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Dear Readers,



Spring has arrived in all its glory, with the usual impressive display of bulbs and flowers throughout the parish.

As the gardening year emerges, now is the time for children to start thinking about their entries for the Flower Show in July, with details about this years theme being found on page 32.

This month brings the opening of a Post Office in the Methodist Chapel. The exact date of this will be advertised later on posters throughout the village, once a date has been confirmed. However, there is an Opening Event in the Chapel on April 9th. This will be an opportunity to welcome and meet Suru, our new Post Master, have a cup of tea, homemade cake, and a chat. All are welcome (details on page 15).

For those looking forward to the April show at Flicks (the Hundred Foot Journey), please note a change of date for this month only, to Friday April 17th (page 9). This has occurred due to the bi-annual Art Exhibition being held in the Village Hall at the beginning of April.

May is the month not only for parliamentary elections, but also Town and Parish Council elections (page 34). If you would like to stand for election to Pett Parish Council, now is the time to put your name forward. For more information contact Sarah Willoughby Clerk to the council (details page 54).

Finally, Mike has now returned to Pett after his travels, and will be resuming his editorial role next month. I have enjoyed producing the magazine for the last few months, and thank you for supporting me in doing so. Last month I inadvertently omitted some copy, for which I apologise to those affected. Hopefully no such errors this month.

Welcome home Mike!

Best wishes
Sarah

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Letters



Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a stay in Bridge Cottage, Pett and enjoyed reading the February and March editions of your magazine. The article 'DO YOU KNOW? edited by John Taylor' was especially good and I wondered if you or Mr. Taylor would object if I included this in our church magazine - Stanford le Hope Messenger. I would say that this was from your magazine.

Thank you for such an informative read.

Janet Middleton

Essex

janetamiddleton@btinternet.com

Dear Editor,

Pett Preservation Trust.

We would like to give a big 'Thank You' to the team of volunteers who have been working so hard clearing the pond alongside the canal walk. Hard and mucky work but it's adding another great natural asset to The Level.

Well done all.

David and Barbara Martin

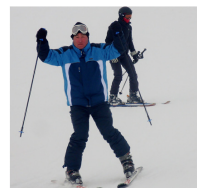
Hi there,

As you probably know I have signed up for the Hastings Half Marathon 2015 - on Sunday March 22.

As the weather was so nice this morning - fog and rain - while I was out on my 90 min training run I thought I must just remind you all so that you might be able to help motivate me!

If you are willing and able to help, I am ambling round the town to raise money for ST MICHAELS HOSPICE, there is a link further down the page for donations by card, or if you prefer you can of course pop into The Queens Head or The Royal Oak and pop your change (in coins or notes!) into the collection boxes on the bar.

If you have already made a donation, sorry to have troubled you again. By consolation I have attached a picture of myself taking part in an activity even less appropriate for me than marathon running.



Thanks very much once again for your support

Cheers, Ian

<http://www.justgiving.com/IAN-MITCHELL24>

PETT FLOWER SHOW AGM - Rachael Crouch (publicity officer)

How wonderful to see so many of you at this years AGM. Thank you to everyone who came, & I do hope that many of you stayed afterwards to enjoy the cheese & wine.

This year the AGM was run by our new chairman Phillipa Strickland, who gave a detailed & informative summary of the previous years event. The committee were re elected, with three notable changes. The committee agreed all of the changes. There were also two members of the public who requested to become committee members.

Phillipa reflected on the many changes that had taken place during 2014, not least the sad death of the Flower Show president Colonel Parks. Phillipa lightened the mood in her usual way by highlighting all of the exciting changes forthcoming in 2015. The committee welcomed the new president Mr Barden, who in turn paid his greatest respects to the memory of his predecessor. Mr Barden will now look forward (with gusto) to selecting "The overall best exhibit in show"

Mr Paul Brown is now the treasurer & in his very organised manner, distributed paper copies of the accounts to everyone at the meeting. A few points were raised by members of the public, & it was agreed that there were many components which needed to be considered but in the main it was largely due to the appalling weather in 2013 that led to the figures of 2014 looking a lot healthier.

A gift was presented to both Avril & Pauline as after too many years to mention both have now stepped aside from their committee roles. (This was particularly difficult to write as they have both been part of the furniture, so how do we fill these shoes now)? But..... We can not be selfish, both of these ladies have volunteered many many hours to aid the success of this village event, so it is only right of course that we let them sit back & enjoy the flower show in all it's glory. A personal note from me ladies, PLEASE would you donate cakes, produce, raffle prizes & of course enter every exhibit, as surely NOW you will both have TIME !!!!!

Finally thanks were given to all of the stall holders, it was appreciated that everyone's time was given voluntarily & that many volunteers also donated & contributed without charge. Without these gestures of good will this annual event would surely suffer.

Please do not be offended if I have not mentioned you by name, but rest assured the committee appreciates the efforts of everyone. So if you helped picking up litter, giving out drinks or being there for the whole nine yards then this is for you:

THANK YOU

Hollie's helping hand for air ambulance

An 11-year-old girl has raised £350 for Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance in memory of her uncle.

Holly Crouch, from Pett Level, ran a stall selling hand-made jewellery and decorations at a craft fair in the village.

The budding entrepreneur raised a total of £200 to add to the £150 she previously raised by running the Brighton Mini Mile with her sister Lucy.



The Guestling Bradshaw School pupil decided to support the air ambulance after it was called to her uncle.

Proud dad Alan said: "Holly made all of the jewellery and decorations herself and all of her takings went to the charity.

"She spends a lot of time watching Helicopter Heroes so she knows far more about the air ambulance than I do."

Hollie met the air ambulance pilot, doctor and paramedic during a visit to the helicopter base to hand over her donation.

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Please note change of date!

As the St Michael's Hospice Art Show takes place in the Village Hall over the Easter weekend, which includes Thursday 2 April, Flicks in the Village will be delayed this month. On **Friday 17 April** Flicks in the Village will be showing the Hundred Foot Journey (PG).

Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is a culinary ingénue with the gastronomic equivalent of perfect pitch. When Hassan and his family, led by Papa (Om Puri), move to a quaint village in the South of France with the grand plan of opening an Indian restaurant in the picturesque countryside, they are undeterred by the fact that only 100 feet opposite stands a Michelin starred classical French eatery.

However upon encountering the icy proprietor, Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), the Kadam family realise they may have bitten off more than they can chew. Outraged by the new arrivals, Madame Mallory is determined to have their business shut down. As cultures clash and food flies, an all-out war escalates between the two establishments – until, that is, Hassan's passion and talent for French cuisine begin to enchant Madame Mallory and even she can't deny this young chef could have what it takes to garner even more acclaim for her beloved restaurant.

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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 Level Naturalists Society

Our next meeting will be on 17th April when Trevor Buttle will give us another miscellany of nature. We look forward to seeing what Trevor has up his sleeve this time.

The talk will commence at 7.30 pm and new members and visitors are always welcome.



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Pett Village Hall 500 Club

PETT VILLAGE HALL The Club is now two years old. Members started to sign up from December 2012 and throughout 2013. Many members signed up again in 2014 making a great contribution to the Hall fundraising and happy winners

We still have not achieved our target of 500 so new members are welcome.

Forms are available Pett Village Hall website, Phil the Butchers or contact Philippa Strickland on 01424 814384 or pstrickl@icloud.com. Payment is either by standing order or by cheque. Details are on the form

For current members renewal date, allocated numbers stay the same.
If members do not want to renew, their numbers will be excluded from the draw for the end of March 2014.

The next draw will be made at the Coffee Morning on Wed 1st April which means that all the members who joined up the end of March 2014 will be included in the draw.

Good luck to all.

Many thanks
Philippa M Strickland
PVHMC



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Friends of Pett Level Preservation Trust

- Angela Hawksley Chairman, Pett Level Preservation Trust

The Annual Meeting will take place on Friday 24th April at 7pm. All Friends are especially invited but all members of the public are also very welcome.

The venue for the meeting this year for the first time is Pett Village Hall. Refreshments will be available. There is also a tempting raffle.

The main event of the evening is a talk by Keith Palmer who is an expert on lichen.

There may be some people in Pett and Pett Level who say “this is not for me”. I do urge you to think again. The Trust owns about 24 acres of land on and around Toot Rock. It was bought more than 40 years ago as an asset for everyone. There is now active management of the land which you may hear more of at the meeting.

And there is certainly a lot to learn about lichen!

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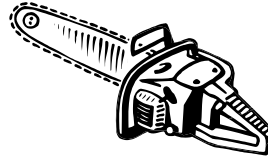
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DO YOU KNOW ? – John Taylor

Do you know about the “Iron Room” in Pett?

Many Pett residents still remember it with fondness. The problem is that it is difficult to find exact dates in its history as folk’s memories become a little clouded. So if you can remember any dates associated with this article, or know of any inaccuracies in it, please let me know. In the meantime I would like to thank the people who helped me by providing the information that follows.

The Iron Room (or Tin Hut as some call it) stands next to Rose Cottage in Pett Road and nearly opposite Watermill Lane. The best view of the corrugated iron roof and sides is from the footpath that runs beside the cottage and which has recently been cleared. It was built by Florentia Lucas-Shadwell, who was the daughter of the Rev. Henry Wynch, Rector of Pett 1823 -1853, in memory of her husband William Drew Lucas-Shadwell. He died in 1875 and the ‘Room’ was probably built around the turn of the century. It was bigger than the existing building and was first used as a Mission Hut. From then on it was used for many things. In 1909 the Pett Cricket club held a money-raising concert there. There was a time when it housed the County Library. Several organisations used the Iron Room for both their regular meetings and for fund raising events. The Pett, Guestling and Fairlight branch of the Women’s Institute, which was started during the First World War, held their meetings in the ‘Room’. The local branch of the British Legion met there and at one time tried to buy it, but apparently it was owned by the Church at Fairlight and the Vicar there vetoed the sale. As Pett had no Village Hall until 1923 it was often used for village entertainments including some film shows and other fund-raising events that raised money towards the cost of the Pett Village Hall. Between the First and Second World Wars a Slate Club was run in the Iron Room.

Ernest George Sinden, who was Church Warden of Fairlight Church for 17 years, used to show magic lantern slides in the Iron Room before the war. He was a typical Sussex farmer – firm, but fair and on one occasion turned two men out from the show. They had had a couple of drinks outside the village before coming to the lantern show and during it one of them passed wind. Ernest took them to task and said that the next person who did that would be ‘out’ – and so it was when wind was passed for the second time.

After the Second World War Mr and Mrs Mercer ran a shop in the Iron Room. This shop seemed to sell everything from haberdashery to hardware and was very popular in the village. The Mercers lived on the opposite side of the road at Hither Green; they also ran a Christmas Club from the shop which closed in the early 1960s.

Then in the 1960s Archie Beck (a builder from Guestling) and Arthur Farnes converted the Iron Room into a garage with double front doors and in doing so made the building considerably smaller. Ken Maitland kept his taxi in this conversion and for a while lodged with the Beeching sisters, Grace and Edith, who lived in Rose Cottage.

In 1980 the change in Parish Boundaries meant that the Iron Room was no longer situated in Fairlight, but in Pett. Perhaps this makes sense as it was used far more by the people of Pett than those of Fairlight. Now it looks rather forlorn as it sits there next to the cottage. However this corrugated iron structure has had its place in the history of life here and in its day has been a very important part of the Pett village life. It is well we don’t forget it.



The Iron Room in 1924 – a Beeching Wedding



The Iron Room Today

Pett Methodist Church - Sue Larsson



It's been lovely to experience some of the beautiful recent spring weather and to see all the spring flowers and trees coming to life again after the bleak winter months.

Easter is now just around the corner and our Service on Good Friday will include a Walk of Witness starting at Pett Parish Church and concluding at the Chapel.

We will be up bright and early on Easter Sunday morning and along at the Chapel for 9.00 am for our traditional Easter morning cooked breakfast and informal Communion before the main service.

On the evening of the 12th April we will hold a Taize service at 6.00pm - a quiet time of prayer and meditation with Taize music that just seems to leave you with peace and tranquility. These services are now becoming a regular part of our worship here at the chapel and you are very welcome to join us.

At the time of writing this we are very much hoping that by the end of March the Post Office will at last be up and running in the chapel hall. Times are Monday and Thursday from 12.00 to 3.00 pm.

Posters will be up in the village to confirm the opening date.

A Post Office Opening Event is planned for Thursday 9th April and we would very much like to invite you to come along, from 1.30 onwards, and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake and meet our new Post Master.

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Garden Club – Sandy Andrews

The garden club's March meeting was given by landscape and garden designer, Nigel Philips. During a very amusing and informative talk, illustrated with slides of some of his major projects, he explained the why and how of using water in the garden, in both new and restoration schemes. Water is a dynamic element in garden design, and each year it will be a feature in most of the show gardens in Chelsea Flower Show's Main Avenue. A pond can be used in many different ways: to enhance a beautiful building and to be seen from it; to harmonise with other features in a landscape; to provide a wildlife dipping pond for children in a distant corner or in a wilder part of the garden; to provide a habitat for fish. Wherever the pond is placed it should make the most of potential reflections, which could be a group of trees, or a single, beautiful specimen tree. If a pond is meant to be seen from a house, its length rather than its width gives the greatest view of the water.



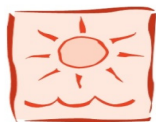
Ponds can be formal, raised, or landscaped to appear natural. Once the hole is dug, if a butyl liner is to be used a geotextile lining (or old carpet) must be laid first. The pond should be at least a metre deep in the middle, this keeps the water cool which deters the growth of algae. Access is best restricted to one side of the pond, which should always be shallow and never at a forty-five degree angle, which is the most dangerous slope for climbing out of a pond you've fallen into. The remaining surrounds can be used for marginal planting. Structures such as jetties can be built to overhang the water. A smaller pond can be installed above a larger one, a pump will circulate water from the larger to the smaller allowing for the creation of trickling waterfalls. Movement helps to keep the water oxygenated. Hard surfacing, which can also overlap the pond's edge, can be used where clean straight lines or a sweeping curved edge is wanted. In large ponds reed beds can be established. Reeds like to be in four inches of still water and can filter out excess nutrients. Butomis Umbellatus is another effective cleaner. Making a shallow slope to the sides of a natural pond will look more attractive than steep sided banks.

When you've finished the pond, what you do with the spoil will depend on how much of it you have and how much space is available. Nigel showed us a mound he designed with a double helix path, but in a smaller area it might be possible to distribute the top soil around the pond. Happy digging.

Next meeting: April 14 at 7.30 pm Sissinghurst: Portrait of a Garden - a talk by Alexis Datta.

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If we do that Jesus's sacrifice on the cross becomes effective for us and we are able to know God now and live with Him forever.

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ON THE BEACH AT PETT LEVEL – Mike Goswell

Hello all, spring is in the air at the Club!

Big things have been happening this March as our kitchen has undergone refurbishment and we will be open for food again soon.

We had live music from Carter Williams on Sunday 8th and the Ballyregan Boys on Sunday 22nd celebrating St. Patrick's Day (well, almost).

The New Beach Club **Annual General Meeting** will take place on the 12th April at 10.30am. The A.G.M. is open to all currently subscribing members of the Club and memberships will be checked. The Club will be open from 10am and we ask that members arrive in good time.

Live music for April:

- Easter Sunday 5th: **Something Else** 3pm.
- Sunday 19th: **The Undecided** 3pm.

Our regular event dates for April:

- **Acoustic Jam Night** is Tuesday 14th.
- **Quiz Night** every Monday 8.30pm.
- **Free Pool** every Wednesday evening.
- **Bingo** Tuesday 7th and 21st. Eyes down 7pm.
- **Vinyl Night** Saturday 25th 9pm.
- **Petanque** every Thursday evening 6.30pm.

Our popular Petanque evening returns on April 2nd and will be happening every Thursday evening throughout the spring and summer on the beach.

As always, we look forward to seeing you all!

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

Once again it has been a very quiet time for the boat angler. There have been no reports of anyone going to sea yet but with our first competition fast approaching (5th April) we are all getting very excited at the prospect of the new season ahead. In next month's edition, weather permitting, I will be giving the results of our first competition and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a happy and successful year.

As always tight lines and stay safe.

PETT LEVEL RESCUE BOAT – Steve Hill, Chairman

We have had a difficult month this past month, we had to take the main boat out of service as the transfer box on the launch tractor developed a fault, so much so that it had to be removed and completely rebuilt, thanks to our maintenance crew the boat was back in service as soon as humanly possible.

We received a very nice donation from the Acromax Gymnastics Club, which will pay for a dry suit for one of our young trainees, and thanks to Fairlight residents because the bottle at the Post Office has been emptied and nearly £100 counted. The generosity of the local community means that we can continue to provide a service, just a reminder that we are an independent rescue boat, we cannot continue without the support and generosity of the general public. Your support means we can continue to provide a service which hopefully, you will never need.

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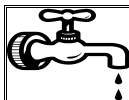
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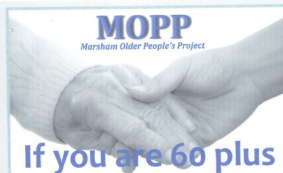
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES			Where	Whilst every effort is made to ensure this is up to date we are not always told of changes – you should check with event organisers for specific times and dates. If you want your special events or regular meetings included 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	13 th
Tue	7.30pm	Pett Parish Council	VH	21 st
Wed	11.00am	Rambling Club	NBC	8 th
Tue	7.30pm	Gardening Club	VH	14 th
Wed	10.00am	Village Coffee Morning	VH	4 th
Tue	12:05-12:35	Mobile Library	Pett Village Church ONLY	7 th , 28 th * see information below
Thu	7.00pm	Flicks	VH	17 th note: this is a different day to that usually used by Flicks
Fri	7.30pm	Pett Nats	VH	17 th
Fri	2.30pm	Pett Womens Institute	VH	17 th

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

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MESSY CHURCH – Maggie Boulter

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These sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

Our next meeting date is 1st April, followed by 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July. We do not meet in the month of August but we are arranging a family trip which will be advertised nearer the date. We then meet the first Wednesday in September which is the 2nd.

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One of the great advantages of being able to fly is that you can get to watch great sporting events for free! This season at the Amex Stadium, home to Brighton and Hove Albion, a peregrine falcon has used its aerial prowess to get a real birds eye view of 'The Seagulls' home games by regularly perching on the North Stand and observing the antics taking place on the pitch below and remains totally un-phased by the raucous sound of 30,000 supporters at the regular home games.

Peregrines are now becoming a regular sighting in our towns and cities and tall buildings are ideal for these birds as it gives them a high advantage point to observe what is going on around them. Stadiums can be ideal as they often attract lots of feral pigeons that seek out the dark shelter high up in the roof, but this is what also attracts the peregrines as, in urban environments, pigeons make up a substantial proportion of their diet. The presence of a peregrine will really unsettle the pigeons so it is in fact doing the football club a great service by reducing the number of birds that can make a mess around the stadium. I'm sure it is also impacting on the number of gulls as well, though that's not such a good thing for a team that's nicknamed 'The Seagulls'.

When Brighton used to play at the Goldstone Ground I occasionally took my two young sons there and was surprised by how many different birds that I saw there over the years. Perhaps the most surprising was one wet autumnal evening, Brighton were playing local rivals Portsmouth, and at a crucial point when Portsmouth were attacking, a woodcock flew very low across the penalty area. Now, I think I was probably the only person in the crowd to notice and as I possess every birdwatchers inability not to shout out the name of a bird when you see it; this I duly did much to the embarrassment of my offspring. It is highly likely that the woodcock was a disorientated migrant from Northern Europe having just arrived from over the channel.

Another time, again at The Goldstone, I raised my eyes to the skies only to see a sparrowhawk gliding serenely over the stadium; again I shouted out at the very time the crowd had gone unusually quiet, attracting quite a few odd looks from fellow supporters. A barn owl was also seen there many years ago, perched on one of the floodlights.

At other times I have seen hobbies and common terns over the old Wembley Stadium and I know that there are other birdwatchers around that combine their love of football and birds by keeping a stadiums list!

To have a peregrine falcon, the king of the skies, as a supporter really shows the pure class of team, so perhaps I should suggest they change their name from 'The Seagulls' to 'The Falcons'!

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FLOWER SHOW 2015

– Rachel Crouch, Publicity Officer

Welcome to everyone taking the time to read this. Once again I find myself writing a monthly BLOG to the Parish magazine, to keep everyone informed on the forthcoming event.



The committee welcomed 2 new members & assured them that every bit of help would be gratefully received.

This month the committee met to discuss the various changes to the categories of exhibits.

It was decided that this years theme would be **PETS**

For those of you reading this over the years I am sure you are familiar with the RDC cup. To re cap, each year the Flower Show president awards this cup to the exhibit he feels is the best overall.

So time to start thinking.....**REMEMBER YOUR THEME THIS YEAR IS PETS**
What can you exhibit to turn the head of our new president? (Answers on a post card)

I would like to welcome in particular all the new comers to the village. It is always difficult to know how to start entering into competitions. I hope I can reassure you all by saying anything can be entered. You don't need to be a master chef or a green fingered gardener. You don't even need to be a famous artist or with in a certain age bracket (except if you are entering the under 16's) All you need is to be able to fill out an entry form & bring along your best efforts on the day! If you are a child then perhaps a kind person would do this for you???? So go on, make this the year for you to try something new. It's just a bit of old fashioned fun.

So then, this years cake recipe is chocolate orange (look out for recipe in schedule) This will be inside the May edition of the parish magazine.

As you know I like to give the children (and their supervising adults) a preview of their classes before the schedule is released as it can take quite a bit of organizing to enter children's exhibits.

So here they are, please do remember to check the schedule for accurate details.

AGES 3 - 5 years

Draw or paint a butterfly

Decorate a pet food bowl

Grow a cress head

Make 4 Rice Krispie cakes

AGES 6 - 10

Makes a pets toy

Make 4 bone shaped shortbread biscuits

Draw or paint a pet

Grow parsley

AGES 11 - 16

Make a cats scratch pole

Grow carrots

Draw or paint a farm scene

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There will be the regular 30 mile round trip and a 15 mile course for those seeking a more leisurely ride or to cycle with youngsters. Both courses will start and finish at The Coastguard Station at Rye Harbour.

As in previous years the aim has been to raise as much money as possible for charity including Pett Level Rescue Boat, St Michael's Hospice and the Coastguard Association. If you want to join the ride without raising sponsorship, this is fine; all you need to pay is the entry fee which is **only** £5 and children under 16 go **free** but must be accompanied by an adult. Complementary refreshments are served at the checkpoints en-route and there will even be a welcoming cup of tea at the finish.

Further details of the event can be obtained from **Philippa Strickland** on **01424 814384** or mail **pstrickl@icloud.com**

Previous participants will be e-mailed the entry/sponsorship forms. They will also be available The New Beach Club, Pett Level and Pett Level Rescue Boathouse.

This is a fun event which always attracts a good turnout, whether it is keen cyclists or those who want to get a bit of exercise and to raise funds for good causes.

GET ON YOUR BIKE

Philippa Strickland

Easter Art Exhibition at Pett

A big Easter Art Exhibition at Pett Village Hall will see more than 30 artists displaying and selling their work to raise funds for the Hospice.

From: 03 April 2015 at 10:00 AM **Till:** 06 April 2015 at 5:00 PM

The event runs from Good Friday (3rd April) to Easter Monday (6th April) from 10am – 5pm and admission is free. There will be free tea, coffee and cake to be enjoyed in the beautiful rural surroundings, and plenty of free parking.

For a donation to the Hospice, on the spot portraits will be painted by award winning artist Barbara Valentine, along with an excellent raffle

Don't miss the opportunity to see paintings by over 30 very talented, local artists on display, a tremendous variety of work and a high standard throughout.

If you would like to volunteer at the Art Exhibition or would like further information contact Amanda on 01424 456371 or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com

Last month several welcome visitors came along to the Defibrillator training session held by Rother Responders. When someone collapses with a cardiac arrest, their heart can go into a kind of quivering limbo called fibrillation. One of the most effective ways to get it going again is with a sudden powerful electric shock—and that's the life-saving job a defibrillator does. Pett Village is lucky enough to have one of these pieces of equipment – and it is vital that villagers know how to use it. This used to require hours of training, but now portable, fully automatic defibrillators are being installed in public places so even amateur first-aiders can administer them with minimal instruction. As someone who has had major heart surgery in the past I am reassured that it is there.

At the meeting one of our members was lucky enough to win the ballot to go to the WI Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June. A report from them will follow after the event. Seven members visited the East Sussex Annual Council Meeting at Eastbourne and this month Pett WI will be putting forward a team for the County Let's Get Quizzical event – two years ago we came fourth in the County – let's hope we beat that.



Plans for the Big Lunch on June 7th are going well and tickets will be available from April 1st from Tic Toc Hairdressers and The Butchers Shop, or by phoning 01424 251849. Tickets are £5 for an adult – the same as last year - and children under 14 will go free if accompanied by an adult. You bring your main course and we will provide salads, French bread and the usual amazing Feast Of Puddings: will we top the number of 42 different puddings that we enjoyed last year? Rather than having live music we are inviting you to choose a favourite track for a playlist which will be played during the course of the afternoon.

Please contact Mary Saint on 01424 813047 and let her know your choice.

This month, on Friday April 17th we will look forward to Sally Watson – who is coming to talk about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People – the national charity that provides dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and reduce the isolation of deafness.

Do come along to Pett Village Hall at 2.30pm – a warm welcome awaits!



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On sunny days you may have noticed a few bumblebees foraging on the early spring flowers. They are most likely to be the fairly large buff-tailed bumblebee, or the tree bumblebee that are well known for emerging early from hibernation. Most other bumblebee species emerge a bit later. However, this column is not about bumblebees, but about their lesser known cousins, the solitary bees.

There are about 250 species of bee native to the UK – The honey bee, 24 bumblebee species, and 225 solitary bee species. Probably the reason that many people don't know about solitary bees is that many of them are very small – only a few millimetres long and look more like wasps. The larger ones may also be overlooked, but for a different reason; they are furry and look like small bumblebees. So this raises a couple of questions – how do you tell the difference between solitary bees, wasps, and bumblebees.

The really telling difference between solitary bees and wasps is their diet. Wasps get their protein from other insect species, whereas solitary bees are vegetarian and only eat pollen. Sadly, however, both are partial to a quick slurp of nectar, so if you see one visiting a flower, you can't be sure whether it is taking nectar, pollen, or both. Fortunately, the female solitary bees tend to keep the pollen conspicuously around their bodies, some species on their legs and some species under their abdomen, and provided the pollen is yellow enough, it should be easy to spot.

Telling solitary bees from bumblebees is a bit trickier, and the only positive way of doing it is to be familiar with a few species and their habits so that you can learn which is which. If you have a flowering currant in your garden, it will almost certainly be visited by the Flower Bee (*Anthophora plumipes*). This looks like a small black bumblebee with yellow hairs on its hind legs where it collects its pollen. Another one to look out for is the Tawny Mining Bee (*Andrena fulva*). The females emerge in early spring and you will often see them cruising an inch or two above your neatly clipped lawn (yes, me neither!). They are an unmistakable rich tawny gingery colour and they are looking for somewhere to nest. The nest will be a neat straight hole between tufts of grass and it will be surrounded by a small volcano of excavated earth.

It is the habits of the solitary bees that set them apart from other bees. Honey bees and bumblebees are social bees. They found a colony of worker bees that will help to gather nectar and pollen to feed the growing brood. Honey bees put aside nectar in the form of honey to see them through to spring because most of the colony survives the winter in the hive. It's a habit that beekeepers and the rest of us are grateful for. Bumblebee colonies don't live through the winter and once the workers have helped the queen to raise the male and female bees that will found the next generation, the

colony dies off. Only the newly mated queens survive the winter. Solitary bees have no workers to help them. When the female is fertilized in spring, she digs a hole – in wood, soft mortar, or earth, depending on the species – and then lays an egg at the bottom. Alongside the egg she deposits a pile of pollen, and then closes off the cell before laying another egg, piling in more pollen, and sealing off the cell. She will carry on doing this until the hole is full. That year's males and females then die off. The following spring, the egg nearest the end starts to get warm, the egg hatches into a larva which eats the pollen, turns into a chrysalis, then the adult male or female emerges from the chrysalis, bites through the seal, and goes off in search of a mate. Then the next egg hatches, and so on. The material used to seal off the cells varies from species to species. Many use mud, but if you see small semicircles cut out of your lily leaves then it is probably a leafcutter bee that uses the lily leaves to seal off each cell.

One way to attract solitary bees to your garden is to put up a bee hotel. You are probably familiar with these which have bunches of short lengths of bamboo built into a wooden box. These are ideal for solitary bees and if you put them less than six feet from the ground on a south or west facing wall, you are almost guaranteed to see the cells filling up. This time of year is an ideal time to put them up as well.

The reason that you may want to put one up is that solitary bees are great pollinators. If you look at your fruit trees or bushes when they are in flower you will see that they are being pollinated almost exclusively by solitary bees. So put up a bee hotel, enjoy watching the bees visiting it, and enjoy a bumper crop of apples. Isn't nature brilliant?!

As always, for more photos of solitary bees, go to the online version of this column at www.pettcnats2.blogspot.co.uk which also has links to some fact sheets for more information.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The vestry meeting (for the election of Churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Thursday 16th April 2015 at Pett Village Hall at 7pm.

All those on the electoral roll of St. Mary and St. Peter are invited to attend and, if necessary, vote for the churchwardens and the members of the Parochial Church Council.

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Are the residents of Pett brave enough to face the fire? St Michael's Hospice and the Sara Lee Trust would like to invite supporters to take part in their Fire Walk on the evening of Saturday 18th April at the Hastings and Bexhill Rugby Club.

The evening is set to be a roaring success with live music from Section 5 Drummers, Jiggery Pokery, a grand fireworks finale and face painting.

The Fire Walk is kindly sponsored by Swift-Lite Charcoal.

Anyone wishing to put their best foot forward to raise money for either charities, please contact Marcia at St Michael's Hospice on 01424 456381 or Maria at The Sara Lee Trust on 01424 456608.

Drink tea, eat cake and raise money for St Michael's Hospice

St Michael's Hospice is pleased to announce that the Big Tea will be back again for 2015! Following the success of the Big Tea 2014, people across Hastings and Rother will be asked to hold tea parties on or around Friday 24th April in support of the Hospice.

Big Tea hosts are encouraged to invite friends and family over for a cup of tea and cake in return for a donation to the Hospice. The host can even hold raffles or small games and competitions to raise extra money. It's a great excuse to invite everyone round to indulge on cake and tea! The Big Tea can be held at home or you can get colleagues involved during lunch breaks at work.

The Hospice is offering all Big Tea fundraisers a participant's pack which will include a delicious brownie recipe from 1066 Bakery, the event sponsor, as well as a recipe from Irene Dibben, Chairman of the Hospice's Board of Trustees.

Jodie Cornford, St Michael's Hospice Fundraising Assistant said "We're incredibly excited to launch the Big Tea campaign again this year. Last year was very successful but this year we want the event to be even bigger and better! We have lots of ideas to get you started and offer support through our participants pack."

For more information on the Big Tea or to register to receive a participants pack, please contact Jodie on 01424 456380 or email fundraising@stmichaels hospice.com



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PETT CHURCH NEWS - Meriel Deasy, Fairlight

QUIZ NIGHT: Probably, by the time you read this the quiz will have taken place, but I am pleased to report that, yet again, the Church has entered three teams – we are looking forward to a repeat of the Mars Bars Award!

CHURCH AGM: This will take place on Thursday 16th April, 7 pm at the village hall. The agenda includes:

- ✝ Election of Churchwardens
- ✝ Financial report and future fundraising
- ✝ Report of the Church's activities over the past year

Everyone is invited to attend. This is your chance to have your say and you are on the Electoral Roll you can vote on any item.

THE CLOCK: Yet again, we have called the engineers with our concerns about the unreliability of the clock. It would seem that the problem is connected to the rain coming through the steeple. We are looking at ways to try and solve the problem.

EASTER ARRANGEMENTS

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday, 9.30 am
Holy Communion, Kay Burnett & Meriel Deasy

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday, 7.30 pm
Holy Communion, St Peter, Fairlight
Kay Burnett & Meriel Deasy

Friday 3rd April Good Friday, 10.00 am
Led by Meriel Deasy and the Methodists.
The service will begin at St Mary and St Peter followed by a Procession of Witness to the Methodist Chapel.

Sunday 5th April Easter Day, 9.30 am
Holy Communion, Kay Burnett & Meriel Deasy
As always, everyone is welcome to come and share in these services.

OTHER APRIL SERVICES:

Sunday 12th April, 9.30 am Morning Worship, Meriel Deasy
Sunday 19th April, 10.30 am Benefice Communion, St Andrew Fairlight
Visit of the Bishop of Chichester
Sunday 26th April, 9.30 am Holy Communion, Richard Barron
There is nothing from the registers.

A PRAYER FOR PETT

- 1 **Jesus is risen today, hallelujah!**
our triumph holy day,
did once, upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

3. But the pains which He endured,
our salvation have procured,
now in heaven above He's King,
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5 Su	1141	3.4	2355	3.5
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10 Fr	0150	3.4	1411	3.2
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13 Mo	0516	2.1	1804	2.2
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Full Moon - 4th : Last Quarter - 12th
 New Moon - 18th : First Quarter - 25th
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Pett Chick Hill	0819	0826	1002	1102	1242	1342	1442	1542	1547	0826	1245	
Pett Church	0822	0829	1005	1105	1245	1345	1445	1545	1550	0829	1248	
Guestling School	0829											
Guestling White Hart	0834	0834	1010	1110	1250	1350	1450	1550	1555	0834	1253	
Ore The King’s Head	0838	0838	1014	1114	1254	1354	1454	1554	1559	0838	1257	
Ore Post Office	0840	0840	1016	1116	1256	1356	1456	1556		0840	1259	
West Hill Whitefriars			1021	1121	1301	1401	1501			1304		
Milward Rd Manor Rd	0845	0845								0845		
Hastings Harold Place	0849	0849	1025	1125	1305	1405	1505			0849	1308	
Hastings Rail Station	0851	0851	1027	1127	1307	1407	1507			0851	1310	
Fairlight Glen										1603		
Fairlight Cove Hotel										1609		
Pett Level										1615		

PETT PARISH COUNCIL 2014 - 2015

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	Rev Frank Rowson		
	Rev David Wotton		
Readers	Meriel Deasy		
	Ken Holmes		

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<i>(if you leave a message you will be contacted on their return)</i>	
Please note that if you witness a crime in progress, you should immediately ring 999	

If you want to be included in this section then please let us know together with contact name, telephone number and email address
pettparishnews@live.co.uk

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

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

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