, refining love, and bringing hope. It has meant a people who would not give up their faith, even in the flames, and a community that still knows the value of gathering together to bring light in the darkness.

Wherever you find yourself this bonfire season, in the procession, in the crowd, or by your own hearth, may you know that our church doors are always open, our welcome is always warm, and our hope for our villages, our children, our families, and our shared future together burns steadily on.

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

Ps don't forget :

St Peter's Harvest Festival & Lunch 11th October

St Peter's Church Yard Tidying Day 17th October

St Peter's Quiz Night 16th October

A Prayer for Harvest

Lord of the fields and the seasons,

we thank you for the harvest gathered in across Sussex this year —

for orchards heavy with fruit, hedgerows full of berries,

and the quiet faithfulness of soil, sun and rain

working together according to your good order.

We remember this year those who have felt the strain of a changing climate,

of uncertain weather and rising costs upon the land,

and we pray for our farmers and growers,

for all who work the ground around our villages,

that they may know your provision and your peace.

Teach us not to take our daily bread for granted.

Make us generous, as you are generous,

sharing what we have with those who go without,

here in our own community and across the world.

For every good gift comes from you, Father of all,

and for that we give you our thanks and our praise.

Amen.



October Diary

Thursday 1st ~ 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.

Sunday 11th ~ Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by a Harvest Lunch

Monday 12th ~ Messy Church 4.30pm-6.30pm

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

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

Suggested donation £2 per family.

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

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'.

From the Parish Leaflet October 1939

A Lost Property Office

Would our readers allow us to draw their attention to the fact that when articles such as gloves, umbrellas etc., are left behind in Church they are carefully carried when found to the comparative safety of the Clergy Vestry. The Rector feels he cannot accept responsibility for the safety of these products of absent-mindedness. They form a strange collection, including an assortment of at least six pairs of gloves of varied hue, size and material. Odd gloves lead a long quiet life in this retreat until with the passing of the years and the fall of by chance a sister glove is added to the collection. This is matched up to make one reasonably good pair especially when helped by the fading of colour of the old stager.

There is of course no fee charged for storage but after the lapse of a decent interval the Rector feels he must have 'Rights of Disposal' by means of a JUMBLE SALE.

'For 'tis a truth well known to most

That whatsoever thing is lost

We seek it ere it come to light

In every cranny but the right.'

Annette Shelford annette@shelford.net

Chailey Speedwatch Group Update

1st September 2025 To 31st August 2026

The primary role of Chailey Speedwatch is to slow traffic down by our presence and secondly to report those that continue to exceed the reportable speed.

Overall in the last 12 months we have needed to report 233 vehicles from the passing 8566 vehicles which is 2.72%. (Our presence also slows vehicles travelling in the opposite direction too.) A low number but still too high and we appreciate that in our absence a higher percentage will speed.

We have undertaken 34 Speedwatch sessions during the period and a further 6 sessions were planned but cancelled or abandoned due to poor weather conditions (we cannot operate in heavy rain, fog or icy conditions for safety of both drivers and the team).

We list below the results for our sites for the period which highlight the variation between sites and those that cause concern

Site	Nos. reported/passing	% reported	Sessions held
South Chailey A275			
Northbound	5/1566	0.32	4
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Southbound	10/2037	0.49	5
Village Shop A275			
Southbound	30/2793	1.07	8
North Chailey A275			
Southbound	15/505	3.76	3
Mill Lane (towards Plumpton)			
Westbound	32/515	6.21	5
Mill Lane (towards Chailey)			
Eastbound	137/1150	11.91	9
TOTALS	233/8566	2.72	34

The highest number of reportable drivers in one session, which was held on 27th October 2025 at Mill Lane eastbound site between 8.30 and 10.00 am, was 30/121 a frightening 24.8%.

The 6 highest percentage above the speed limit recorded were:

100% - 60mph – Mill Lane East - limit 30mph

72% - 69mph – Village Shop – limit 40mph

66% (twice)- 50mph – Mill Lane East – limit 30mph

63% - 49mph – Mill Lane East – limit 30mph

60% - 64mph – South Chailey A275 Southbound – limit 40mph

We aim to continue our presence over the next 12 months because we see the effect it has in every session. Just how quickly drivers slow down when they see the fluorescent jackets! This applies to a greater extent when we are being supported by PSCOs or Police Officers, who have attended five sessions since January as part of Operation Crackdown, the focus of which is to reduce anti-social driving.

We would like to be able to do more sessions around the village but can only do so if others offer to volunteer. You can volunteer directly on the Speedwatch website (www.

communityspeedwatch.org) or contact us for assistance.

During sessions we are insured by Sussex Police and one member of the team wears a body cam to record during every session.

If you are not sure exactly what might be involved, then don't hesitate to contact one of us. We can answer any questions you may have and would be happy to arrange for you to observe a session if it would help your understanding.

Les Shilling & Nick Belcher

Chailey Speedwatch Group Coordinators

Email: les.affinity@btinternet.com or nicholas.belcher@btinternet.com



CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ – 8 YEARS OF FIXING
HANDBAGS, GLADRAGS AND HELICOPTERS!!

Thanks to all who came to make our 8th birthday
such a great success – we took on an incredible

range of stuff, including several sewing machines, a couple of handbags, numerous clothing repairs, a radio controlled helicopter, three laptops and some Christmas decorations (never too early!)

Amazingly, in 8 years we have tackled more than 7000 of your items – we now have 40 volunteers, including a range of talented repairers, not forgetting our brilliant reception and legendary refreshments teams. Come and try our cakes – we really are a café!

Many folks have been kind enough to write to congratulate us on our achievement – we were one of the very first Repair Cafés in this part of the country and only the 66th in the UK. There are now more than 60 throughout the South East and more than 800 in the UK – we are in a growth industry!

We'll be delighted to see you and your broken stuff – but please try to help us by bringing any connecting leads and if the item connects to speakers, bring one with you. Remember to check any batteries to make sure they aren't flat!!! Lost the instructions? Don't worry – if we need them, we'll find them online.....

We're all set for the rest of 2026, especially as it is now a bit cooler! Don't forget we can get very busy, so be prepared to wait and enjoy some refreshments while you do so. Only one item at a time please (although you can go round again if there's time) and try not to arrive too late as we may not be able to accommodate you!

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 normally on the second Saturday of each month (12th September, 10th October 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 chaileyrc@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

See you very soon!!

Bryan McAlley and the Chailey Repair Café team

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 2nd October 10am - 1pm.

Newick Community Centre will also host a session on 13th October 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 Litter Pickers

Chailey litter pickers have worked hard throughout the summer collecting discarded rubbish along the roads and verges, no matter how hot it was! Our August pick focussed on clearing up the car parks and entrances to the various Commons in Chailey, in an effort to make these areas as attractive as possible to locals and visitors.

Although it sometimes seems like a never-ending task, we are always encouraged by the friendly toots and waves of passing drivers and cyclists. We have received lots of positive support and comments from both local people and visitors to the area.

We are a friendly and enthusiastic group of volunteers who take part in the monthly group picks, which all helps to keep the Chailey environment as pleasant as possible.

The group picks take place on different days of the week to enable as many people as possible to take part. In addition, some of the group pick their own areas as and when they are able to. The next group pick will take place on Saturday 3 October starting at 10.00am from the Sports Ground at North Chailey. Please come along and join us if you are free. Every bit helps!

We welcome new people to the group who are interested in helping to keep Chailey as clean and tidy as possible. Bin liners will be provided, as well as high-vis vests, gloves, grabbers, and hoops for those that need them. The more the merrier! There is no need for a regular commitment. Children over the age of 11 years are also welcome, but need to have an adult with them.

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

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

Sarah Droscher

Chailey School

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students to Chailey School this September. They have made a fantastic start to secondary school life, settling in well and quickly becoming part of our school community. We wish them every success and happiness during their time with us.

We would also like to wish our Year 11 students a positive and productive year ahead as

they begin their final year at Chailey. Alongside their studies, they will be exploring their post-16 options through careers guidance appointments, visits from local colleges and our Careers Fair on 17 September.

Our wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs has now restarted, providing students with plenty of opportunities to develop new interests and skills. Clubs this term include Book Club, STEM Club, Philosophy Club, Care Club, Pride Club, Music Club, Warhammer Club and Dyslexia Club, alongside GCSE revision support in a variety of subjects. We also offer an extensive programme of sports and activities including football, cricket, table tennis, dance, cheerleading and Taekwondo, to name just a few.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our annual Open Evening on 24 September, welcoming prospective students and their families to see what Chailey School has to offer. We are very conscious of the impact this event can have on our neighbours and have been working hard to reduce parking along Mill Lane. We would like to thank local residents in advance for their patience and support.

We are looking forward to a Year 10 GCSE French trip later this term, which promises to be an exciting opportunity for students to experience French language and culture first hand.

We want to thank residents for their engagement in the community feedback events we have held regarding the possible building of 3g football pitch, we are still looking at viability before going to planning.

As we begin the new academic year, we would also like to thank our local community for its ongoing support. If you have any feedback, questions or concerns, please contact us at communityaffairs@chaileyschool.org.

That's all for now!

Chailey Commons Society

At last rain has fallen but not as much as needed. Luckily there has been some heavy rain during September with at least 25mm in one day on the 8th. This has meant that the green shoots of grass are appearing again and the ground is turning back to a welcome shade of green.

Our activities have continued with our first indoor meeting of the Autumn, and an early bird walk on Red House Common. We heard from Harriet about the leaky dams and the effect they have on stemming the flow of water during heavy falls and how they help to create the wetter heathland for water retention.

Our Exmoor ponies on Red House Common continue their good work and they have been pushing through the bracken seeking the lower shoots and grass to add to the bramble and bracken which has kept them going during the drought. Plans are being made to enhance the facilities to gather them for their periodical check-up. Being Exmoor ponies, they are naturally able to look after themselves and this is supported by the daily monitoring by our team of 'lookers'.

A note for some help - in addition to our Posters and Notice Boards and communications via the Press, Web Site, Members newsletters and Parish magazines we are keen to reach a wider audience through social media and would like to invite someone to join our committee as our 'Communications Officer'. If you are a Facebook user and use social media and would like to help with this do get in touch with me or via our website and we will give further details – your help will be valuable to us.

Don't forget that clocks change on Sunday 25th October – clocks back 1 hour. Also to look out for will be the Hunters Moon. This Full moon on October 26th, 2026, at

12.11 a.m. signifies the change to autumn it welcomes the seasonal colours, smells of woodsmoke, and the last warm afternoons of the year. October is a sensory month, and a bright full moon guides us towards Halloween in five nights time.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Thursday October 8th – Indoor Meeting – Chailey Village Hall – 7.30.p.m. Talk by Rich Allum Grazing Officer Ashdown Forest on 'Conservation Grazing' on the forest. Visitors welcome.
- Friday October 16th – Outdoor Activity – Members Fungus Walk with Martin Allison – Red House car park at 10.00.a.m. Booking essential and £5 charge.
- Sunday October 18th – Outdoor Activity – Bird Walk with Adrian – Red House Common car park 8.00.a.m. Visitors welcome.

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 Cricket Club

By the time you read tis our 2026 season will have ended. An unusual season as far as finding pitches was concerned. That said we managed to extract from the desert of a square enough wickets on which to play our games, no thanks to the rabbits!

Three matches on which to report:

We travelled west to Rustington on 23 August and managed to maintain our unbeaten run:

Chailey 194 for 3 declared in 35 overs. Chris Clayton 51 n.o., James Chaplin 50 retired not out, Chris Mackinnon 41, James Brooklyn 16 and Dylan Baker 13 were our run getters,

In response Rustington were all out for 115 all out against the armada of the Chailey bowlers: David Dembrey 3 for 20, Dylan Baker 2 for 11, Marc Sellis 2 for 32, plus one apiece for James Chaplin, Jamie Kahn and Cameron Davis.

We entertained Brighton and Hove Crescent on Sunday 6 September. They batted first and collected 188 for 8 before declaring after 36 overs. Marc Sellis with his usual haul of wickets took 4 for 49, bringing his total 2026 victims to 27 , Alex Cox 2 for 32 and Cameron Davis 1 for 11 were the successful bowlers. The other wicket was a run out following a direct hit from the outfield by James Chaplin.

Chailey managed 170 for 7 in 34 overs before the match was declared a draw. Chris Clayton 35, James Brooklyn 28, Cameron Davis 26, Chris Mackinnon 22, James Chaplin 21 and Ollie Williams 12 contributed to the total.

13 September saw Steyning Rebels visit us. Pleased to say our unbeaten run continued. Chailey – 176 for 8 dec Chris Mackinnon retired not out on 51. James Chaplin 48, Jamal Khan 19 and James Brooklyn 17 were the others to reach double figures.

Steyning Rebels could manage just 105 before being bowled out thanks to: Marc Sellis 3 for 9, Tilly Davis 2 for 12, Cameron Davis 1 for 7, Peter Dembrey 1 for 17, Chris Mackinnon 1 for 12 and David Dembrey 1 for 35. The remaining wicket was a run out.

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 a sociable and family club 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 Evening WI

Chailey Evening WI meet at the village hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm, for '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 online at Etsy. All are welcome to join in this activity; the first visit to Chailey Evening WI is free and includes refreshments. If you plan to go along please email cewichailey@gmail.com or call 07546 592739 as it will be very helpful to know numbers attending this creative evening in advance. At the group's meeting on Tuesday 3rd November Pete Allan will give a talk titled 'Watching the Detectives: A History of British Television Crime Fighters'. To quote from Pete's summary 'This talk walks the beat through the quiet of St Mary Mead, the golden spires of Oxford, the cliffs of Broadchurch and the killing fields of Midsummer. On the way it unearths the clues that reveal how our fascination with the long arm of the law owes much to the uncertainty, experimentation and innovation of the early days of television.' Please do join members for these two very different evenings. To learn more about Chailey Evening WI visit the group's Facebook page, email cewichailey@gmail.com or call 07546 592739.

Chailey Parish Council

Pause on Local Government Devolution

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Angela Rayner has announced the pause of Local Government Reorganisation and a review of LGR decisions in many areas, including East Sussex. Lewes District Council is working with its partner authorities in East Sussex to understand the implications of the announcement and will share more details when they become available.

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 at clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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.

Nicola Menniss - Clerk to Chailey Parish Council

Email: Clerk@chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Web: www.chaileyparishcouncil.gov.uk *Tel:* 07983 567003

Chailey Bonfire Society

Thank you to everyone who donated to our jumble sale and to those who came on the day to grab a bargain. It was a great day with many new faces helping. We are pleased to announce that we raised £1196 – a fantastic amount of money to help us towards our bonfire celebrations.

The final 100 Club winner for this season was number 57- James Pearson. Congratulations and thank you for your support.

We will soon be sending out renewal details for the 2026-2027 100 club. Tickets are just £26 and you have a chance of winning one of 12 £50 monthly prizes plus the chance to win the annual £1000 draw.

If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact us for more details secretarychaileybonfire@gmail.com

On 19th September we will be holding our Badge/Membership night at The Five Bells from 6pm – 9pm. 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.

Bonfire Night is fast approaching, and we will be holding our celebrations on Saturday 7th November. The procession will leave Chailey Secondary school at 6pm and move through the village stopping at the Memorial for a service, before returning to the fire site, opposite Markstakes Lane. Road closures will be in place throughout the evening from 6pm to 9pm. We will give further details next month.

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

Chailey Horticultural Society

We had a very successful autumn show in conjunction with the harvest festival at The Five Bells.

Entries were a little down on the usual for an autumn show and I am sure that this was due to the summer drought and heatwaves. However the exhibits were of a very high standard and it was gratifying to see more entries in the handicrafts and flower arranging classes. The harvest festival brought in many new visitors and let's hope that they will remain interested and supportive in the future.

As a society we do need more young and active members and I would encourage anyone interested to come to our AGM which is on the 22nd of October at 6.30pm in the Reading Room on The Green.

Now to horticultural matters. My rather gloomy predictions in last month's article of

continuing drought and heatwaves has been proved false. However due to the El Niño effect we are promised a warm and very wet autumn followed by a cold spell in the New Year. So let's get busy!

The grass has turned green and grown after the recent rains. Where possible it might be a good idea to give it a trim and leave the cuttings to rot down in the autumn rains and thus provide fertiliser for growth in the spring.

Tidy up around shrubs and remove dead wood and generally shape. Place a good covering of mulch and garden compost around the base and perhaps plant a few daffodil bulbs for the spring.

Finish picking apples, pears and quinces and again clear around the base and add a thick layer of mulch and compost. Delay pruning until all the leaves have fallen and the tree is full quiescent in January and February. Don't forget to put grease bands in place especially on apples and pears. The idea is to reduce the number of flightless winter moth caterpillars climbing the tree to lay their eggs.

Plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, narcissi, crocus, hyacinth and tulip. Inside a few hyacinth bulbs in a pot if given warm and light should be in flower around New Year.

Begin clearing the greenhouse and poly tunnel. Green tomatoes can be brought inside and allowed to ripen in a cool light place perhaps with the aid of a rotten banana.

It has been a bumper year for chillies which will continue to ripen well into the autumn. Save seed from your favourite varieties since chillies are largely self fertile they will breed true. The remainder can be dried, frozen or made into jellies and oils.

Keep checking brassicas for caterpillars and pigeon damage.

Parsnips are better after the first frost as this enhances the sweetness. Most varieties of main crop carrots need to be lifted and stored. The exception is a variety called Eskimo which is cold tolerant and can be left in the ground with minimal protection and is highly recommended.

Now is the time to start overwintering onions, shallots and garlic. I start them off in small pots or modules undercover and plant them out when a decent amount of green shoots have appeared. For onions try autumn champion and Senshyu. For shallots Jermor and for garlic take your pick!

Other overwintering vegetables are broad beans and peas. Again I start them off undercover and plant out when still small and before the first hard frost. For broad beans Aquadulce Claudia is the best. An alternative is The Sutton which is not quite so hardy but is a dwarf variety good where space is limited. For peas try Douce Provence or Meteor.

Remember the AGM.

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OTHER LOCAL NEWS

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A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Our next show is on 18th October 2026. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "MICHAEL". 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.

OCTOBER'S FILM 'MICHAEL' (13)

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Kind regards,
Sara Lawrence

Plumpton Flower Club

We welcome Lucinda Knapman who will give us a demonstration entitled "More Fabulous Flowers!" On Wednesday 21st October at Plumpton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Members £3, Visitors £8 including refreshments.

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Any enquiries contact Jo Hale on 07719887590 or Sue Akers on 01273 891701

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Barcombe continues to change as it has over the centuries, and we aim to collate exhibits including photographs, drawings, paintings, etc to excite our visitors' interest to find out more about where we live.

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Uckfield Lewes and Newick Arts Society

October 14th My Scrambling Affair' Sarah Cove 2.30 Civic Hall Uckfield

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Constable's exuberant, almost abstract, brush and palette-knife work shocked audiences a full 50 years before Impressionism. Extraordinarily he only sold 20 or so paintings to English collectors, family and friends during his lifetime, as their rough and 'specky' surfaces horrified audiences with their lack of 'finish'. By contrast, he sold many pictures to French collectors who were more forward looking and bought up many his works. His works influenced generations of French painters, including Monet and Pissarro. He led the way to an entirely new style of painting.

In 1986 Sarah Cove ACR founded the Constable Research Project to study John Constable's physical materials, paint boxes, and over 200 of his paintings. She is now the recognised authority on this subject and is a consultant to international museums, salerooms and collectors.

The lecture begins at 2.30 prompt, but you are welcome to come earlier and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you for this our second lecture of the season. Non members £8 on the door.

Annette Shelford - annette@shelford.net

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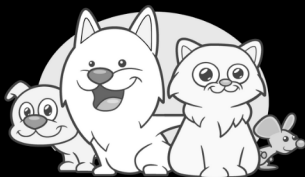
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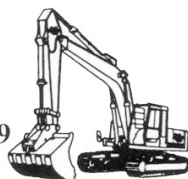


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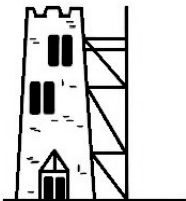
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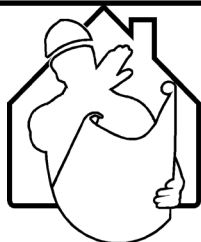
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