



CHAILEY COMMONS SOCIETY

Winter 2023 / 2024

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our Winter 2023/2024 Newsletter.

Season's Greetings to everyone at this busy time of year. Rain and more rain has been a feature and the commons are quite soggy at the moment. The bracken has collapsed as usual and created some lovely landscape colours across the vistas of each common.

It's our quiet time of year but we soon have the start of our 2024 programme of activities which we have advertised on posters and in the local parish magazines and a note of them in January is included below. We will be doing some outdoor activities where members can be involved and help so watch for details on posters, newsletters or the website.

We have been working on a new website and this should soon be live. It will show more details about the commons and our activities so check in from time to time.

May I wish you a Happy and safe New Year.

William

NEW WEBSITE

As we have had our website online for quite a while now and we have maintained it ourselves, we have decided to refresh this and have a new one set up and handled by a professional team who have the skills and knowledge to give it a modern look. This means that it should be more easily kept up to date and be more interactive.

Preparation has been going well and it should be available shortly. The same name applies – www.chaileycommons.org.uk – so do have a look in due course and see the new format.

Seasonal Work



Besom Broom preparation



Pond clearance on Memorial Common



Pond work on Pound Common



Scrub clearance on Pound Common

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all our members and patrons for continuing to support Chailey Commons Society.

I would like to remind you that membership subscriptions will be due again on **1st February 2024**. The subscription rates remain the same as last year: -

£7.00 for each adult member

50p for each junior member

£12.00 for each patron

If you have a standing order set up with your bank, then all you need to do is check that it is due to pay the correct amount.

If you pay by electronic bank transfer, then please make your payment to: -

Chailey Commons Society, Account number 09298089, Sort Code 09-01-56

For those who wish to pay by cheque, please make payable to 'Chailey Commons Society' and send to me: -

Sue Berry at 18 Newlands Park Way, Newick, Lewes BN8 4PG.

These days, most of our contact with members is by email which allows us to send out reminders of events or activities and to notify you of any last minute changes to arrangements. If you do not already receive emails from us and would like to join the electronic mailing list, please send your email address to me at members@chaileycommons.org.uk. I promise that you will not be bombarded with emails from us and we will remove you from the list if you ask us to.

Thank you once again for your support, I look forward to meeting some of you at one of the forthcoming events.

Sue Berry, Membership Secretary

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Winter Solstice @ 08.01 – 22.12.23



Winter Solstice Watch Party

ACTIVITIES DIARY

JANUARY 11TH Thursday 7.30.P.M.

Indoor Meeting Chailey Village Hall

*Talk – Bats and Bat Detectors
Ryan Greaves of the Sussex Bat Group*

**JANUARY 14TH AND 28TH SUNDAYS
10.00 until 3.00.p.m.**

Birch Harvesting - Red House Common

Meet at the car park. Bring your own mug for the soup break. Contact:- 'members@chaileyccommons.org.uk' by 7th Jan to register

FEBRUARY 8th Thursday 7.30.P.M.

Indoor Meeting Chailey Village Hall

Talk – Nightjars

Greg Conway of British Trust for Ornithology

February 13th Tuesday 10.00.-.12.00.noon

Indoor Meeting – St Peter's Church

Bird Box Making for children.

MARCH 14th Thursday 7.30.P.M.

Indoor Meeting – Chailey Village hall

Annual General Meeting - Followed by displays of maps and photos by Tony Turk.