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Dear Readers



After a long break, I am editing the Parish News for the next two months whilst Mike has a well deserved rest!

Consequently, if you have any hard copy to be included during this time, please deliver to Seawinds, Pett Road (812323).

February is usually a quiet month for the magazine but as usual, you have contributed many interesting articles. There is an up-date of progress in relocating the Post Office service to Pett Methodist Chapel (p 11), a thought provoking item on the use of e-cigarettes in public (p 5), the issue of dog fouling (p 9) and information about the new, reduced schedule for the mobile library (p 23). Not to mention our annual sing-a-long as a fundraiser for the Village Hall – this year the film is Oklahoma, and will occur on Saturday 7th February. If you don't have tickets yet, there are still some available from Phil.

With the closure of our main post office in January, copies of the magazine usually available from Tony can be purchased from The New Beach Club, in addition to Phil The Butcher, as usual.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Pett Parish News and look forward to hearing from you on pettparishnews@live.co.uk

Best Wishes, Sarah



Pett Post Office Memories

I took a series of photographs in the run-up to the closure of Pett Post Office (many of you will have seen me in there!) and I am keen to gather together peoples' memories of the post office - and particularly of Tony - with a view to putting together a little illustrated history to put online, and possibly something in a format to give to Tony, depending on the response.

You can reach me by e-mail on robinhutt@btinternet.com, by telephone on 01424813182 or at Fairlight End, Pett Road TN35 4HB. If it suits you best, I am happy to talk face-to-face as well.

Robin Hutt



PETT Womens Institute – Heather Godwin

This is the year of the Centenary of the WI in the UK. Where was the first meeting held? In Anglesey, Wales in October 2015. Pett WI Members were asked this and other questions on anniversaries of 2015 in the fun quiz held at the social and renewal of membership meeting in January.

The members discussed and voted on the shortlist of Resolutions proposed for this year's AGM. These included deploring the under-representation of women in public life, starting a national tree-planting programme, encouraging communities to install public defibrillators, improving access to the NHS Continuing Care programme, reducing food waste in the home and in public and private sector organisations, curbing the use of antibiotics in human and animal healthcare, and finally, ending the practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

Plans for the Centenary Tea Party that the Institute has been asked to host in June were revealed, as well as theatre trips and other outings planned for the coming months.

The new committee was introduced, comprising of Heather Godwin (President), Mary Saint (Secretary), Wendy Burgess (Treasurer), Jos Coby (Vice –President) and committee members Anne Roach, Muriel Turner and Christine Fountain.

On Friday 20th February our local tea-expert Peter Wiggins, of the Proper Tea Company, will be giving members a Tea-tasting. If you would like to find out more do contact Mary Saint, Secretary, on 01424 813047, or just come along. You will be made very welcome.



The New Beach The Club changes its no smoking policy.

After complaints from members, a committee meeting was held and it was agreed to give a green light to smoke e-cigarettes in side the club, **yes** in side the club. The World Health

Organisation recommend that these cigarettes should be banned from restaurants, pubs and any enclosed area. This was pointed out to Peter Drew, Chairman, who agreed with the Health Organisation views but was unable to overturn the committee decision. The World Health Organisation is still waiting for a company or manufacturers statement that e-cigarettes are safe for smokers and bystanders.

Peter Gallop: My views.

These cigarettes contain nicotine and numerous toxic vapours, which have not yet been proven safe. The club has inadequate ventilation system to clear the vapour from these smokers. Members and their families like to enjoy their meals and drinks without inhaling these vapours.

Why should we breathe in nicotine and harmful toxins produced from these cigarettes?

Please address your views to the New Beach Club.

TIDE TABLE

FEBRUARY 2015 Rye Harbour Approaches					
Date		Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1	Su	0935	2.7	2158	2.9
2	Mo	1023	3.0	2240	3.2
3	Tu	1101	3.2	2316	3.5
4	We	1135	3.4	2353	3.6
5	Th	—	—	1208	3.4
6	Fr	0024	3.6	1238	3.4
7	Sa	0053	3.5	1303	3.2
8	Su	0115	3.5	1324	3.1
9	Mo	0136	3.4	1346	3.1
10	Tu	0203	3.2	1417	3.0
11	We	0238	3.1	1456	2.7
12	Th	0323	2.7	1548	2.5
13	Fr	0423	2.2	1709	2.0
14	Sa	0610	2.1	1903	2.1
15	Su	0733	2.5	2009	2.5
16	Mo	0836	2.9	2106	3.1
17	Tu	0931	3.4	2158	3.6
18	We	1022	3.7	2246	4.0
19	Th	1109	4.0	2332	4.3
20	Fri	1155	4.1	—	—
21	Sa	0017	4.4	1237	4.3
22	Su	0058	4.4	1319	4.1
23	Mo	0141	4.3	1402	3.9
24	Tu	0224	4.0	1447	3.4
25	We	0311	3.5	1540	2.9
26	Th	0404	2.9	1639	2.5
27	Fr	0508	2.2	1750	2.0
28	Sa	0632	2.0	1925	2.0

MOON PHASES			
Full Moon - 3rd	Last Quarter - 12th		
New Moon - 18th	First Quarter - 25th		

SUNRISE			
7th - 0731	14th - 0718	21st - 0705	28th - 0651

SUNSET			
7th - 1705	14th - 1717	21st - 1730	28th - 1742

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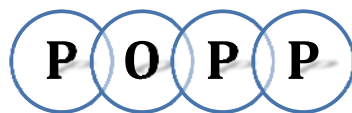
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PETT OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT



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On 9th December, members were treated to a coach outing, driven by David Lovejoy, an ex resident of Pett, to the Grand Hotel Folkestone, where they all enjoyed a Christmas meal. The outing was subsidised by the Project as a thank you to all its members who attend throughout the year.

PoPP held their annual Christmas party at Pett Village Hall on the 23rd December. 50 members from the surrounding villages and Pett, enjoyed the entertainment which was provided by Keith Osborne, a resident of the village. He had members join him in singing and using a variety of instruments to accompany his music. The members enjoyed a buffet style meal and were provided with wine to toast all volunteers who helped make the day such a success. Julian Avery, the Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex visited the Project on the day, and chatted with members during the morning period.

On the 6th January 2015, POPP received a visit from another Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Chantal Wilson. Chantal spent the morning mingling with members and volunteers, to see how POPP had affected their lives, and to what extent POPP had contributed to the community of Pett. Musical entertainment was provided throughout the morning, by Brian Howard, on his Keyboard.

Popp would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local people who support us, especially to Kit McLean from Icklesham Boot Fair who provides a substantial amount to help us run the project. Also Pett and Guestling Parish Councils, who in recognition of the support PoPP gives to the senior residents of Pett and surrounding villages, made a very generous donation for the forthcoming year.

If you are over 60, pop into POPP at Pett Village Hall every Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm, and enjoy lively entertainment and a two course meal all for £5. All are welcome.

Ann Nicholls - Pett



POPP ~ PETT OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT

Funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund



LOTTERY FUNDED

Meeting every Tuesday at 10.30 in Pett Village Hall

Committee Members: **Sheila** Thomas– 01797 225616 Mob: 07774 573086
Ann Nicholls– 813043

POPP FUTURE CALENDAR

Tuesday 3 rd February	Dennis Langley - Musical Quiz
Tuesday 10 th February	Keith Osborne Music for health
Tuesday 17 th February	Ken Brooks Slides – The White Rock Story
Tuesday 24 th February	Thai Chi Annie Crier

Nail Technician – Sheryl Tucker 10th February

Head & Shoulder Massage Antonello Bruce - 3rd and 17th February

Toe nail cutting service for any person in the area having difficulty in reaching their feet. Home visiting service. If interested please contact Sheila Thomas on 01797 225616 – also at Popp's weekly – donation to centre.

Hearing Aid Servicing – Hi Kent, will advise us of their next visit in February 2015. Help is available at Popp centre weekly for anyone in difficulties with their hearing aids. Or batteries. Many thanks.

Support St Michael's Hospice by Going Yellow!



St Michael's Hospice is calling out for nurseries, schools, colleges and businesses throughout Hastings and Rother to join them for their annual Yellow Day, on Friday 27th March. Whether it's a mufti day, yellow cake sale, yellow party, or even a banana eating competition, there's plenty of ways for everyone to get involved and raise money for the Hospice. "Every year we support over 1,300 patients, their families and friends as well as bereaved people throughout out catchment area. The annual cost of running the Hospice is £5,000,000, so every donation, however large or small is vital." said Amanda Hildreth, Community Fundraiser at St Michael's Hospice. If you would like to take part, call Amanda Hildreth, on 01424 456371 or email ahildreth@stmichaelsospice.com

Nordic Walking and Me

- Rose Pearsall



I discovered Nordic Walking two years ago in preparation for a big hike with my son in New Zealand. I thought it the perfect way to not only build fitness but also give me extra support as I'd always had weak ankles. However, I didn't expect the benefits to so outstrip my expectations. Read the article below to get a taste of this wonderfully refreshing and invigorating exercise.

Though Nordic Walking was originally a summer training exercise for cross-country skiers it has taken off in popularity all over the world and in any environment from the City to the Mountains and everywhere in between. Indeed, I have done both; climbing Kepler Mountain in New Zealand and Ben Nevis last year and I was well known in my previous town of Reading for striding about with my poles. I am fast developing a reputation in Hastings now as I discover more and more walks around this wonderful area.

Nordic Walking provides an excellent way to exercise for all people whatever age or fitness level. It can be done anywhere. It's very sociable; participants can chat as they go! It is easy to learn and to keep up. Since I have taken it up not only have I lost weight and hugely increased my fitness levels but I've also met so many people and have made lots of new friends.

We are fabulously lucky living here in East Sussex, the Rother area in particular, as there are so many beautiful places to walk, by the sea, in the woods, on the downs and in nature reserves and parks.

Since moving to Hastings to be near my daughter who lives here in Pett I have qualified as a professional Nordic Walking Instructor and want to make a business of sharing this great activity with more people – taking it easy in retirement is not for me! You may have noticed my daughter and I in and around Pett as I practiced my teaching technique. My daughter's comment on her first session really illustrates the benefits: "It feels like I have a jet pack on my back."

Nordic Walking works the upper and lower body and the poles propel the walker along, making it easier to move faster than normal without feeling the effort. Indeed it is one of the most effective cross training techniques. It reduces the pressure on knees and joints and is great for the heart and lungs. And to top it off you are outside enjoying the wonderful scenery.

So if you would like to find out more or come along to a taster session (running in Hastings, Pett and Rye Nature Reserve) please email me at rose@rothernordicfitness.co.uk

To dog walkers who use Marsham Brook Lane footpaths, & surrounding fields – Peter Gallop

Firstly, Happy New Year and enjoy your walks.

Now can I tell you a little story.

As a dog lover and owner for some 14 years, I owned a spaniel called Sam whom I loved; he was my friend and companion and part of the family. We had many lovely walks in the country parks, surrounding fields and beaches. Sadly he died about 15 years ago and is still deeply missed.

Can you please tell me why I am still picking up other owners dogs mess?? on my driveway, pathway and lane outside my house. As you know Rother District Council have a policy of fining dog owners who let there dogs foul these areas, maximum fine £1000.00.

I am waiting to read replies from irresponsible dog owners who are too lazy or believe they do not have to pick up there dogs mess.

PS. Yes I will still put out a clean bowl of dog drinking water when weather warms up.

Your Will

If you would like to make your will or amend an existing will you will soon have an opportunity to do so without having to travel to Hastings or Rye.

A solicitor from Funnell & Perring will visit Pett on a day in March and use the Church vestry as a place to meet and advise on wills. His name is Gary Lake and he is prepared to reduce his usual fee for wills.

This is not, for once, a Church fund-raising idea. It is an example of our wish to assist the village and to see the Church used on days other than a Sunday.

Seeing Gary will be in private in the vestry and will be by appointment only.

Could you let me know if you would be interested in this opportunity.

Angela Hawksley
Churchwarden
01796 389635

Any Room Left for Wildlife?

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust



Conflict with wildlife is an increasing problem across the globe. An edition of the BBC's programme 'Shared Planet' last year highlighted the consequences of what happens when humans and wildlife come up against each other competing for the same space. It was interesting that one contributor made the point that wildlife doesn't have a conflict with humans; it is purely a one-sided issue. Animals don't think about it; what they are interested in is finding enough food, finding a safe and viable habitat in which to breed and survive, and mating, passing on their genes to the next generation.

An example was given that highlights the problem that occurs throughout the world but particularly in communities in the expanding populations in Asia and Africa. One of the most iconic and threatened species in the world is the snow leopard, a species that so many people would absolutely love to see but its scarcity and the fact that it lives in remote and inaccessible environments means that few people get the opportunity to see them.

Some researchers into snow leopards were called to a village in the Himalayas and were shown a video of one of these most majestic animals being savagely beaten to death by the villagers, uncomfortable viewing to say the least and an absolutely travesty to kill such an animal this way. It turned out that this particular animal had just slaughtered 28 of a local herdsman's animals, all of his livestock in fact and he was left with absolutely nothing. There was no social security net to support him and his family; he would have to rely on the kindness of his very poor neighbours to survive. Ironically, the snow leopard is revered by the peoples of this mountainous area, but this animal had now got a taste for livestock and how easy they were to kill, so the villagers had to do something about it before all their animals were lost. This scenario is increasingly more common across the globe.

I asked Jess Price, who runs the Sussex Wildlife Trust Information Service 'WildCall' what were the most common enquiries regarding conflict between people and our local wildlife and complaints about foxes won hands down. In particular, foxes coming into our towns, digging up gardens, creating a mess and frightening the dog, cat or children. Badgers, gulls, pigeons and snakes also featured in the complaints about wildlife people find annoying or basically don't want around.

Our perception of conflict here in Sussex is very different to that in the Himalayas and elsewhere, our livelihood and very existence is not threatened by the wildlife; we just view it as a nuisance and we rather it wasn't there. We also have a very ambivalent attitude as well; we like to encourage hedgehogs but not foxes, put out food for blue tits and great tits but don't like it when sparrowhawks occasionally come in and pick one off. We make a conflict out of the situation whether there is one there or not.

Difficult interactions between wildlife and people are here to stay. There are examples around the world where some of these areas of conflict have been overcome, where balance between wildlife and people has been reached. The programme also concluded that wildlife conservation is in fact a people problem. As stated originally, wildlife conflict doesn't exist as far as the wildlife is concerned; it is only when people come into the frame that it becomes an issue.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Decluttering

JUMBLE SALE ON 21ST MARCH

You may feel that the signs of spring remain a bit hidden but, fear not, one of those signs, the Friends of Pett Church Jumble Sale, will soon be here.

The Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 21st March from 1pm to 3pm at Pett Village Hall. Now is the time to implement decluttering resolutions! You can deliver your clutter to the Village Hall during the morning of 21st March where it will be enthusiastically welcomed.

Refreshments will be available as well as the excitement of a raffle.

The proceeds will be spent on the maintenance of the church building.

Angela Hawksley
07976 389635

Pett Methodist Chapel - Sue Larsson



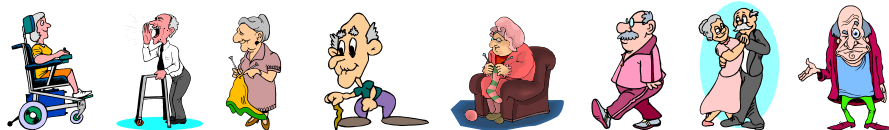
We began the New Year with our annual Covenant Service, which we shared with our friends from Pett Parish Church.

We also held a New Year Family Party to which all ages were invited to come along and take part in a Christmas Quiz and, along with the children, mad team games and an enthusiastic Pass the Parcel which our Minister managed to win. Being a well known chocoholic he must have known the parcel contained just that - but I am pleased to report that he shared the contents amongst the children!

An update on the Post Office:

Currently we are awaiting for the Post Office to install a BT line. We will then be having a visit from our future Post Master who will be coming from Lydd. Evidently he also runs the hosted Post Office service in nearby Icklesham and Winchelsea. Hopefully it will all be up and running soon.

DO YOU KNOW ? - edited by John Taylor



Do you know how us “oldies” (born before the start of World War II) have lived long enough to survive another Christmas? This might give us some clues. Most of the following was sent to me some time ago and I’ve just added the odd ‘bit’.

- We were born before TV, before penicillin – polio shots – frozen foods – Xerox – plastic – contact lenses – videos – DVDs – Frisbees – and the pill.
- We were here before radar – credit cards – split atoms – laser beams – ballpoint pens; before dishwashers – tumble dryers – microwaves – electric blankets – air conditioning – drip-dry clothes – I-pads – Kindles – even computers, and before man walked on the moon.
- We married first and then lived together (*how quaint can you be?*). We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. A ‘big Mac’ was an oversized raincoat; a crumpet was something we had for tea.
- We existed before computer dating – dual careers – when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with cousins – sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus and before us oldies had bus passes. A text was a piece of literature or something from a school book.
- We were before day-care centres – group houses – and disposable nappies. If you were naughty at school it was quite likely you would be caned.
- We never heard of FM radio – tape decks – electric typewriters – artificial hearts – word processors – yoghurt – cloning – or young men wearing earrings, let alone rings or things through their lips, eyebrows and other parts of their anatomy.
- For us “life sharing” meant togetherness – a chip was a piece of wood or fried potato. ‘Hardware’ meant nuts and bolts. Software was not a word we knew.
- Before 1940 “Made in Japan” meant junk products – “making out” referred to how you did in your exams. A stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt. “Going all the way” meant staying on a double decker bus to the depot. Instant coffee was unheard of.
- There were no job centres – being on the dole, really meant it. People worked hard and were very lucky if they could afford one holiday a year. There was no such thing as ‘Pop’ music. Rock music was Grandmother’s lullaby. We had gramophones that played 78s.
- In our day cigarette smoking was not unfashionable. Grass was mown – not smoked, coke was kept in the coal house or coal scuttle – a joint was meat you had (*if you were lucky*) on Sunday – a pot was something you cooked in. Eldorado was an ice cream.
- A gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more. “Aids” meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

- We, who were born before 1935 must have been a hardy bunch when you think of the way the world has changed, and the adjustments we have had to make in eighty years.
- No wonder we are so confused – no wonder there is a generation gap today – **but**, by the grace of God, we have survived.

PETT CHURCH NEWS – Meriel Deasy, Fairlight

After the business of Christmas, the life of the church becomes comparatively quiet – but not for long! We will soon be caught up in the season of Lent and Easter, not to mention the forthcoming Jubilee Sales and Flower Festivals.

The season of Lent is preceded by Pancake Day – this year on February 17th. Lent was once a time of fasting when Christians went without certain foods, to show that they were sorry for the wrongs they had done. The day before they went to church to be ‘shriven’ – an old fashioned word meaning to confess their sins – from ‘shriving’ Shrove Tuesday gets its name. Some of the forbidden foods include eggs, fats and flour – hence the tradition of pancakes.

The following day, Ash Wednesday, is a more solemn occasion. It is the first day of Lent when Christians think of the events leading to the Crucifixion. It became Ash Wednesday because Lent started with the act of marking a cross, with a finger dipped in ashes, on the foreheads of all who went to church – as Lent is a time of repentance the ashes show that the wearer is sorry for their sins.

ASH WEDNESDAY !8th FEBRUARY

There will be a service of Holy Communion, led by Kay Burnett, at St. Peter, Fairlight. 7.30am. All are welcome.

THE VESTRY!

As most regular useers of this little room are aware, it is in a state of clutter and untidiness! However all is about to be solved! There has been a long overdue clearout and we are grateful to Jeremy Gaffney for volunteering to put up new shelves so the remaining – and sometimes necessary clutter – can be tidily stored.

FOUND!

A child’s ‘Teddy Bear’ hat – probably lost on Christmas Eve. It has been rescued and if it belongs to your family, I am looking after it.

CAN YOU/ WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

Help with some of our services.

No church service takes place without a sidesman to welcome people as they arrive in church; without people to do a reading. We are lucky to have a supportive team, but maybe you would like to feel a bit more involved in the services. If so, please join us. It is not a major commitment – perhaps once or month or two months. Think about it and let me know if you think you would like to help.

THERE IS NOTHING FROM THE REGISTERS

OUR NEXT SERVICES

Feb 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Meriel Deasy/ Kay Burnett
Feb 8 th	9.30am	Morning Worship	Meriel Deasy
Feb 15 th	8.00am	BCP HC	Richard Barron
Feb 18 th	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Peter, Fairlight, Ash Wednesday, Kay Burnett
Feb 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	Richard Barron
March 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	Meriel Deasy/ Kay Burnett

A PRAYER FOR PETT

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let us show love

Where there is injury, pardon,

Where there is discord, union,

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy

FROM THE RECTOR – Richard Barron

Endless Life or lifeless end?

Spike Milligan once said, “I don’t mind dying, I just don’t want to be there when it happens.” Spike, I think, echoed the thoughts of many.

There is often a great silence about the subject of death. Few talk about it, many don’t even prepare a will, yet we know death is a certainty. It surrounds us every day, it’s in the news, we hear of Ebola, famine, disease, war, terrorism, we may receive news that a friend or relative has passed away, or we ourselves are told of a life threatening illness. Death is the great leveller, it comes to rich and poor, old and young. I have met people terrified of death and others who have no fear at all, so what is it that makes the difference and can anyone be sure of what lies beyond this life?

Throughout history people have speculated about what happens after this life. Some say there is nothing. Others say there is heaven or nirvana and tragically there are those who believe that the more people they kill, the greater their reward in the next life. The problem with all who theorise is they have no first hand experience, they state what they think, not what they know. What we need is someone who has died and has come back to tell us what they have seen and know. Is there such a person?

One person who tried and failed is Houdini. He made secret plans to communicate with his wife after his own death, but no messages were ever received. There is one person however, who did die and come back and that is Jesus. This is what he said, “Don’t worry about life after death, heaven exists, God is there and there is plenty of room.” He also said, “I have been there, I know the way and if you trust me I will prepare a place for you and take you there too.” Now that’s a pretty big claim and certainly not one made by any other person in history. Question is can it be substantiated? I think it can!

There was a man called John, a disciple of Jesus, who long after Jesus died and was resurrected, saw a vision of heaven and what he described is a place where there is no death, no illness and no sadness. There is no darkness, fear or hatred and no war or injustice. It is a beautiful place where everyone and everything is in harmony with God and with one another. It is a place that fulfils all our dreams.

For centuries this evidence of life after death has brought comfort and peace to many people, but is it believable? I think it is. I am confident that both Jesus and John are reliable witnesses who give us far more evidence for the existence of life after death, than those who claim that death is the end.

As for those who believe they will receive a greater reward after this life for killing others, I’m quite sure they will receive the justice they deserve.

If you know someone who is afraid of death, or would like to know more about life after death, get in touch. We talk about the things that most others don’t. May the God of peace be with you.

Rector Richard Barron

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Gardening Club – Sandy Andrews

Dr Richard Wiltshire, a Japanese speaker and expert on Japan, opened the garden club's 2015 schedule of events with an absorbing talk on Japanese allotments.

He included a brief history of British and Japanese allotments and it was surprising to discover that through the ages they have been a bit of a political football. For example, in England, during the French Revolution, the gentry encouraged the masses to grow their own food in the hope of avoiding the trouble starvation had caused on the other side of the channel. And fascinating also to hear how laws, regulations and directives shaped the development of these plots in Japan to give them the special spaces they have today.

Post-war mass urbanisation crowded the cities and left little room for any kind of cultivation, but the suburbs became a sprawl with a free mix of houses and fields where real agriculture could happen. Schemes were set up to circumvent the fact that allotments were illegal. A farmer was paid by a group of people to help him cultivate his land. The plots looked remarkably like allotments and the workers took the produce home. An allotment school allowed 'students' to grow vegetables on similar plots.

By the 1990's new acts made it possible to have real allotments and there was an explosion of plots in cultivation. Marginal agricultural land on mountains, for example, and land that had been used to grow rice and tobacco was released. This kept the land available for agriculture. Today's plot size is fifty-three square metres but in urban areas it is smaller. Where there is over-demand, plots are allocated by lottery and tenure limited to two to three years by law. Smaller plots are thought to be easier to manage and division of a larger plot is preferred to sharing because it allows autonomy. Rents are ten times higher than in the UK.

A mountain plot might be a three hour drive away from a city home, so some of these have Swiss-style chalets providing sleeping and even living accommodation. Socialisation is important and allotments may have communal dining rooms or clubhouses and in the mountains, in season, these double-up as ski resorts. Other facilities include noodle bars, libraries and shops. On some sites charcoal is made using traditional methods. Allotments are generally neat and tidy with well kept borders, and often beautiful flowers will be planted along boundaries next to roads.

An active ageing movement encourages older people to get involved with schemes such as the Silver Gardens for the over 50's, and clubs for the over 60's. Retirement homes, each one inside it's own allotment plot, are also available. Food for thought.

The AGM included a review of the past year, the schedule for this year, and a review of the club's finances. Many thanks to Brigitte, who is standing down as treasurer, for all her hard work in keeping them in good order. It was agreed that the existing committee would continue in place.

We had only sixteen responses to the questionnaire about our planned visits, with fourteen expressing an interest in Wisley. As we have to book these, and a coach, well in advance, and as this is dependent on numbers, if you want to go and haven't filled in a questionnaire please get in touch with Sandy and Ian ASAP.

Next meeting is February 10 at 7.30pm when Lewis Norman's topic will be Twenty-five Plants to Grow Before You Die.

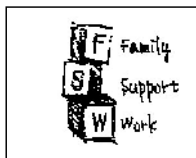
PETT COFFEE MORNING

Next date for your Diary is

Wednesday 4th February 10.00am till 12.00

We are always on the **first Wednesday** of every month so pop that in your diary so you don't forget us!

Look forward to seeing you.
Sally and Helen.



THANK YOU !

Just a brief – but very warm! – word of thanks to the people who gave toys, food or money to Family Support Work in the period just before Christmas.

Jude Harrison, our Worker in Hastings, greatly appreciates your kindness and generosity; so do !! Thank You!

Ray Taylor

Nature Notes – Alan Kenworthy

Having thoroughly explored one tiny patch of Australia, we moved on to another patch called Tasmania. Tasmania has quite similar wildlife to the mainland, but there are significant differences, and judging by the amount of road-kill, considerably greater abundance. Though birds are mobile and can get across large stretches of water easily, Tasmania does have its own endemic species. One of the loudest and most common of these is the black currawong. These are large raucous birds, superficially like crows, but with a wickedly large beak and a wide range of calls. Like crows, they also hang around human habitations and will greedily consume any scraps of food left lying around. One bird that they don't have in Tasmania is the emu – which means that the one we saw in a field as we drove past, was on a farm and destined for the table!

Tasmania also has its own unique mammalian fauna. They don't have the large red or grey kangaroos, but they do have a rather cute wallaby called a pademelon (pronounced paddy-melon, and also known as the rufous wallaby). It has shorter legs and tail than other species and is more suited to the dense forests of Tasmania. It used to occur on mainland Australia but was wiped out by introduced foxes. Foxes were, of course, introduced to Australia by the unspeakable red-coated lot in pursuit of 'sport'. Interestingly, they were introduced to Tasmania first, but are now extinct there, and it is thought that they were out-competed by the indigenous Tasmanian devil.



We were privileged to be able to see Tasmanian devils. These animals are about the size of a fox, but shorter and stockier, and they are in serious danger of extinction and for once, not because of the stupidity or

thoughtlessness of man, but because of a virulent cancer that has spread

through the population like wildfire. In one part of the north of the state, it is estimated that 98% of the population was wiped out in about 18 months. Prior to 1996 when the disease was first discovered, the population of devils was thriving. It was thriving largely because of the activities of man. Settlers cleared the forest and created grassland for grazing animals. Wallabies are also grazing animals and so thrived, and of course wallabies are prey animals for Tasmanian devils. Since the disease struck, the government has introduced a program to create areas where disease free devils can be separated or that can be kept disease-free, and 3 such areas have so far been created. We went on a trip to see one of these areas and witness their 'natural' behaviour. Had this been a zoo, where animals are kept in captivity just for show, we wouldn't have gone, but this was better than a zoo in several ways. The animals are necessarily in captivity to quarantine them from the diseased population but they are also in a large area – 10 hectares (about 25 acres in English), and are kept away from human contact to keep them as wild as possible. Proceeds from the trip go to support and expand the programme, and one of the conditions placed on the trip operators is that the visit had to be educational, with a view to spreading the facts about the disease and to prevent persecution of the animals. This message is largely getting through with many farmers realizing that they don't take lambs, but will clear away carrion that could spread disease through the flock. Some idiots never listen though, one of whom has tried to illegally introduce foxes to Tasmania as recently as 2001. If foxes gain a foothold because of the weakened state of the devils, who knows what will happen to the ecology there.

Devils are, like many of Australia's mammals, marsupials, which mean that their young are born very soon after conception complete their development in a pouch. Australia has another branch of the mammals, the monotremes, or the egg-laying mammals. There are two notable species – the platypus, which needs more time and patience to see than is allowed on a whistle-stop tour – and the echidna, or spiny ant-eater. We saw several on our trip, mostly grubbing about at the side of the road. They are a charming creature with a long snout and small eyes, somewhere in size about halfway between a hedgehog and a badger. They are relatively unconcerned by people screeching to a halt and leaping out of the car with cameras, but they will either curl up like a hedgehog or shuffle off, and if further threatened will dig straight down and bury themselves leaving only their spines visible.

For pictures of these adorable animals, see either the holiday blog – www.akaust14.blogspot.co.uk or the online version of this column at www.pettnats2.blogspot.co.uk.

ON THE BEACH AT PETT LEVEL

January was a great start to the 2015!

Thank you to everyone who attended New Year's Eve and helped Robin and Sarah Celebrate their first year at the Club, we wish them another successful year.

The entertainment continued through January with live music from the Spark Plugs on the 10th and our very own Burns' Night on the 24th.



Bingo Night started on Tuesday 27th January, eyes down at 7pm. £5 for 10 games followed by £2 for a flyer to finish the night off. Bingo Night is a new regular event for the New Year and will happen on the last Tuesday every month.

February is another action packed month:

- ✓ Sunday 8th We welcome Phil Trainor back for an afternoon of live music from 3pm.
- ✓ Thursday 12th Local beautician Susannah (Beauty by Susannah) will be giving a talk and demonstration at 7pm.
- ✓ Thursday 19th is our annual quiz in aid of St. Michael's Hospice 8:30pm.
- ✓ Friday 20th we present Hastings and Rye Harbour RNLI with the money raised at the annual Harvest Home 8.30pm.
- ✓ Sunday 22nd we are treated to live music from Ricochet 3pm.

Our regular event dates for February:

- Acoustic Jam Night is Tuesday 10th.
- Steak Night is Thursday 5th and 19th.
- Quiz Night every Monday 8:30pm.
- Free Pool every Wednesday night.
- Bingo Tuesday 27th 7pm.
- Fish 'n' Chips deal every Friday, lunch and evening.
- Vinyl Night Saturday 28th 9pm.

There will be some closure of the kitchen during the first two weeks of February, details will be posted in the club.

THE NEW BEACH SEA ANGLING CLUB - Pete Drew, Competition Secretary

Hello again from the New Beach Sea Angling Club. There has been little or no activity from the boats this month but we did hold our annual Christmas beach fishing competition at The Ten Foot Road just west of the cafe at Winchelsea Beach on the Sunday before Christmas. This competition is based on a measure and return format. There were no fish of any decent size caught but most anglers had plenty of sport with small Whiting and the odd Dab. The winner was Kit McLean with an impressive 12mtrs and 21cms followed by Mark Farley with 10mtrs and 25cms. Third was Steve(Sparra)Harris with 853cms. A total of 74mtrs and 21cms was landed by the ten stalwarts who braved the elements. After the match was over we retired to the Beach Club for hot food and prizes. The usual banter took place afterwards accompanied by liberal amounts of bull and alcohol. At one point it is thought the manager would have to send out for more red wine but we managed to get by.

On a more serious note I would like to wish all of our readers a very happy New Year and we are looking forward to the new season which starts in April.

As always: Tight Lines and stay safe.

PETT LEVEL RESCUE BOAT – Steve Hill, Chairman



Happy new year to all.

It's all been very quiet at sea lately, training continues on Sunday mornings with the crews preparing for any inland flooding. The recent heavy rainfall means we are on standby to take the smaller boat to aid anyone who unfortunately may be affected by rising water levels. Obviously we hope that we don't get the call but it's best to be prepared. I

If anyone is interested in what we do don't hesitate, come down for a chat!

PARISH DIARY

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES			Where	Whilst every effort is made to ensure this is up to date we are not always told of changes – you should check with event organisers for specific times and dates. If you want your special events or regular meetings included in this diary, please contact us on 813206 or 812323 or pettparishnews@live.co.uk
Mon	6.30pm	Pilates	VH	
Mon	7.30pm	Village Choir	MC	
Mon	9.30am	Flowerpots Playgroup	VH	
Tue	10.30am	POPP	VH	
Tue	7.00pm	Pole Dancing	VH	
Wed	10.00am	Badminton	VH	
Wed	6.00pm	Zumba	VH	
Thu	9.15am	Dance & Exercise Classes	VH	
Fri	10.00	Badminton	VH	
Fri	2.00pm	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	
MONTHLY & BI-MONTHLY ACTIVITIES			Where	Date this month
Mon	6.30pm	Village Hall Committee	VH	2 nd
Tue	7.30pm	Pett Parish Council	VH	17 th
Wed	11.00am	Rambling Club	NBC	11 th
Tue	7.30pm	Gardening Club	VH	10 th
Wed	10.00am	Village Coffee Morning	VH	4 th
Tue	12:05-12:35	Mobile Library	Pett Village Church ONLY	3 rd , 24 th * see information below
Thu	7.00pm	Flicks	VH	5 th
Fri	7.30pm	Pett Nats	VH	20 th March 2015
Fri	2.30pm	Pett Womens Institute	VH	20 th
Sun	3pm	Vibele – laughter class	VH	1 st

VH Village Hall; **NBC** New Beach Club

CHURCH & CHAPEL SERVICES OVER JANUARY		
PETT CHURCH		
Sun 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 8 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sun 15 th	8.00 am	BCP HC
Sun 22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
March 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion



Mobile library

* PLEASE NOTE:

The date and time of visits by the mobile library have changed, and the schedule listed is the revised timetable from 5th January to 30th June 2015.

It will ONLY visit one location, which is opposite Pett Village Church.

Our mobile library makes its rounds every three weeks. It has books for adults and children, DVDs, audiobooks and reference materials. It also has a wheelchair lift so that everyone can use it. We also deliver some services for people with disabilities.

- For more information about the mobile library, please phone:
- Enquiries: 0345 60 80 196
- Renewals: 0345 60 80 195



PETT VILLAGE HALL

Pett Village Hall 500 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the January draw

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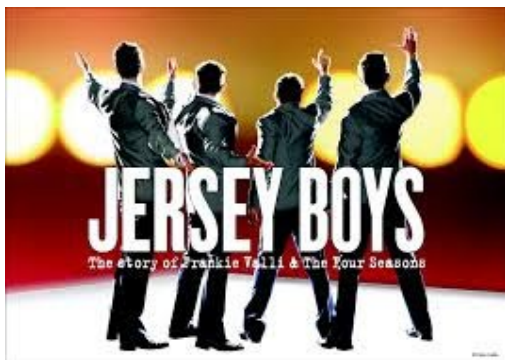
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FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE – Chris Saint and the Flicks Team

Apologies for yet another change of film but we have been having problems sourcing The 100 Foot Journey but we hope to show it later on in 2015.



But as an absolutely superb alternative, on February 5 Flicks in the Village will be showing **Jersey Boys** (15). From director Clint Eastwood comes the story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic '60s rock group Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Their trials and triumphs are accompanied by the hit songs that influenced a

generation: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "Dawn," "Rag Doll," "Bye Bye Baby" and many more. John Lloyd Young (reprising his Tony Award®-winning portrayal of lead singer Frankie Valli), Erich Bergen (songwriter Bob Gaudio), Michael Lomenda (Nick Massi) and Vincent Piazza (Tommy DeVito) play The Four Seasons, and Christopher Walken stars as mobster Gyp DeCarlo.

Jersey Boys gets to the heart of the relationships at the centre of the group-with a special focus on frontman Frankie Valli, the small kid with the big falsetto. In addition to following the quartet's coming of age as performers, the core of the show is how an allegiance to a code of honour learned in the streets of their native New Jersey got them through a multitude of challenges: gambling debts, Mafia threats and family disasters. Jersey Boys is a glimpse at the people behind a sound that has managed to endure for over four decades in the hearts of the public.

So why not come along and tap your feet to these wonderful golden oldies! Please do not forget, all are welcome to join the Society and enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £4.00 per show with like-minded people in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. If you wish to know more about the Society, please email me on chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can view all programme details on www.pettnet.co.uk.

All films start at 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.00pm.



PETT VILLAGE HALL

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This free of charge service was introduced across Hastings and Rother during 2013.

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As a Hospice Neighbours volunteer you will only be asked to provide help to someone who lives near to you and won't be required to help with anything medical or related to personal hygiene. All we ask is that you are aged over 18 and live within Hastings and Rother.

Training started in February 2013 and will continue throughout the year, training new volunteers all the time. The service launched in Rye, Northiam and Ore Village in April and is now extending to other areas right across Hastings and North Rother. If you would like to find out more or apply to become a Hospice Neighbour, please call 01424 445177, email neighbours@stmichaelshospice.com

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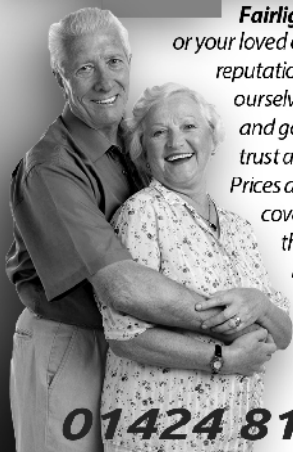
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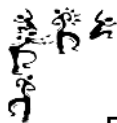
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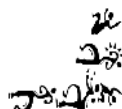
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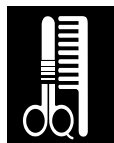
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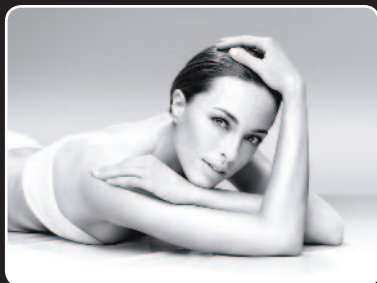
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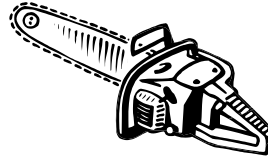
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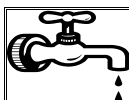


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If you want to be included in this section then please let us know together with contact name, telephone number and email address
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SOME VERY USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers:

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard	999
National Gas Emergency Service (gas leaks)	0800 111 999 (24hrs)
UK Power Networks (overhead power lines or loss of electricity)	
from a landline	0800 316 3105 (24hrs)
from a mobile	0333 32 32105 (24hrs)
Southern Water emergency service (leaks, blockages & pollution)	0845 278 0845 (24hrs)

Emergency Services & Utilities (non-emergency numbers):

<i>Police</i>	101
<i>East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service:</i>	
Community fire safety advice	0800 177 7069
Community safety (24 hour hotline)	0800 731 9119
<i>South East Coast Ambulance Service</i>	0300 1230999
<i>Southern Water:</i>	
To report a leak	0800 820 999

Hospitals & Local Surgeries

<i>NHS Direct</i>	0845 4647 (or 111)
<i>Conquest Hospital</i>	01424 755255
<i>Eastbourne Hospital</i>	01323 417400
<i>Harold Road Surgery:</i>	
Enquiries	01424 720878
Surgery appointments	01424 437962
Village hall appointments	01424 728872
<i>Guestling Surgery, Chapel Lane</i>	01424 814332
<i>Roebuck Surgery, Old Town Hastings</i>	01424 420378
<i>Shankill Surgery, Fairlight Road</i>	01424 728388

Council Services

<i>Rother District Council:</i>	
Customer Services Contact Centre (for all services)	01424 787000
Out-of-hours emergency number	01424 787868
<i>East Sussex County Council</i>	
Switchboard	0345 6080190

Support Services & Charities

Samaritans	08457 909090 (24 hrs)
Victim Support	0845 3030 900
Citizens Advice 1066	01424 721420
Rother District Citizens Advice	0800 169 6565
Age UK	01424 215055/734549
Hastings Lifeline	01424 781234
St Michaels Hospice 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards	01424 445177
RSPCA emergency animal welfare	0300 1234 999 (24hr)
Cats Protection	01424 754328

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