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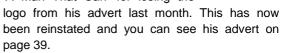
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#### Dear Readers

Firstly an apology to Chris Sherwin 'A Man That Can' for losing the



New this month that Flicks in the Village will be closing at the end of the year. Flicks has been providing us with entertainment (thanks to Chris Saint and his team) for 13 years and is now sadly succumbing to rising costs and increasing competition. Please see page 14 for full details.

Two new contributions this month – from our Parish Council there is an update from the Chair on recent activities, and from Pett Cricket Club there is an update on fundraising activities for the new sports pavilion, along with fixtures and results from matches. Hopefully both of these new additions will continue in subsequent months. We also have the latest in the 'Pett Fallen' series from Martin King (see page 17).

And finally, don't forget the Flower Show which, this summer, is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

As ever, if you have any comments or want anything published then please contact the editorial team, which now includes Rothwell (07850 469314) and Lesley Wilkins.

### Best Wishes, Mike



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#### MISSING LOGO

Last seen on a windowsill of the Catharine Hollman Room in the

Village Hall, a framed original version of our village logo. If you know where this is then please get in touch.

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# MIDSUMMER YOGA WORKSHOP WITH LIVE MUSIC

Join Nina, and husband and wife team, Bhavana for an ambient evening of yoga, self-exploration and devotional music as the sun sets over the meadows and woodland beyond Pett Village Hall.

This will be a special opportunity to feel the uplifting music of Bhavana combined with a free-flowing £20 yoga class that will seque from restorative and yin, to dynamic 3rd July

and vital.

Pett Village Hall, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4HD To book contact NinaYoga 07971 489 523 ninayoga@sky.com NINA YOGA

6-30-9.00pm

#### YOUR LETTERS

#### Dear Editor



What an unexpected delight we were in for when we went to "The Big Lunch" on Sunday. It was so welcoming for the newcomers to this area and what a boon for the local community discovering common ground across age and class.

Not only were we pleased to meet many of the locals and chat to the neighbors, catching up on the surrounding areas history but also to enjoy a fantastic array of puddings and what a treat they were. Such a lovely and friendly idea to share a meal with everyone, one of the most fundamental ways of combining people.... food and fun..fun being provided by a magician! The ripple of laughs following him around as he went from table to table.

It was a day of friendship and fun thanks to our marvellous W.I. led by the indefatigable and energetic Heather Godwin. The effort they put in was truly appreciated...it even led to a few more of the "younger generation" wishing to join the W.I. Roll on next year!

Thank you all so much,

Cathy and Chris, Green Pastures

#### Dear Editor

I would like to give a BIG thank you to all the members of the Pett WI who worked tirelessly to make the Big Village Lunch 2015 in Pett Village Hall such a success on Sunday.

This was my first one and I had a brilliant time. There was a lovely sense of community and fun in the best tradition of 'street parties' and they were not kidding about that feast of puddings!

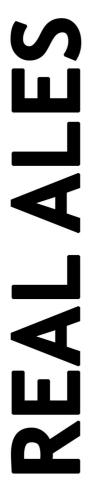
It was a feat of organisation but everything ran smoothly. The magician was a hit as well.

It would be great to see even more parishioners there next year.

Jan Tomalín

#### Dear Editor

Two adult female cats have **disappeared without trace** from their respective homes on Chick Hill recently. Amber was last seen on about the 23rd May & Ruby on the 27th May. Both cats were grey in colour. Ruby had a collar with our phone number on it. Seems a strange coincidence that they should both disappear around the same time. I'm suspecting that they have been either trapped or poisoned. Any information gratefully accepted. **Please phone Tony 01424813362**.





**AUGUST** 

14th, 15th & 16th

THE NEW BEACH CLUB

FREE ENTRY



ALL WELCOME open to non-members



THE NEW BEACH CLUB
Pett Level Road, Pett Level, TN35 4EH

01424 812080 info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk www.thenewbeachclub.co.uk Facebook.com/thenewbeachclub

You are invited to:

# The Pett Summer Dance Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Dancing 8 till late (1.00 a.m.)

At the Pett Summer Flower Show marquee on Pett Recreation Ground

Bring your own food

Bring your own drink

Deejay Hambo will play music ancient and modern, from the sixties to the present day. Suggested donations £5 per person – all profits to go to Pett Recreation Ground New Pavilion Fund.



### Take Part in the Moonlight Walk for St Michael's Hospice

St Michael's Hospice is calling out for residents across Hastings and Rother to take part in their popular annual Moonlight Walk on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.

The walk is 10km (6 miles) along the coast of Hastings, St Leonards and Bexhill. Starting at the White Rock Hotel, all participants will be wearing their Moonlight Walk t-shirt and are encouraged to take part in this year's fancy dress theme of 'wigs and masks'.

The walk, which is approximately 12,533 steps, is suitable for all ages and levels for fitness and everyone will be rewarded with a delicious post walk supper, courtesy of the White Rock Hotel.

Registration is only £10; however the Hospice encourages participants to raise as much sponsorship as they can.

To register or for further information, please contact Jodie on 01424 456380 or email fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com.

#### ON THE BEACH AT PETT LEVEL - Robin & Sarah



#### Hello all.

In May we held our annual charity fun day in aid of Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat. The weather was with us and lots of people turned out to show their support. Thank you to the organisers, PLIRB volunteers, the band, the local men, women and craftsmen who held stalls and activities and of course everybody who attended. All together we raised a stunning £1,312.30.

During June we had Oojah Kappivvv Morris and Mad Jacks Morris dancing on the sea wall on the 4th and live music with Back In Time on the 14th. Chan will be back on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The kitchen in now in the skilled hands of Amir and is open as normal.

Briefly skipping ahead to August and the summer holidays we have lots planned. including: live music every weekend, kids' fun day, beer festival, bake off and the Pett Level Preservation Trust photo competition. The theme for this year's photo competition is "The Land That Time Forgot". Application forms are available behind the bar in the Club

Live music/ events for July:

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: Borrowed Time 3pm
   Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: Vinyl record market 12:30pm
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>: **The Starks Family Band** 3:30pm

Our regular event dates for July:

- Quiz Night every Monday 8:30pm.
- **Bingo** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Eyes down 7pm.
- Acoustic Jam Night is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Free Pool every Wednesday evening.
- **Petangue** on the beach every Thursday evening 6:30pm.
- Fish 'n' Chips Friday every Friday, Fish 'n' chips with a drink £8.50
- Vinyl Night Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

Quiz Night and Bingo Night will be taking a break throughout August and will return in September.

As always, we look forward to seeing you all!

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

We managed to fish a competition on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was quite breezy and fishing was rather slow for the time of year. Pete Drew managed to find a few plaice to come first with a total of 11lb 5 oz and second was Mark Farley with 4lb 15oz. Steve (Sparra) Harris filled third spot with 4lb 10oz.

The following competition was on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, this was the alternate date as our 31<sup>st</sup> May comp was postponed due to bad weather. First was Pete Drew with 16lb 12 oz, Mark Manktelow second with 15lb 4oz and Mick Goswell third with 9lb 8oz. We had a good turn- out with 17 anglers fishing, weighing in a total weight of 116lb, mostly plaice, one small thornback ray and loads of whiting of which only a few came to the scales as most were under size.

Our Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening took place at the Two Sawyers, Pett, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and we were as usual looked after superbly well by Marc and his staff. The trophies presented were as follows: the Don Aggregate Shield for Club Champion – Mick Goswell, 21 points; the Gotts Plaice Cup – Ivan Stapley, Plaice of 3lb 11oz; the Cod Challenge Cup – Mick Goswell, Cod 16lb 12oz; the Bridger & Ford Christmas Cup, Kit McLean – 1221cm; the Commodore's Cup, to be fished for on a cod competition - Pete Drew, 22lb; the Bass Challenge Trophy – Tony Williams, Bass 7lb; the Lynn Beach Cup for the best specimen caught from the beach – Tony Williams, Bass 7lb; the Stow Challenge Cup, best specimen boat caught – Ivan Stapley, Plaice 3lb 11oz; the Goswell Trophy, presented to the member who has done the best to help the club during the past year - Matt Bygrave.

As usual, tight lines

#### PETT LEVEL RESCUE BOAT - Steve Hill, Chairman

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A big thank you to all of those people involved in the New Beach Club's open afternoon for the Rescue Boat. The stalls, raffle and bar

have so far raised approximately £1,300, a great effort and much appreciated by us all. The money raised will pay for new thermal inner suits (teddies) for all the crew and hopefully a couple of new life jackets. This will mean that all the crew will get their own kit, no longer needing to share.

By the time you read this the new training boat will be run in and on service, and a naming ceremony will be held later this month - more on that next issue.

Finally at our recent AGM it was voted on to include in our name the word Independent; this was passed so we are now Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat. The inclusion of one word has already been noted by some of the general public: a couple asked me how long ago did we break away from the RNL!! As most of you already know we have always been an independent organisation relying entirely on charitable donations.

Hope to see you through the summer at various events, not forgetting our Open Day, August Bank Holiday Sunday the 30th.



# Rachael Crouch (01424 813145), Publicity Officer

Theme: PETS!

Well this will be my last plea to you all. I am sure regular readers are very well aware of how you can help in making this show a real success once again. But for avoidance of doubt here is a list of things you might consider:

- 1. Bring a home baked cake, buns or biscuits to sell at the tea tent.
- 2. Support the local produce stall with cake, jams, chutneys & home grown fruit & vegetables (this is always very popular & sells out quickly) so please do bring your excess produce along!
- 3. Do you have any shrubs, vegetable plants or flowers that could be sold on our flower stall?
- 4. Good quality but "grown out of" children's toys, books or games. Again please bring these along on the day.
- 5. Help Friday evening, Saturday morning & Saturday afternoon to prepare & then clear away.

Paul Brown would love to hear from you on 814795 if you could turn your hand to some of the heavier work.

We do not to date have any volunteers for the stocks - it's not too late. Perhaps you could think of someone who wouldn't mind giving it a go with you? We supply the water & sponges all you have to do is donate 15 minutes of your time. Do you feel inclined?

When you read this article I am very sure that most of you will have made your decisions on your prize winning exhibits. If you need an entry form please contact any committee member. I will take this opportunity to remind you all that our president will be presenting the cup for the exhibit he feels best reflects this year's theme - "PETS" - so do keep this in mind.

Thinking of winning can I please ask that all of last year's Trophies are now returned to Louise (all shiny & clean of course)! Louise is happy to collect them if you cannot get to her, then please call her on 01424 812296.

We have recently experienced some lovely weather although the nights have still had a chill about them. I hope that the day will again be kind to us & that everyone has a marvellous time. Good luck to all the entrants especially if you are entering for the first time.

#### REMEMBER.....

This is a fun day for all the family to enjoy. It is run by people of the village for the people of the village. So however you support this day THANK YOU

#### **GARDENING CLUB - Sandy Andrews**

The morning of Pett Garden Club's visit to Sissinghurst Castle dawned bright but chilly. A persistent east wind, that had blown across the marsh from the North Sea since the weekend with nothing much to stop it, still blew. A visit to a High Weald garden in a high wind did not seem to be filled with promise. Once there



however, we found Sissinghurst basking in the shelter of its hedges and pink brick walls.

A moated manor house had existed there since the middle ages, and in its heyday in the sixteenth century was the centre of a 700-acre deer park. During the Seven Years' War it became a prison camp, when much of the house and furniture was destroyed. From 1794 it was used a workhouse and after that most of the building was demolished. What remained provided homes for the women's land army. In 1930 Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson bought the ruins, which comprised the entrance block, the tower and some outbuildings, with the farm, and immediately began work on the garden, creating a series of 'rooms' around the surviving walls. Harold Nicolson took responsibility for the structure, a classic Arts and Crafts design of straight lines, to which Vita Sackville-West, inspired by Gertrude Jekyll, added the abundant planting. Neither of them were professional gardeners. Only eight years later they were able to open to the public.

Brick paths take you through or between hedges, or through arches where heavy oak doors once hung, into the different rooms. There is a cottage garden; a rose garden, at its best in June when full of fragrance; the famous white garden where planting is contained within box hedges; and the herb garden with its living seat. There is a lime walk underplanted with spring bulbs; a nuttery with swathes of bold leaf forms beneath the canopy; and the more open space of the orchard where paths are mown through longer grass and which is bounded on two sides by the original moat. Roses and clematis scramble up the walls of the gatehouse whilst in another part of the garden white wisteria drapes its inflorescences over the top of a long wall. Statues, urns and pots, some of them brought back from foreign visits, flank entrances, wait to be discovered in unexpected niches, or punctuate vistas. The whole is surrounded by the beautiful Wealden countryside, adding to the romance.

In making this garden around the mellow ancient walls, Vita must have been trying to recreate something of her childhood home at Knole in Sevenoaks. Although she was an only child, as a female she was not able to inherit the property and forever regretted its loss. But the garden she and her husband created at Sissinghurst Castle is now one of the most famous in England and well worth visiting in all its different seasons.

Next meeting on 14 July there will be a mini-tour of some of our own gardens in the village. Details to follow.

#### FOLLOW THE PLOT - Libby Rothwell

#### **Pett Village Allotments Association**

What a difference a month of warm, sunny days makes. Where there was once bare earth, carefully raked and marked out for sowing and planting, now bean frames drip with pods, courgettes and squashes luxuriate in the rich soil, and bees are buzzing drunkenly in a haze of lavender, self-sown dianthus and phacelia.



Unfortunately, weeds love this weather too. One way to stop annual weeds in their tracks without resorting to chemical sprays is to hoe them off at surface level when it's dry, leaving the severed roots to die in the sun. Perennial weeds such as thistles and docks have thick roots which give them the energy reserves to survive the chop, but even they will surrender eventually.

Another tip for achieving good crops was given to me by a couple whose peas and fruit bushes are enviably free of any pest damage. They recommend the use of peppermint or lavender essential oil. A leaf spray of five drops diluted in a litre of water deters aphids. To discourage mice from taking large seeds, they soak little strips of cloth in this solution and tie them to the support netting. It works a treat! If you'd be interested in taking on one of the few remaining vacant plots on our friendly site, please do contact me on 07714 340674 or at libby.rothwell891@gmail.com

#### PICKHAM FARM OPEN GARDEN SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 11AM TO 3PM

Come along to our open garden, have a stroll through the beautiful garden admire the flower beds, vegetable patch and have a look at the cob shed with its living roof, see how many frogs you can spot in the pond! why not bring a picnic and rug and meet some of the animals, we have rabbits, hens and even a tortoise! The horses, pigs and sheep are also waiting to say hello and our donkeys Alice and Rosie will be giving donkey rides.

There will a number of stalls including plants for sale, second hand books, tea and cake and a raffle. You can even treat yourselves to a lovely shiatsu massage in a yurt for the bargain price of £10.

Farmer Tim will be giving tractor trailer rides. All funds raised will be going to Farm Africa.

Do come and bring your family, enjoy your day but due to the fact it's a working farm no dogs are allowed.

#### PETT OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT (POPP)

POPP

Meeting every Tuesday at 10.30 in Pett Village Hall

Sheila Thomas 01797 225616 / 07774 573086, Ann Nicholls 01424 813043

#### POPP FUTURE CALENDAR

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Swinging with "Just George" Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Thai Chi and Games Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Keith Osborne Music for Health Workshop Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July Slides and presentation subject being discussed Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August Peter Godwin (Fairlight Hall) Gardening tips

Membership – Our membership has recently swollen – welcome everyone, nice to see you all at our group. POPP are seeking anyone who would like to help us on Tuesdays as a **volunteer** or helping in the kitchen. Please ring Sheila 01797 225616 if you can help. Thank you.

Nail Technician - Sheryl Tucker Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July

Head & Shoulder Massage Antonello Bruce Fortnightly

Toe nail cutting service Home visits or at Popps. Sheila 01797 225616

**Hearing Aid Servicing** – Help is available at Popp centre weekly for anyone in difficulties with their hearing aids. Or batteries. Many thanks.

#### **PETT WOMENS INSTITUTE - Heather Godwin**



What a month June was for the Women's Institute in general, and Pett WI in particular! One representative, the President, Heather Godwin was at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to celebrate the WI's Centenary, along with 8,000 other WI members and Camilla, Duchess

of Cornwall, Sophie, Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra, and Birgitte, Duchess of Gloucester. A wonderful experience, a lovely tea, sunshine and the hats.....!!!

Two representatives attended the National Federation of WI's AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, along with 5,000 other members singing Jerusalem, and with Her Majesty the Queen, Princess Anne, the Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of Wessex. All three Royals are WI members. There were excellent speakers including Tanni Grey-Thompson, the wheelchair athlete and now Baroness in the House of Lords, and Lucy Worsley, the TV historian who is in charge of the uninhabited Royal Palaces, such as Hampton Court.

And then, for Pett WI itself, the climax of that week was the Big Village Lunch and Feast of Puddings. What a brilliant day - with 80 villagers enjoying lunch, 30 gorgeous puddings, all donated, and Marco the Magician, so talented and funny.

Nearly £370 was raised which will be divided between the WI and those village organisations whose members supported the Big Lunch, including Pett Parish Church, Pett Village Hall Committee, and Popps. Thank you to all those who came, donated, helped and just generally enjoyed themselves so much that they cannot wait until next year, and to those women who were inspired enough to join the WI itself!

Then, another excellent occasion at the end of the month: Pett WI hosted one of only four Centenary Teas in the County. A Vintage Tea entitled 'Putting on the Ritz' was held for over 80 WI members from other Institutes, and non-members, with a fashion show by Niche of Rye, the Corelli String Quartet, and Saffi, grand-daughter of one of Pett WI members, playing the harp, plus the Stir Crazy Craft stall, a Bubbles Bar (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and a selection of WI Centenary memorabilia - a full report about that will appear in the August magazine.

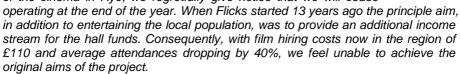
At the June meeting Kieron Brennan spoke passionately about Dementia Friends, a government backed campaign offering people in England the chance to understand what it might be like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action. Many of us know someone who has been affected by this terrible condition, either personally or as a carer, which kills more people than breast and prostate cancer.

At our July meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30, at Pett Village Hall local historian, John Taylor, will entertain us with 'A History of Pett Level'. John is always knowledgeable about our local area – if you would like to come along as a visitor please do, it will only cost £3, a bargain when you consider it also includes an excellent tea!

#### FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE FILM SOCIETY

#### Important announcement

Following a series of low attendances, coupled with added competition from online film services such as Netflix and the opening of the cinema in Rye, we regretfully give notice that we will cease operating at the end of the year. When Flicks started 12 years ago the net of the control of the year.



Of course, if anyone feels willing and able to take over the baton so to speak, we are happy to give help in anyway up to the end of the year. Just telephone me if you require further information.

July and September programme.

We will be showing the film **Testament of Youth** on the **2nd July**. This film stars Alicia Vikander and Kit Harringtom, and is a searing story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain, which became the classic testimony of that war from a woman's point of view. A powerful and passionate journey from youthful hopes and dreams to the edge of despair and back again; a film about young love, the futility of war and how to make sense of the darkest times.

Vera Brittain, irrepressible, intelligent and free-minded, overcomes the prejudices of her family and hometown to win a scholarship to Oxford. With everything to live for, she falls in love with her brother's close friend Roland Leighton as they go to University to pursue their literary dreams. But the First World War is looming and as the boys leave for the front Vera realises she cannot sit idly by as her peers fight for their country, so volunteers as a nurse. She works tirelessly, experiencing all the griefs of war, as one by one her fiancé, her brother and their closest friends are all killed and the pillars of her world shattered. But, an indefatigable spirit, Vera endures and returns to Oxford, irrevocably changed, yet determined to find a new purpose, which spurs her towards a redemptive act of remembrance.

#### We will now be closed in the month of August.

On the **3rd September** we will be showing the long awaited film, **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** which is the expansionist dream of Sonny (Dev Patel), and it's making more claims on his time than he has available, considering his imminent marriage to the love of his life, Sunaina (Tena Desae). Sonny has his eye on a promising property now that his first venture, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel for the Elderly and Beautiful, has only a single remaining vacancy-posing a rooming predicament for fresh arrivals Guy (Richard Gere) and Lavinia (Tamsin Grieg). Evelyn and Douglas (Judi Dench and Bill Nighy) have now joined the Jaipur workforce, and are wondering where their regular dates for Chilla pancakes will lead, while Norman and Carol (Ronald Pickup and Diana Hardcastle) are negotiating the tricky waters of an exclusive relationship, as Madge (Celia Imrie) juggles two eligible and very wealthy suitors.

Perhaps the only one who may know the answers is newly installed co-manager of the hotel, Muriel (Maggie Smith), the keeper of everyone's secrets. As the demands of a traditional Indian wedding threaten to engulf them all, an unexpected way forward presents itself.

Please remember that all are welcome to join our Society and enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £4.50 with like-minded people in Pett Village Hall. Please just turn up on a film night or contact me on chris@saintfamily.net. All films commence at 7.30pm on the first Thursday in the month with refreshments served from 7.00pm.

Chris Saint and the Flicks Team - Telephone: 813047

#### **COFFEE MORNING – Sally & Helen**

Thank you to everyone who supported us this month. Please note our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 8th July 10.00am till 12.00 and not the first Wednesday.** 

coffee morning...

Look forward to seeing you.

#### Sally and Helen.



### THE PETT FALLEN

An occasional series to commemorate the men of Pett who died in the Great War 1914 - 1918

### Frederick James Cooke



Frederick James Cooke, son of Charles and Eliza Cooke, was born on 1 April 1877 at the Ship Inn, Pett Level, where his father was the landlord,

After leaving school he did farm work, and on 24 May 1894 he joined the Royal Navy as Boy, Second Class. A year later, on 23 May 1895 he was re-rated as Boy, First Class. On his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, 1 April 1897, he signed on for 12 years' service, as an Ordinary Seaman.

In August 1898 he was re-rated as an Able-bodied Seaman (A.B.). He served on various ships during his time at sea.

He "came ashore" on 16 June 1905, having only served for 8 years. The following day he signed up for the Royal Fleet Reserve.

On the 23 April 1910 he re-enrolled in the Reserve, to serve until 16 June 1915.

During his time back ashore he lived at Old Marsham Farm and worked as a bricklayer's labourer, until on 2 August 1914, with war imminent, he was recalled to sea as a reservist, at first serving on HMS Victorious.

On 15 March 1915 he was rated Leading Seaman.

On 21 July 1915 he was serving on the Armed Trawler "Briton" when she struck a mine in the Thames Estuary, and she sank with the loss of all 11 of her crew.

His body was not recovered, and he is among the missing named on the Chatham Naval Memorial.



Frederick Cooke is also commemorated in Pett Church, on the Pett War Memorial and in Pett Methodist Chapel.

#### From official sources:

Hired Trawler BRITON Admiralty No.1170, armed patrol vessel, 11 crew, Skipper Peter Christie RNR, probably Harwich-based, guard-ship for outer group of unarmed minesweepers ordered to sweep area around Longsand light vessel where HMS Rhiannon was lost the day before, most of the crew below having their evening meal. Mined at 1715, mine laid by submarine UC.3 (Erwin Weisbach) on 5 July, "stern broke off, the bow went up into the air and was then hidden by a column of water and smoke. When this cleared away there remained of the ship nothing", sank 13 cables SW of Longsand light vessel, off Clacton. Skipper and 10 ratings lost.

The bodies of the Skipper and one of the crew were recovered and they are buried in St Mary (Shotley) Churchyard, in Suffolk

Note: Fred Cooke may have falsified his age when joining up – he was born in 1877 but his naval record says 1879. He enlisted on the same day as his cousin George, and they served together for the first 3 years of their time in the Navy.

#### **NATURE NOTES – Alan Kenworthy**

On Springwatch the other night, Chris Packham, referring to the blue plumage of something like a swallow, came out with the statement 'There are no blues in nature'. A considered response to that statement may be 'OK Blueeyes, come out from behind those delphiniums and bluebells and explain yourself!' What he was referring to,



of course, is that there are no natural blue pigments in nature – or are there? In fact, blue is a relatively uncommon hue in nature, with less than 10% of all flowering plants showing any shade of blue. Nature is very good at reds and yellows, greens and browns, but nature has *almost* never evolved a true blue pigment. Blue pigment, chemically speaking, is actually a fairly recent discovery. When John Constable painted 'The Hay Wain' in 1821, he painted a cloudy sky – not because he was good at clouds, which he clearly was – but because blue pigment was fiercely expensive in those days. It was made by grinding up the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli.

Chris Packham was wrong regarding plants though, because there is at least one blue pigment in nature – indigo. Though it is now produced synthetically, indigo dye was originally produced by extracting it from the leaves of the tropical American plant añil (*Indigofera suffruticosa*). Indigo dye is most famously used to dye the cotton woven into blue jeans. Most plants, like bluebells, etc. make their colour using anthocyanins, which though normally red will go blue in a suitably alkaline environment.

But when it comes to the blues in animals, Chris Packham is right. That doesn't mean that the bluetit, the swallow, the peacock's tail, and the common blue butterfly are all suddenly going monochrome, because they have a different trick up their sleeves. They use what is called structural colour. Normally when you see blue colour, the blue object has reflected blue light back at you and absorbed light of other colours, and that's all done at the atomic level with photons of light being absorbed by electrons or not as the case may be. But a bird's feather is made mostly of keratin which is mainly a pale brown colour at the atomic scale. At nanoscale, however, things are different. (Nanoscale just means things measured in nanometres which are very small - one millionth of a millimetre in fact.) Nanoscale is way bigger than atomic scale, but still way smaller than you can see with the best optical microscope. The reason that things are different at nanoscale is that the wavelength of light is also measured in nanometres. With structural colour there are surface features on the feather that correspond to the wavelength of blue light so that only blue light reflects back. In the peacock's tail and in the scales on some butterflies' wings there is a slightly different thing going on, and the surface features are transparent and only half the wavelength of light thick, so that when blue light is reflected from both the front and back surface, it effectively

doubles the intensity of the light and produces iridescence. The surface features are normally parallel ridges and this means that the iridescence can only be seen at certain angles. This is best seen in the blue morph butterfly which is a tropical species not normally seen in Pett, but if you take a close look at the 'eyes' on the wings of a peacock butterfly, or the 'eyes' on an eyed hawkmoth, you can see a flash of that iridescence.

So when the baby bluetits have all hatched and they've grown their adult plumage, just think how much physics they needed to know to produce it. Or better still, just marvel at how lucky we are to have such beautiful creatures so commonplace.

For a photo of the eyed hawkmoth and peacock butterfly, see the online version of this column at <a href="https://www.pettnats2.blogspot.co.uk">www.pettnats2.blogspot.co.uk</a>. For accounts and photos of the two recent Pett Nats walks at Rye Harbour and Brede High Woods see the sightings blog at <a href="https://www.pettnats.blogspot.co.uk">www.pettnats.blogspot.co.uk</a>.

# Bank Holiday Treat By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

to offer, and it was all free.

made the effort to enjoy the spectacle.

May Bank Holiday and, taking advantage of the only little bit of sun that we have been allocated over the whole weekend, I'm standing in the middle of a wood somewhere deep in West Sussex and my jaw is just hanging open, staring incredulously at the most amazing sea of blue in front of me. I'm not going to tell you where this wood is in case you all want to go there, but will suggest if you missed them this year, make sure you find a bluebell wood next year and go and stand in it, smell the aroma, listen to the accompanying sounds and just breathe it in, one of the greatest experiences the natural world has



I have to admit my heart sank a bit when my wife and I arrived at this particular place as there were lines of cars along the road, everybody having the same idea as us. I wanted to see the bluebells in splendid isolation, but soon realised that this was a bit mean-spirited and that it was really encouraging that so many people had

In this particular area, there are a number of different stands of woodland all subtly different in character. Walking down a public footpath, the first real eye-opener was a carpet of blue and white, the bluebells liberally interspersed with the small starshaped heads of the lesser stitchwort, absolutely wonderful. Adding an aural element to the atmosphere, a cuckoo suddenly advertised its presence, my first for the year. A slightly more open area and the bluebells were not as dominant as there was a much greater variety of woodland plants on display, including a lovely clump of early purple orchids. So beautiful in fact a nightingale poured forth his exquisite song in approval.

Leaving this area behind, we wanted to get to the next bit of woodland as we knew the treat that awaited us; we were not disappointed. This was the jaw-dropping experience. In front of us, a wall-to-wall carpet of blue as far as the eye could see. It was sublime. Interestingly I didn't notice any birdsong; perhaps the sight was so overwhelming that the birds were reduced to a hushed reverence. I found it such an emotional experience though I'm not sure why. Without getting morbid, but perhaps it's because my opportunities to experience this event are reducing with each advancing year.

The treats weren't quite over yet. We came across another piece of woodland where a stream snaked along its edge and from the bank a swathe of white rose majestically up until the ground levelled out and it emerged once more into a sea of bluebell. A familiar smell told me that this was the wild garlic or ransoms.

For me, this experience just highlighted how important the environment is to our overall health and wellbeing and I challenge anyone not to have their spirits lifted by just standing and absorbing this magnificent natural and totally free display.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

#### PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY - Brenda Kirkham

On Saturday 6th June seven members of Pett Nats turned up at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve for a walk led by Trevor Buttle. Despite the windy weather we had good views of the birds including Avocets, Sandwich Terns and Black Headed Gulls, all with babies. There were also Common and Little Terns, a Whimbrel and a Black Tailed Godwit also turned up.

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The reserve was really blossoming with masses of Sea Kale loaded with white flowers and Yellow Horned Poppies among many others.

The new sea wall now has Yellow Rattle growing with other wild flowers including some large clumps of Salsify. Alan Kenworthy showed us an Early Bumble Bee but because of the wind the bees and butterflies were a bit scarce.

We will not be meeting again until the 25th September when Sue Dengate will talk about Flowers on the Stage. This should prove to be a very interesting talk. Please do come along and support us. Annual Subscriptions will be due and visitors are always welcome.

#### DO YOU KNOW? - John Taylor

#### Do you know about the **old gun battery in Pett Road**?

When you look at what is little more than a pile of bricks in the scrub land opposite Fairlight End, and in front of the Village Hall, you may well be surprised to know that it once housed a field gun of the local corps of the Cinque Ports Division of the Sussex Artillery Volunteers.

The First Company of the Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteers was launched in 1859, soon followed by the Volunteer Artillery Corps, as a defence against a possible invasion of south east England by the French. They practised with their rifles and guns at Rock-a-Nore, firing at targets set at the base of the cliffs. Later in that year, Lady Waldegrave permitted them to set up a range firing across Ecclesbourne Glen, which was used for many years. Most of the men provided their own rifles, and the company funded its own grey and red uniform. Two years later the Hastings news reported that a shooting match took place in the glen.

The volunteers at Pett served under Colonel Dennett and the company funded their grey and red uniform. They took part in several shooting competitions with the field gun housed in the brick-built building opposite Fairlight End. From 1865 Shoeburyness was used by the National Artillery Association as a firing range and an annual competition was held there with well over a thousand competitors. Tented accommodation to the rear of the Barracks was provided and the area became known as 'Campfield'. The Pett Volunteers won a shield and a billiard table for their proficiency, but they had to sell the billiard table as they couldn't get it back home.

It seems that the Pett Company was disbanded around 1908 and the gun was taken up Battery Hill, Fairlight by a team of horses: what a sight that must have been! The Cinque Ports 2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery Volunteers, Eastern Division Royal Artillery (No. 6 Battery) had its Orderly Room on the Fairlight Road.

So for some years Pett had its own company of volunteers to help protect the country from any invader. Fortunately they were never needed to use their field gun in anger. However, it was only a few years after any active volunteers in the area were amalgamated into the 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinque Ports) Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment that the terrible First World War began.



The Pett Field Gun after being transferred to Fairlight



The site of the Field Gun battery in Pett Road, today

#### PETT CRICKET CLUB UPDATE - Andy Goodsell

With Pett cricket season well under way we at the club would like to let you know how our season is going and the latest developments with the pavilion project.

We have had many delays and set backs with the project but hopefully we are now back on track thanks to the efforts of Mr Stuart Ware in retaining the sport England grant and a revised scheme.



There is still a shortfall In funding and Pett cricket club are looking to raise another £3000 by July to go with the £5000 we already have donated. We are looking to raise funds by way of donations from businesses and the public.

Club members are looking to raise funds by sponsoring our bowling challenge by the Pett Piranhas, our youth team. They will be trying to match or beat England star bowler Jimmy Anderson's 400 wickets.

There is also a honours board for donations which will have all the names of the people who have donated money in the new club house.

Also two local businesses namely A.A.Farnes Electrical and Ecoheat Sussex Ltd have pledged their services for free to install the electrics and the plumbing for the new club house which will be a great help.

So if you have a business or would like to donate please contact **Andy Goodsell on 07809 573389** 

The club has had a good start to the season and the club's hard work on the wicket and outfield at Pett has paid off and the first team are currently in second place in div 5 having played 5 won four lost one. Our second team are in fourth place in div 11 having won two lost one and drawn one.

There have been some outstanding performances from our youth programme with the young players which we have had in the side for several years now starting to win games for us from Del Ahmed scoring his maiden hundred for the club after several years of trying and Luke Crisford with his bowling and batting. Isaac Perrin showing real class with his leg spin and batting at the age of 14 and younger brother Arca 12 years old has improved no end with his bowling and shows real promise. Also the not so young Karl Khan rolling back the years with his bowling helping the seconds win several games this year.

Meanwhile our youth coaching goes from strength to strength having nearly 25 children every Sunday at Pett from 10.30-11.00 - all are welcome, we are holding a youth tournament on the 28 of July starting at eleven so come up and watch and support your local team.

# **CRICKET (HOME) FIXTURES**

27<sup>th</sup> June Pett v Newick 1:30 start

28<sup>th</sup> June Pett Piranhas tournament 11:00 start

4<sup>th</sup> July Pett 1st v Crowborough 1:30 start

5<sup>th</sup> July Pett v Holborough 2:00 start

15th July Pett v Buxted park 2:00 start

18th July Pett v Polgate 1:30 start

28th July Pett youth team v Bexhill 10:30 start





On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June Pett Piranhas travelled to Robertsbridge for their first tournament of the 2015 campaign. 8 teams in all took part and Pett found themselves placed against Robertsbridge, Castle Hill and Crowhurst Park.

With a team comprising many familiar faces from the Pett side of last year new recruits helped ensure a travelling squad of 10 for the 8 a side format of the game, with a spread of 5 years in the squad. Pett played exceptionally well in their first match to best the hosts. The bowling performance, with Ben Phelps' performance standing out, setting up for some expansive batting, particularly from Will Giles, to see Pett home.

The second fixture pitted Pett against Castle Hill, who were a well organised side with some very talented young bowlers. Despite the outcome, a 20 run defeat, Henry Scambler-Rogers and Lilia Bull fielded very well to keep things competitive to the last.

This left much to play for in the final group game with Crowhurst Park, who also found themselves in a won 1 lost 1 position. Batting first Pett set a big target for their opponents to chase thanks to good consistent hitting and a quick fire boundary-fest for Henry Ware and Jake Chamberlain. Tight accurate bowling, including a great caught and bowled by Hettie Rankin and an athletic catch from Liam Wearing, ensured Pett won comfortably.

Pett therefore found themselves 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and faced Bells Yew Green, from the other group, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off. Having batted first in all 3 pools games the play-off saw Pett put in to field by their opponents. Beth ensured she had equal bragging rights in the Chamberlain household and took a sharp catch behind the stumps as well as her own clean bowled dismissal. In a match where sibling rivalry came to the fore Rory Rankin took a fine catch in the covers from a towering shot. All of the Pett team contributed well in the run chase and many well struck boundaries ensured a target that ensured an easy victory.

Cobwebs blown away from the off season and with the weather turning all the better the Piranhas are looking forward to more fixtures to come both around the county and on The Rec. This will also be interspersed with many fundraising activities for the pavilion project.

Anyone interested in joining our buoyant junior section please feel free to come and try a training session on Sundays at 10.30 on The Rec

#### **NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

As many of you are aware, on May 7th a new Parish Council was elected for Pett. As there were only seven nominations received it was returned without contest. Two existing Parish Councillors sought re-election and there are five new councillors. At the meeting on May 16th I was privileged to be elected chair and Mike Wilkins vice chair. Pett is fortunate in having people



willing to stand for the Parish council as many parishes struggle to find enough people to serve on this essential part of community life, so I would like to welcome our new councillors and thank them for standing for office.

For those of you who don't know me allow me to introduce myself. I have lived in the village since 1977, firstly down at Pett Level and now at the top of Chick Hill. We brought up our three children here although, as is often the case, they no longer live in the village. I retired from teaching five years ago and have been a parish councillor for four years. I was also a founder member of the Allotment Association Committee and still have a plot.

There are several ongoing issues that we need to address such as the pavilion, the future of the village website and the recreation ground so we are busy getting to grips with these tasks with the able assistance of our Parish Clerk, Sarah Willoughby, and other interested parties.

The new Parish Council is very keen to engage with the residents of Pett and Pett Level and improve communications with you. We would welcome your input on local issues so please feel free to contact any of us or come along to the meetings (third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall) and have your say in public time. There is a list of Parish Councillors and their contact details together with those of the Clerk at the back of this magazine.

There are two initiatives that we are carrying on from the last council. The first concerns the recreation ground. A team of volunteers, three councillors and a public spirited resident have set up a new weekly rota to keep the recreation ground tidy, empty the litter bins and check on the play park – and by doing so save the Community money. I did my first stint the other day and I would just like to say that whilst we really appreciate local dog walkers' efforts to pick up after their dogs PLEASE PLEASE put your plastic bags in the proper dog waste receptacle by the main gate, NOT in the other bins. We pay Rother to empty this bin to ensure the waste is properly disposed of. The litter from the other bins is disposed of with black bin rubbish so should probably not contain dog waste.

The other initiative is Speed Watch. A few months ago Pett joined with Guestling and Fairlight to purchase a device for monitoring speed in our area. We have to work with the police in choosing suitable sites and follow strict rules when carrying out a Speed Watch check. The device has been deployed four times in our villages recording quite a few vehicles (19 in one 90 minute session on the Pett Level Rd) travelling well over the speed limit, some in excess of 50 mph. The information we record is passed to the police who then decide how to proceed. Speed Watch groups have no access to any data identifying drivers or any powers to take action other than recording.

If you would like to know more about Speed Watch please contact me – we need more volunteers. Likewise if you would like to help out with the recreation ground maintenance please let me or Sarah know.

Judith Dean Chair, Pett Parish Council

#### CHRISTIAN AID IN PETT May 9th - 15th

I would to give a huge 'Thank You' to the people who supported Christian Aid Week, whether as collectors or contributors.



We raised £1,035.00 (including gift aid) from the coffee morning held at John and Ray Taylor's home, the church collection and the generous donations given to our collectors.

This will help to improve the lives of women in Ethiopia - £150 buys a cow which will provide milk and butter and create the opportunity for the start of a small profit making business. Everyone deserves the opportunity to provide food for their families so your gifts can make a real difference.

Thank you once again. Gill Plank

#### PETT CHURCH NEWS - Meriel Deasy, Fairlight

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thank you to all 'the gang' who turned up on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to tidy, hoover and clean the church in preparation for Dan and Samantha's wedding. Thanks are also due to those who cut the grass on the bank outside the church and weeded the paths.

#### **CHEESE AND WINE**

Thank you to everyone who helped with or supported this event on 18<sup>th</sup> June. It was good and helpful to be able to discuss the future of the church in Pett. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am led by Kay Burnett and there will be an outside speaker to reflect on the future of the church as a follow up to the Cheese and Wine party.

# SEA SUNDAY on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am at Pett Level

For some years we have been sharing this service with the Methodists on the beach by the Rescue Boat House. It is a great place to hold an outdoor service. This year we will not only be sharing it with the Methodists, but the Fairlight congregation and the children of the Uniformed Organisations will also be joining us.

As always, the collection will be donated to The Missions to Seafarers – a world-wide organization supporting and helping seafarers who are often away from home for many months at a time.

Please come along – and bring a chair. Pett Level does not provide deck chairs!

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

20<sup>th</sup> June Wedding Dan Bogdan Maenschi Samantha Wells

#### A PRAYER FOR PETT

Almighty God, bless all who work in shipping, those who build, own, manage and operate ships. Grant to all who work at sea the blessings of safe ships and just rewards for all their labour and separation from those they love.

Pray also for our Rescue Boat and its crew, for our Coastguards and all our emergency services.

We give thanks for all that they do.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY				
5 <sup>th</sup> July Guest Spea	<b>9.30am</b> aker	Holy Communion	Kay Burnett / Meriel Deasy /	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Sea Sunday at Pett Le	vel Meriel & the Methodists	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	8am	Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion, Pett Level Richard Barron		
26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion	Richard Barron	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kay Burnett / Meriel Deasy	

If you are not a regular churchgoer, do think of coming to one or more of these services. Pett Church is not a club where everyone knows each other. It is a friendly group of people who worship and pray and sing in church on a Sunday. If this is not your cup of tea it would be good if you could come along one Sunday and tell us why it isn't.

### CIVIC CELEBRATION SERVICE held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

To those who were unable to come to the Celebration Service at Pett Church on 7th June, I wanted to report that tribute was paid to all who run all our village clubs and societies and to our Member of Parliament and Parish Councillors and District Councillors and all who do so much for others. And thank you to those who took part in the service and to Revd. Kay Burnett who led the service.

The Tower Poppy generously given by Tony Turner was blessed and Tony told us something of his family and his uncle Henry Beeching who was killed 100 years ago. At this point, I need to apologize most sincerely for getting Tony's name wrong in last month's magazine. Tony very graciously said he did not mind at all!

Angela Hawksley, Churchwarden

#### OTHER EVENTS

#### **Hot Potato night**

Saturday 4th July from 6.30 pm at St Peter's Centre, Broadway, Fairlight Cove.

A social event for church and community.

There will be food - Hot potatoes with a variety of fillings plus drinks & dessert for a donation of £2.

During the evening you can put any 'hot' questions about God, the church and faith to a panel of people, who will do their best to give an answer.

All welcome.

#### **Christenings and baptisms**

There are two Christian initiation services available and summer is a popular time for these events to take place. Both services are free.

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child is an ancient tradition and a family occasion in which we ask for God's blessing and protection upon your child. Mary and Joseph gave thanks to God for Jesus when he was 8 days old.

Services of Thanksgiving can be arranged quickly and easily.

Baptism is about welcoming your child into the life and family of the church. This often takes more time and requires more commitment. But if you, or someone you know, would like a christening or baptism this is a good time to contact Richard, the Rector, and ask for a meeting to discuss the options.

#### A visit from the church

This summer you may have a visit from a friendly face. Volunteers from the church are planning to visit as many people as possible in order to chat briefly about your faith and what expectations you may have of the church. We will also be happy to receive your prayer requests.

You should receive a letter prior to our visit, on which you will find a phone number and email so you can contact us if you do not want us to call.

All of our callers will wear an identity badge and they will not take much of your time, or need to enter your home.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Fairlight Tower**

If you have never visited Fairlight church tower take the opportunity to do so this summer. It is the highest point on the Sussex coast and has beautiful views on a nice day. It is open each weekend 2 – 5pm, also Bank holiday Monday and Fridays in August, except in bad weather. Cost is a donation of £2 for adults, children are free but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### FROM THE RECTOR - Richard Baron

#### **Deceptive currents**

In his book 'The Hidden Brain' science writer Shankar Vendantam describes the day he went for a leisurely swim. The water was calm and



clear and he felt strong and proud for covering a long distance easily. He decided to swim out of the bay and into open water. But when he tried to return he couldn't make any progress, he had been deceived. The ease of swimming had not been due to his strength but to the strong undercurrents.

In our own walk of faith something similar can easily happen, especially when there is a strong undercurrent of opinion in our society that says we do not need God. 'Going with the flow' can lead us into a false sense of security, in which we think we are stronger than we really are. When life is easy, our minds tell us that it is due to our own strength. We can become proud and self-confident. But when trouble hits, we realise how little strength we have and how helpless we are. Some recognise their predicament and return to God for help and strength. But such a response requires courage, wisdom and humility, which for some is too big a step to make. Many blame God for their situation and resist His help.

When life is going well it is important to be aware of self-deception. Pride will take us where we do not want to go and prevent us from returning to God. Only humility will keep us where we ought to be, which is grateful to God and dependent on His strength.

#### Richard Barron

(acknowledgements to Julie Ackerman Link Our Daily Bread 2015 for the original article)

#### **PARISH NOTICE BOARD & DIARY**

#### PETT VILLAGE HALL 500 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations
1st prize goes to Rod Rolfe
2nd prize of goes to Val Goodsell

#### **JEMPSONS BUS**

'Hail & Ride' to the Superstore. Every Friday calling at Allards 9:15 and progressing to the top of Chick Hill by 9:20 - departs Jempson's at 11:30. The bus will stop when hailed if it is safe to do so. Nominal charge of £1 return.



#### **BUS SERVICES**

See page 53 for 344 and 347 services See page 52 for 101 service

THE POST OFFICE is now open on **Monday** and **Thursday** from **12.00 to 3.00 pm** in the Pett Methodist Chapel.

#### **PARISH DIARY**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		Where			
Mon	6.30pm	Pilates	VH	Whilst every effort is made	
Mon	7.30pm	Village Choir	MC	to ensure this is up to date	
Mon	9.30am	Flowerpots Playgroup	VH	we are not always told of	
Tue	10.30am	POPP	VH	changes – you should	
Tue	7.00pm	Pole Dancing	VH	check with event	
Wed	10.00am	Badminton	VH	organisers for specific	
Wed	6.00pm	Zumba	VH	times and dates.	
Thu	9.15am	Dance & Exercise Classes	VH		
Fri	10.00	Badminton	VH		
Fri	2.00pm	Latin American & Ballroom	VH		
		Dancing			
MONTHLY & BI-MONTHLY ACTIVITIES		Where	Date this month		
Mon	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee	VH	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Tue	7.30pm	Pett Parish Council	VH	21 <sup>st</sup>	
Wed	11.00am	Rambling Club	NBC	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Tue	12:05 –	Mobile Library	Church	7 <sup>th</sup> ; 28 <sup>th</sup>	
	12:35				
Tue	7.30pm	Gardening Club	VH	14 <sup>th</sup> Pett Gardens Visits	
Wed	10.00am	Village Coffee Morning	VH	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Thu	7.00pm	Flicks	VH	<sup>2nd</sup> 'Testament of Youth'	
Fri	12.30pm	Pett Women's Institute	VH	17 <sup>th</sup> History of Pett Level	
Sun	3pm	Vibele – laughter class	VH	5 <sup>th</sup>	

VH Village Hall; NBC New Beach Club, MC Methodist Chapel



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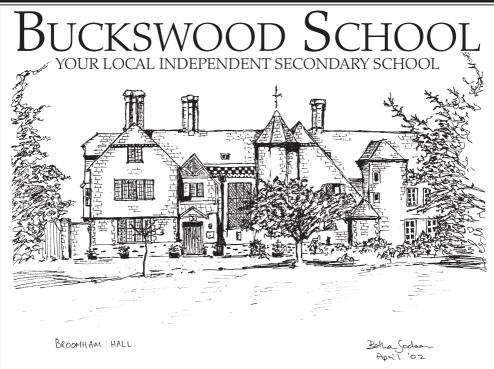
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West Hill, Whitefriars Road, adj	09:20	11:20	13:20					~	
Blacklands, Mount Pleasant Road, N-bound				15:20	15:20	17:45		13:20	17
Ore, Graystone Lane, adj	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	15:25	17:50		13:25	17
Ore, King's Head, o/s	09:27	11:27	13:27	15:27	15:27	17:52		13:27	17
Guestling Green, White Hart, adj	09:31	11:31	13:31	15:31	15:31	17:56		_13:31	17
Guestling Bradshaw School, o/s					15:34				
Pett, Elms Lane, opp	09:36	11:36	13:36	15:36	15:42	18:01		13:36	18
Pett, Pett Road, NW-bound	09:39	11:39	13:39	15:39	15:45	18:04		13:39	18
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#### SOME VERY USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers
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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):

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

Hospitals & Local Surgeries

NHS Direct	0845 4647 (or 111)
Conquest Hospital	01424 755255
Eastbourne Hospital	01323 417400
Harold Road Surgery:	
Enquiries	01424 720878
Surgery appointments	01424 437962
Village hall appointments	01424 728872
Guestling Surgery, Chapel Lane	01424 814332
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Rother District Council:

Customer Services Contact Centre (for all services)	01424 787000
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East Sussex County Council	

Switchboard 0345 6080190

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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
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