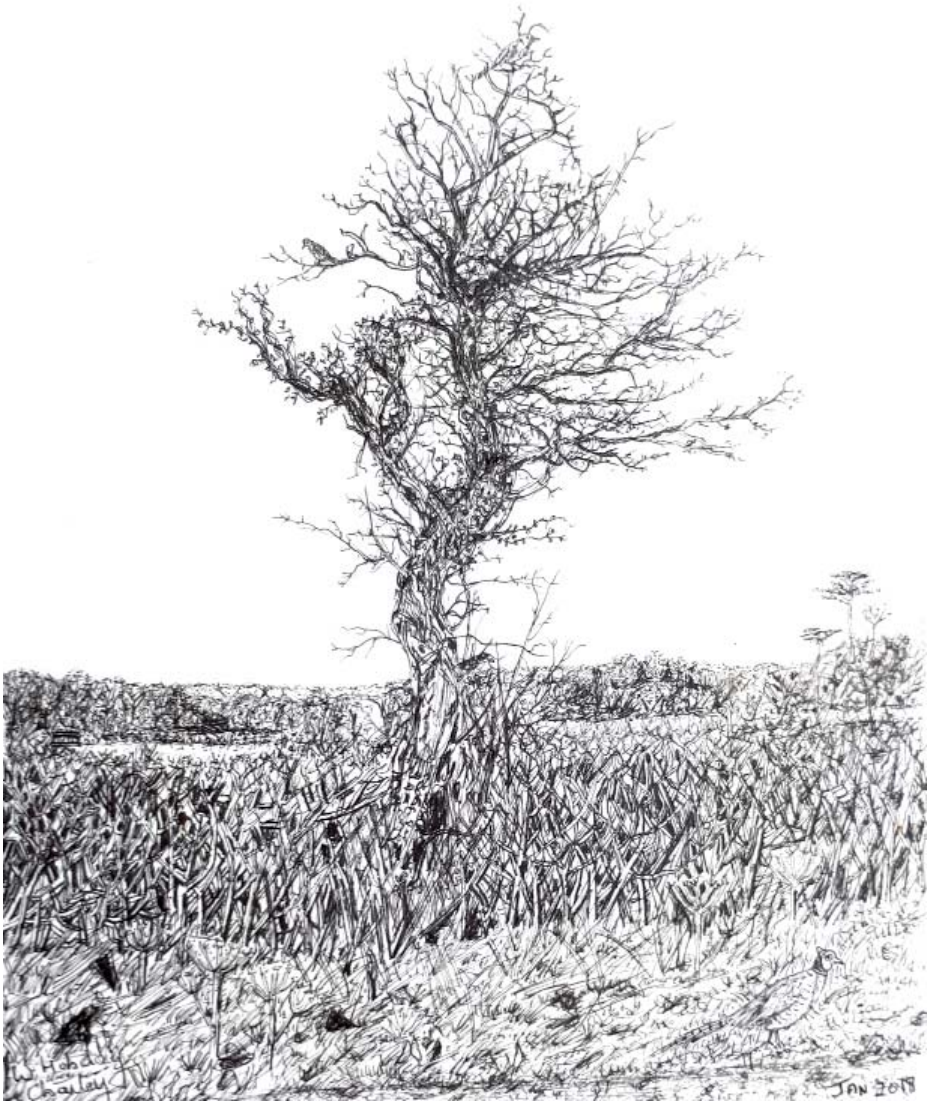


# Chailey News

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## January 2020

# The Church of St Peter Parish of Chailey



## WEEKDAYS

Monday 8pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 6.30pm Choir Practice

New ringers and choir members always welcome.

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

**PRIEST IN CHARGE:** The Parish is in Interregnum

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## CHAILEY FREE CHURCH, SOUTH CHAILEY

Please see details of services and weekday activities later in magazine

**Contacts:** Mr Roger Nutley 01273 890114  
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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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## **JANUARY SERVICES 2020**

**Sunday 5th January *The second Sunday of Christmas***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family Communion

**Sunday 12th January *The first Sunday after Epiphany***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 19th January *The second Sunday of Epiphany***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

**Sunday 26th January *The third Sunday of Epiphany***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

**Sunday 2nd February *Presentation of Christ in the temple***

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family 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.**



As you read this, Christmas Day was just a few days ago, but most of us still have our decorations and tree up. By the time Christmas arrived, some folk had already had their decorations up for over a month – the first home in the area that I spotted having a Christmas tree in the front room was in

Bolnore village on the 1st of November! So, when is the right time to take all the twinklies down? There is quite a lot of discussion, and even superstition over this! Confusion is rife as to when Christmas is formally over – and after exactly which evening decorations are said to bring you bad luck. Many people tend to take them down before they return to work, although according to Victorian tradition they should do it on Twelfth Night, in time for Epiphany.

Christians around the world celebrate Epiphany on Jan 6th. It is a public holiday in many countries and interestingly marks not one, but two events in Jesus' life: the first is the visit of the wise men, or kings, to the infant Jesus, and the second is his baptism as an adult by John the Baptist. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation'. It celebrates 'the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ' to the whole world, ie, the Gentiles.

In the UK, people used to have parties on Twelfth Night, and it was a time to play tricks on friends and family, for example, hiding live birds in a baked pie crust, so that they flew out when startled guests cut into it, as in the nursery rhyme, Sing A Song of Sixpence - 'when the pie was opened the birds began to sing'. Other popular Twelfth Night customs include singing Christmas carols, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, merrymaking, as well as attending church services. In the past it was very important on this holiday to have a cake in the centre of the table. The cake had a dried pea baked inside it. Whoever had this in their slice would be 'royalty' for one day, no matter their position. Other items would also be hidden in the cake: if you had a clove, you were a villain, if you got a twig you were a fool, and if you found a rag, you were a girl of loose morals! A similar tradition continues today in France and Belgium, where a tiny model of a king is hidden in a yeasted 'crown' cake.

Shakespeare's play Twelfth Night, or What You Will was written to be performed as a Twelfth Night entertainment. The earliest known performance took place on 2nd February 1602.[32] The play has many elements that are reversed, in the tradition of Twelfth Night, such as a woman, Viola, dressing as a man, and the servant, Malvolio, imagining that he can become a nobleman.

It was actually the 2nd February, also known as Candlemas, which was historically the date when Christians took their decorations down, as noted in this poem by Robert Herrick (1591-1674):

"Down with the rosemary, and so  
Down with the bays and misletoe;  
Down with the holly, ivy, all,  
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall"  
— "Ceremony upon Candlemas Eve"

Feb 2nd is the date 40 days after Jesus' birth, when, as a baby, he was presented in the temple, according to Jewish custom. Candlemas is the midway point between winter and spring, and the time when, historically, all candles to be used in church during the coming

year were blessed in a special service.

So, if you want to leave the decorations up until 2nd Feb, there is ample historical justification for doing so! Or you can opt for the earlier official 'Twelfth Night'....or, really, whenever takes your fancy! You can rest assured that you will absolutely not invoke any kind of bad luck whenever you do it.

As we mark the period of Epiphany at St Peter's, work will at last begin on the re-ordering of the church interior. The builders will start in the first week of January, and aim to have completed the work by April 3rd, a week before Easter. Although we believed we would probably need to 'move out' of St Peter's for our services during the building work, the builders have said that they will ensure that they clear up sufficiently so that we will be able to have the use of most of the church on Sundays! This is great news, but we may still need to have an emergency plan at short notice. The primary school Head has kindly said that we could use the school, if needs be, (once we have liaised with the caretaker,) but in the meantime, church it is! You might want to pull on an extra layer or two.....!

On this theme, we will have a number of relatively long lengths of solid oak church pews available for folk to buy (any realistic offers accepted) from January onwards. If you would like one, or a section, whether for the home or garden, or to 'recycle' into another piece of solid oak furniture, please contact either of the church wardens as soon as possible. We have had some requests already, so do put your orders in before it's too late!

With all best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year and 2020, from all at St Peter's.

Christine Peskett - Churchwarden

## January Parish Register 2020

Deaths	Rosemary Osborne	6th November 2019
	Jenny Barbour	20th November 2019

## From the Parish Leaflet January 1920

January 1920

A most successful Christmas Party was held on December 30th, and in spite of a very rough evening about 130 people assembled in the Parish Room at 6.00 pm. An excellent tea was provided which all seemed to enjoy. This was followed by a short concert and then Miss Grounds kindly accompanied Musical Chairs and Sir Roger de Coverley. Our best thanks to Mrs Jellicoe and her helpers who so kindly decorated the room and tables.

*Note: Musical Chairs needs no explanation but Sir Roger de Coverley was a lovely old country dance. The name refers to a fox and the steps imitate a hunted fox running in and out of cover. Bet you didn't know that!*

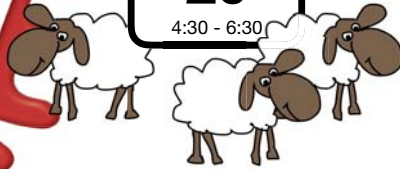
*Happy New Year!*

*Annette Shelford*

# Chailey Free Church

[www.chaileyfreechurch.com](http://www.chaileyfreechurch.com)

	Every Sunday
10:30 12:00	Morning Service Chailey Free Church
18:30 20:00	Evening Service Chailey Free Church



**Chailey Free Church, A275, South Chailey, BN8 4AN**  
Contact us for details on 01273 400785 or 01273 890114  
Email: [contact@chaileyfreechurch.com](mailto:contact@chaileyfreechurch.com)

# Chailey Commons Society

Our 2019 year finished on a high note with an excellent talk by Fran Southgate called 'Waterproofing our landscape' in which she illustrated the process of how the rain and surface water is channelled successfully through the local river systems to retain it where it can be most effectively stored and used. Fran has contributed to various schemes in Sussex together with the Sussex Wildlife Trust and is also working with the Natural Flood Management Project throughout the area.

Our programme of activities for 2020 will be starting on Thursday January 9th 2020 at 7.30.p.m. in Chailey Village Hall when we will have an illustrated talk by Steve Alton on 'Managing people and livestock on Ashdown Forest'. Steve is a Conservation Officer on Ashdown Forest and has expert knowledge to share with us about the management of this well-known ancient and much used local heathland. Parking and refreshments and we welcome visitors.

Our planned programme of activities for 2020 will again include Birch Cutting sessions following our successful start made last January – dates will be Sundays January 12th and 26th from 10.00 until 3.00.p.m. Join us for an outdoor workout cutting and bundling birch on Pound Common. Meet at Pound Common car park (BN8 4EB) with parking either there or just across at Romany Ridge car park. The birch will be stored ready for our besom broom and kindling workshops later in the year. Bring your own gloves, secateurs or loppers if you have them and bring a mug to enjoy some warming soup.

If you enjoy walking on the commons you will understand what a special place this nature reserve is, but if you are new to the area or would like to know more about our valuable heathland, we welcome visitors at all our activities and meetings so do come along and meet us and join the Society.

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

A happy and peaceful New Year to everyone.

*William Coleman*

01444 831098

## The Rob & Ann Bequest

The Rob & Ann bequest has invested £50,000 to yield £2-2,500 p.a. to help young people start their working lives, tools, equipment & fees to vocational courses and give a bonus at Christmas to the aged, infirm and lonely. Request in writing R & A Bequest, Bineham Garden, N. Chailey BN8 4DD

*Best wishes, Rob & Ann*

## Toddlers Group

We now have a Toddlers group up and running at St Peter's Church. This is a free group which meets in the church on a Friday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am. Toys and activities for children. Free refreshments during the morning. Baby changing facilities. We welcome new Toddlers and their parents, grandparents or carers to this group. Contact the parish office (01825 722286) [stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stpeterschurch12@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.



## CHAILEY REPAIR CAFÉ WELCOMES ITS 1000th VISITOR!!

Two surprises awaited Phil Machell from Newick when he called into Chailey Repair Café on Saturday 14th December to get his CD player fixed. The first was that his CD player wasn't working because one of his grandchildren had put a 10p piece in it. And secondly, Phil was Chailey Repair Café's 1000th visitor! Presenting him with a bottle of bubbly and one of the Cafe's electronic Christmas trees, founder and coordinator Bryan McAlley said:

"We had no idea when we first opened 18 months ago that we would have attracted 1000 visitors by the end of 2019. We have been very humbled by the interest and support shown by the local community and our visitors, who come from all parts of Sussex and Kent"

Bryan added " Phil's broken CD player is typical of the challenges we are presented with each month – but it's not often that our customers go home with an extra 10p in their pocket!!"

Chailey Repair Café is part of a world-wide movement where volunteer experts repair things free of charge – although a donation towards running costs is invited. Anyone can bring along broken items or clothing needing repair from home, and have a cuppa and a cake while they wait!

Chailey Repair Café next opens at Chailey Parish Hall 10am – 1pm on 11th January 2020, and then normally on the second Saturday of each month..

If you would like to know more, contact them at [chaileyrc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyrc@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.



## CONTINUED ROAD SAFETY PROBLEMS IN SOUTH CHAILEY

Currently, I and many others are supporting Chailey School's petition asking what local opinion is as far

as a safe crossing on the A275.

Some residents might recall that I also put forward a petition some years ago on this very same subject and have written regularly in the Parish News representing– Chailey School – its students – teachers – parents/families, as well as all the residents living in South Chailey – both young and old.

Our Parish Council has, for some time, wished to see a safe crossing and I thank them for their efforts. Our County Councillor - Jim Sheppard is also offering his support for the petition. As a father whose daughter attended Chailey School and an ex-governor, I have asked him to represent our local views.

## CHAILEY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB

On Saturday 14th December these wonderful tractor drivers and supporters will have held their Christmas run, all in aid of St. Peter and St. James Hospice which means a great deal to so many families. Making charity events fun – full of laughter and music whilst and raising



money for our local Hospice. Their late afternoon and evening festivities would have been held at the Sloop Pub.

Cllr Sharon Davy email [sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk) Tel: 01444 831 336

## Chailey Horticultural Society

Now the trials and tribulations of Christmas and the New Year are over it is time to get down to the business of gardening.

January, February and March are the months to prune apples and pears. Apple pruning can seem to be a highly complex procedure what with tip bearing, partial tip bearing and spur bearing varieties. Forget it and proceed on a few basic principles. Remove any dead or canker infected branches and burn them. Then stand back and look at the tree. What you are aiming for is a bowl like structure which will allow a good flow of air and let in plenty of sunshine to ripen the fruit. Now think of ease of harvesting and don't let the tree get too tall. Now remove any crossing or inward directed growth and shorten by a third most new growth but leave some to form the shape of the tree. Remove all the wispy growth and ensure the grease band is in place and job done.

The same applies to pears though they tend to have a more upright stature which needs controlling.

Prune the spurs of the wisteria to about 3" from their main branch to include two to three plump flower buds.

Cut autumn fruiting raspberries down to ground level and cover with a layer of compost or well rotted farmyard manure.

On the vegetable plot remove all yellowing and dying leaves from brassicas and try and avoid walking on wet soil to avoid compaction.

Now for those desperate to get planting how about aiming for an early crop of potatoes grown in a potato sack or bucket? Buy a first early variety as soon as you can. Swift is the best all rounder. Get them chitting in a cool, dry but light frost free place( try using an old egg box). They will need to be grown in a warm, light frost free environment such as a heated greenhouse or conservatory. One of the advantages of growing in sacks and buckets is that they can easily be moved around. For the growing medium use well rotted farmyard manure and compost mixed with a bit of ericaceous to protect against scab.

Place 6" of growing medium in the bottom. Place four potato shoots uppermost and cover with a 2" layer medium and as the shoots emerge keep adding medium until just below the top. Keep damp. Try and get planting done in the second half of February for a crop in early May.

Wet January days are a good time to sterilise tools and pots ready for the spring using a weak solution of Jeyes fluid. The same solution can be used to clean the poly tunnel and greenhouse glass.

In February real planting can start so why not invest in a propagator to enable an early start.

Our schedule for 2020 is now available from The Five Bells, The South Chailey Surgery and myself or any committee member. Our Spring Show is on 21st March.

*Peter Estcourt - [pge44@icloud.com](mailto:pge44@icloud.com) 07803179708*

# WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 pm when our speaker will be Dr Helena Griffiths. Her subject is Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis, sadly a topical subject just now and this will be a fascinating talk.

In December we had an evening with Gilly Halcrow who entertained us with ' Our Christmas Traditions.' We also had our annual Christmas Lunch which was very enjoyable.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Chailey Village Hall when we are always pleased to welcome prospective members or guests who wish to come along. For the nominal sum of £3 you can listen to the speaker and enjoy some home made refreshments.

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

### Cafe Writing at The Pantry, Church Road, Newick

If the dark days of January are chilling your spirits, why not plan yourself a bit of light relief with our monthly cafe writing sessions at The Pantry. Cafe Writing sessions are fun, informal, taught creative writing classes that use the cafe environment for inspiration as well as refreshment. We look at the work of other writers and do a variety of writing exercises intended to develop particular skills in an enjoyable way. The sessions are led by local writer, Helen Stockton, perhaps best known for her 'It's a Dog's Life' column in Sussex Living Magazine. The sessions are 10.00am-12.00 noon and cost £20 payable on the day (not including refreshments). We are meeting on the following dates:

Wednesday	22nd	January
Wednesday	19th	February
Wednesday	18th	March
Wednesday	22nd	April

To find out more or book your place, please contact Helen by e-mail [stocktonwriting@gmail.com](mailto:stocktonwriting@gmail.com) or 'phone 07784538965.

### Newick Country Market

**Every Friday 10 am to 11 am  
Newick Village Hall**

Make it your New Year Resolution to come and see us in the Village Hall on Friday 10th January when we open after the Christmas break. We have a wide range of homemade and locally grown produce, bespoke greetings cards and flower arrangements for that special occasion; savoury or sweet bakes as the fancy takes you. Orders can be taken for any of the above, and special diets can also be catered for.

All the items are produced by members of the market and our cooks have the required standard of Food Hygiene Certificate.

If you haven't met us before why not drop in for some freshly brewed coffee, meet friends and catch up on village news.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and look

forward to seeing you on the 10th. Further information 01825 722907

## Lewes District Citizens Advice

Lewes District Citizens Advice expects January to be the year's busiest month for debt advice.

**Here are our six top tips to sort out your debts.**

- 1. Work out how much you owe** - Make a list of who you owe money to and add up how much you need to pay each month.
- 2. Prioritise your debts** - Your rent or mortgage, energy and council tax are called priority debts and these should always be paid first. Separate these and work out how much you owe.
- 3. Work out how much you can pay** - Add up your essential living costs, such as food and housing and taking away these from your income. Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts. Citizens Advice budgeting tool can help.
- 4. Paying urgent debts** - You may have several priority debts and can't pay them all. Contact all your creditors to find out if you negotiate. Always pay priority creditors who are taking action against you.
- 5. Paying non-urgent debts** - If you have any money left after paying priority debts, consider getting a free debt-management plan. You'll make one monthly payment to the plan provider, who will handle paying your creditors. Or contact your creditors and offer them what you can afford to pay.
- 6. If you can't pay your debts** - If you've got little or no money spare to pay your priority debts seek advice from us straight away.

For information and advice, call us on 03444 111444, visit one of our offices in Newhaven, Lewes or Seaford or check out our website [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk) for further details.

## The Arts Society, Uckfield, Lewes & Newick

**Big Ben Stories and Restoration by Tim Redmond  
January 8th 2.30 at the Civic Centre Uckfield**

Big Ben one of London's best loved landmarks was completed in 1859 and named the entirely unoriginal name 'The Clock Tower.' Happily it has always been known after the tower's largest bell, weighing in at a staggering 13.5 tons. Renovations have to date silenced its mighty toll, but hopefully normal service will resume in 2021.

Tim Redmond will be telling us all about Big Ben and its history up to the present day. He is very knowledgeable on the subject having been a London Tour Guide for many years. He has appeared in many UK and overseas documentaries and his many guests on tours of the clock tower have included people such as Michelle Obama and Bill Gates.

Cost is £7 on the door for non-members. If you need any further information, please go to our web site.

*Happy New Year! Annette Shelford*

## Friends of Newick Health Centre

The Memory Cafe will reopen after Christmas on Tuesday 7th January 2020. The other meetings for the month will be on Tuesday the 14th; 21st; and the 28th . All meetings will be held in the Village Hall and start at 1.30pm until 4.00pm. All villagers with memory problems and their carers are very welcome to come along for a cup of tea, a chat, and participate in activities. If you like a good sing an a little dance then we have that as well.

*Peter Todd Hon. Sec*

## Why not think about singing in 2020?

The Fletching Singers are a friendly and informal group, meeting weekly to rehearse for a termly concert. We also hold workshops, which combine improving technique with enjoying music. We have a wide repertoire - in March 2020 we will be performing the Monteverdi Vespers – a rare opportunity to take part in this work.

Look at our website for details ([www.fletchingsingers.co.uk](http://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk)) and make contact – you'd be so welcome!

## Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

NADS would just like to say a very big thank you to everyone who came along to watch our December production of "In at the Deep End". It was undoubtedly enjoyed by our audience

as they were in fits of laughter and it was great to see so many of you each night.

Our next production will be on the 13th to 16th May 2020 and we would love to see you all again. We are a friendly drama group of all ages so if you would like to get involved, be it just a member or acting, directing, lighting, scenery painting, set construction, costumes, make-up and all the other unseen activities involved and, of course, not forgetting making the essential cup of tea back stage (no experience necessary!), then we would love to hear from you by contacting either Marie or Barbara for more information Marie-palmer@btinternet.com or barbarabone986@gmail.com .

## Chailey News - Feburary Issue

The deadline for the February issue of Chailey News is Tuesday 14th January. To avoid problems due to the necessity to filter e-mails for spam please:

1. Send items to [chaileynews@chec.co.uk](mailto: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 CHEC*