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**COME AND GET INVOLVED IF YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME AND HAVE SOME FUN IN THE PROCESS
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AND STILL PROVIDE A FANTASTIC BONFIRE NIGHT FOR THE CHILDREN OF CHAILEY AND SURROUNDING
AREAS AND ADULTS ALIKE . WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR WELL DESERVING SENIOR
CITIZENS WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS LUNCH. PLEASE SUPPORT US AS MUCH AS YOU CAN – MANY THANKS**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**I am in the south of France as I write this and the temperature is over 30 in the
shade! It is difficult to imagine the dark, cold November days which await us
in England as I sip a glass of the local red infuriator. But it is something which I
look forward to. Yes, hot, balmy days are great but one tends to yearn for the
warmth and glow of a fire in a friendly pub with a good pint of Harvey's or
three.**

**So, I eagerly anticipate the warm glow which accompanies the Chailey Bonfire
celebrations each year – not to mention the Harvey's at the Horns Lodge at the
half way stage.**

**Why not join me and the hundreds of others who will be there on 6TH
November Join the procession from Mill Lane to the bonfire site at the Village
Hall; or meet us at the Horns; or just come to the wonderful fireworks display
at the Hall. But come along and bring the kids. There are refreshments on sale
and the fireworks this year are guaranteed to be better than ever! And
remember to bring some loose change with you to throw into the collection
buckets. This will ensure that the old people of Chailey will enjoy a great
Christmas party and give you the warmest of glows for having helped to fund it!**

Warm beer? I must be mad. Pass the St Emilion and ou se trouve la piscine?

Jim Jackson

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY

- **NO FIREWORKS (INCLUDING SPARKLERS) OTHER THAN THOSE PERMITTED BY CHAILEYBONFIRE SOCIETY LTD WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT**
- **WE DO OUR BEST TO MAKE THE DISPLAY VISIBLE TO ALL, BARRIERS ARE ERECTED FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT CROSS THEM OR TAKE RISKS THAT WILL SPOIL THE EVENT FOR YOU OR OTHERS**
- **IT IS ILLEGAL TO LIGHT FIREWORKS IN THE STREET OR AT ANY PUBLIC GATHERING**

*******FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS*******

From the Treasurer

We ended the 2009/10 year showing a very minor loss but considering the circumstances brought about by the economic situation and having to invest in a new firework store it could have been far worse.

Bonus Ball at the Horns Lodge, Jumble Sales, the Annual Duck Race, Barbeques and the 100 Club Ball, as always, proved successful. We even staged some Scalectric Racing. At the beginning of this summer we held another Pig Roast which was, again, successful and enjoyable.

None of these fund raising events would have happened without the dedicated efforts of the organising committee and the support of those attending and lets face it, without the fund raising we couldn't hold the Bonfire and Firework celebrations or the Christmas Party!

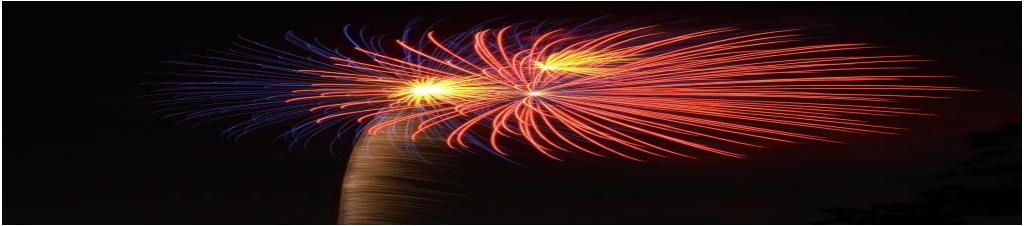
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

STARTING AT CHAILEY COMPREHENSIVE, SOUTH CHAILEY

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2010



- 5.30PM Gathering at the school

JUDGING OF FLOATS

Langley Shield to be awarded

Presidents Shield to be awarded

- 6.00pm Procession starts to Village Hall

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE FOR SALE AT THE VILLAGE HALL ALL PROCEEDS TO THE
BONFIRE SOCIETY**

- 7.15PM Fireworks Display
- 8.00pm Lighting of Bonfire – Music – Refreshments

- **THE SOCIETY CLAIMS DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OR INJURY
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'The Grand Portreeve of the Order of St George Chailey'

At the beginning of 2010 the society were looking at ideas for new fund raising events. We already had St Georges Day in the diary as it was about time somebody celebrated our patron saint and our village of Chailey has a number of St George connections. What we really needed was a focal point for the event, something to build towards the big day. We applied our usual rules of reason to the process; it needs to be fun, not too stressful, stand the chance of raising some money and benefit others as well as the society, so we settled on the idea of a 'Corrupt Election'. Not only was apparent corruption in politics rather topical, but we were aware of neighbouring villages and towns that had run similar events. It seemed to fit the bill rather well.

So, how does a corrupt election work? What we needed were candidates to put themselves forward for election to an honorary position and collect votes in the form of money. The winner would be the person who collected the most votes (money!) and only cash would count; pledges, promissory notes and IOUs would be burned! The incentive to enter is that the winner would keep the money raised for their favoured good cause/charity/local association or club. The runners up would donate half of their corrupt collections to the Bonfire Society, keeping the rest (?) for their favoured cause.

So what title would this honorary position have? We couldn't use titles such as 'Mayor' or 'Grand Master' as these were either official roles or already bagged by other organisations. Some research turned up the title of Portreeve. The term dates back to the Middle Ages and refers to a village elder or representative of the people, sometimes tasked with collecting taxes acting as a fiscal supervisor (rather apt for a corrupt election) and would always be a 'trustworthy person'. There are still some towns in the country where a Portreeve is still an honorary or even an official position.

On the 24th of April 2010 (the closest we could get to St Georges day), Mr Adrian Black was crowned 'The Grand Portreeve of the Order of St. George Chailey'. He has served his duties well since then, having received free entry to all Bonfire events, including the Pig Roast evening, and will have pride of place in the Bonfire procession on the 6th November. If you wish to put yourself forward as a candidate for the 2011 election, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Where the Portreeve Donated His Money

Adrian Black with special campaign manager Clare Black, both long suffering members of The Bonfire Society raised £295 for Court Meadow School at Cuckfield where their daughter Phoebe attends. Court Meadow is a small special needs school which has children with various disabilities that require a multi sensory style curriculum.

The funds raised were given so that new and extra multi sensory equipment could be purchased for the children during their lunch breaks, this included DVD's CD's and touchy feely things. All of which were much appreciated and enjoyed by the children and a special card of thanks was created and given by Phoebe's Class.

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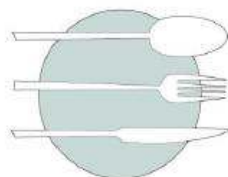
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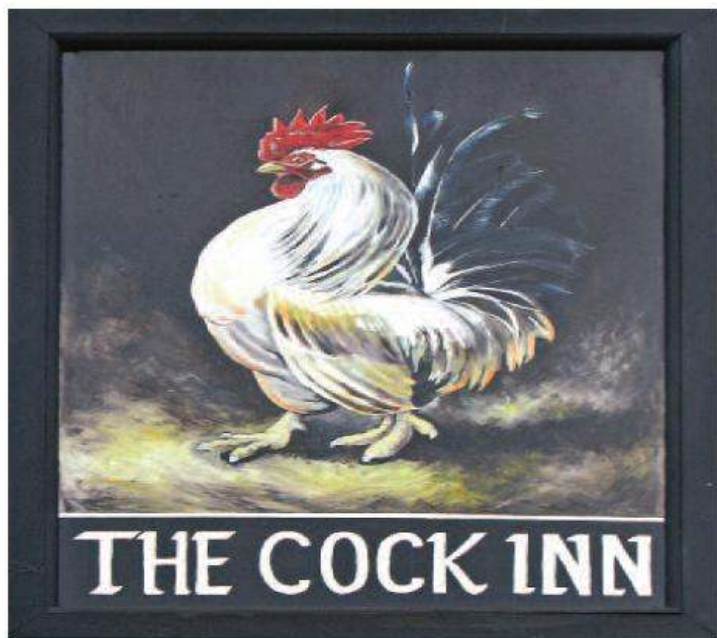
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After all the rain we had, we felt down in the dumps,
But the Bonfire Society Group always comes up trumps,
They lifted up our spirits, Put us on a high,
Making us feel glad that Christmas time was nigh.

We went down to the Village Hall; we don't like to be late,
For old people in Chailey, it's the most important date,
All you people work so hard, your one aim seems to be,
To make us feel so welcome, and you do it willingly,
The food was really super, and everything was hot,
With all the Christmas extra's - stuffing, bacon rolls the lot,
Everything went smoothly, well, so it seemed to us.
All were served so quickly, without any fuss,
We never thought you could surpass, the parties of the past,
But somehow you made this year even better than the last.

The children were so very good, and helped in any way they could.
We love the entertainment, and when Trevor sings,
We hope you realise what happiness this brings.
Yes - it is the highlight of each and every year,
And we hold the Bonfire folk very very dear..

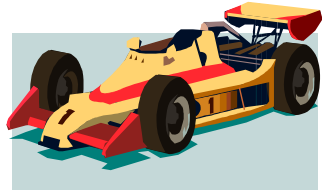
FUTURE EVENTS FOR THE SOCIETY

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 4TH December

**Scaletrix night
Date to be advised**

**Jumble sale
March 2011**

**St georges day
April 2011**



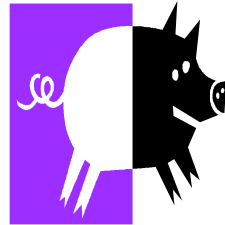
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'twas his intent

To blow up The King and The Parliament.

With three score barrels of powder below,

Poor Old England to overthrow.

But by God's Providence he was caught,

With a dark lantern and slow burning match.

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