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Dear Readers



This month we mark the very sad passing of Denise Jordan, whose many services to Pett included being a former editor of the Parish News. We have included tributes to her.

We must apologise for some gremlins that crept into last month's edition, which meant that Heather Godwin's piece on the Car Treasure Hunt and the by-line to John Taylor's 'Do You Know' column were omitted in error. Our only excuse is that we had a lot of very late copy, which meant we had to re-jig the pages in a hurry in order to meet the printer's deadline – that also resulted in more blank spaces than usual. A heart-felt plea from the editorial team for items to be submitted as soon as possible please, preferably not right at the midday deadline on 15th!

Cllr Chris Saint has contributed a timely item on the Marsham Speed Watch which I am sure we all support – it would also be helpful if people did not park on the pavement and block the vision which makes getting out of the drive even more tricky, not to mention the inconvenience to pedestrians.

Finally, Phil at the Butchers has asked me to remind readers that he now stocks postage stamps, which might save a few unnecessary trips to local post offices on days when the Pett Post Office is not open.

Best Wishes,
Tim

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DENISE LESLEY JORDAN 1950-2015



Denise was born in Chelmsford. She left school at 15 and started work at a local estate agents. In the early 1970's she went to work in London as a secretary for Centre File. She was renowned for her speed typing. She set herself up as a freelance legal secretary in the 1980's going on to employ two more secretaries.

By the 1990's she found her feet as an event's organiser for the rapidly growing technology industry for such companies as Acend Communications, Cache Flow and Blue Coat Systems. This role took her all over the world from her home in Woking still finding time to type manuscripts.

One of her notable achievements was to register with the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust. In 2000's she was matched with a child and underwent the operation. The transplant was successful saving the life of a young girl.

In 2004, Denise moved to No 5 Glebe Cottages in Pett. She soon became involved in village life making new friends. A regular at the Royal Oak quiz nights. She took on the editorship of Pett Parish News in May 2005 continuing until Oct 2009. At short notice in the autumn of 2006 she became Clerk to Pett Parish Council until she found a replacement in Bob Hodgeson. Along with this she ran a business typing documents and manuscripts. She also took on the job of Cook at the Five Villages Home in Icklesham.

More recently, she joined the Pett and District Horticultural Society Committee and loved to help organise the Flower Show entering the classes and winning many.

She rather unexpectedly found her calling in the management of the Featherdown Farm Glamping site at Lunsford Farm in 2009. She loved the job, her past experience and professionalism shone through to make the campers welcome and comfortable. Most notably in cooking superb meals personally delivering to the tents, the roast lamb suppers cooked in the bread oven on site, the homemade cakes and jams in the honest shop. Denise's energy, cheerful and positive outlook on life are an inspiration to us all.

Her well attended funeral on Monday 12th October at Charing, Kent was testament to her life. The "wonder" that was Denise.

The Wonder of You by Elvis was her favourite song.

Andrew Dunlop

I was really saddened to hear of the death of Denise Jordan last month. She was both a friend and my mentor.

When Denise was Editor of the Parish News, I became her Assistant Editor. They were the days when we had to produce each page of the news exactly, before it was run off on a photocopier at the then Hillcrest School – no room for errors! We would spend hours together getting it right and then just before publication spend hours on our knees with pages spread all over the floor trying to decide in which order they should go.

When I took over as Editor, Denise was always there on the end of the phone to answer my many calls on how I could do something on the computer. She was brilliant and could answer all my questions without even looking! Her computer skills were a life saver for me and I learned more from her then than I ever have done since.

My deepest sympathy goes to her son and his family. Her loss to them and the various village activities she was involved in will be felt for a long time to come.

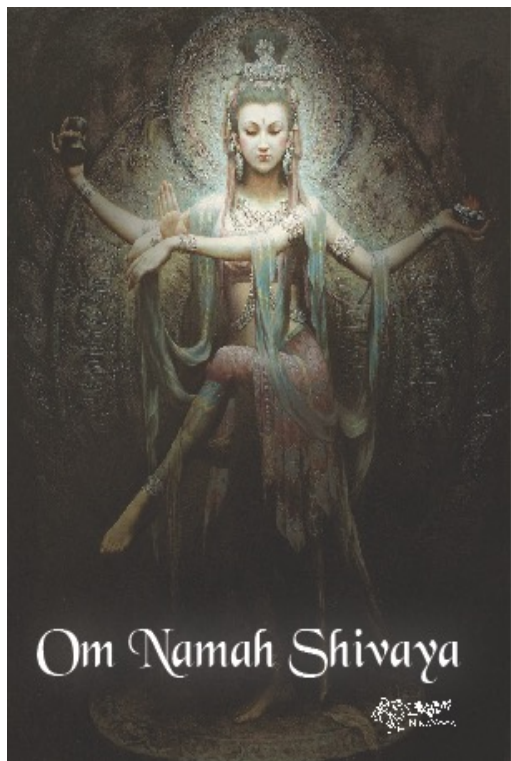
Jackie Richards

The Pett and District Horticultural Society were very sad to learn of the death of Denise Jordan from a stroke.

She joined our committee earlier this year taking on the role of Minutes Secretary; despite suffering from illness she was excellent at keeping us on track and noting the meetings efficiently. On the day of the show, Denise managed the arrival of entries at the marquee and the judging. She entered over 20 of the classes winning the Pam Dunlop cup for most points in the Home Produce section.

We shall miss her greatly in 2016.

Philippa Strickland



Yoga workshop ✦ Live music

Nina teams up for a second time for a morning of yoga with musicians Bhavana to create a flowing & lyrical work shop based on the dance of Shiva!

We'll be playing on the strength & fire of Shiva to build sequences that flow, twist, turn, bend & release. The aim being for you to become balanced, strong & centred through continual movement.

We will finish with a delicious wind-down bathed in a blissful sound bath.

Expect to feel stable, grounded yet embodied in your own dance with life

5th December 2015

10.30 - 1pm £20

Pett Village Hall, Pett Road, Pett,
Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4HD

To book contact Nina Yoga

07971 489 523 ninayoga@sky.com

Dear Editor,

Mary-Ann Allen

As part of my on-going genealogy research, I have been drawn to a MARY-ANN ALLEN, Pett – b1811, d1890. She is reportedly buried at St Mary & St Peter, but a recent (very soggy) visit failed to locate the site.

I believe Mary-Ann was for many years known under the surname HARMAN and lived in Hastings under same.

Can anyone from your Parish confirm this, or supply further details about Mary-Ann and her family? This would be very much appreciated.

***Susan Woodfine
6 Silverstone Court
St Leonards on Sea
TN37 6PB***

Dear Editor,

Pett War Memorial

I am writing a series of articles for the Parish Magazine regarding the men who are named on the Pett War Memorial. I noticed recently that at the foot of the Memorial in the churchyard there are a number of small wooden crosses. presumably placed at last year's Remembrance Day service. I note that one of them has a small photograph of a soldier attached to it, but no further details.



Someone must know who this soldier is, and if the article about him has not already been published, I would like to include the photograph when appropriate.

Secondly, on November 13th 1919 Miss Shadwell unveiled a memorial to 31 men of Pett and Fairlight who died in the Great War. This memorial was in the form of an oak panel, and was placed in the Iron Room in Pett Road. Does anyone know the present whereabouts of this memorial?

If anyone can shed light on the above please contact me on 01424 814078 or martin@tootrock.demon.co.uk

Martin King

Dear Editor,

Marsham Reedbed Project

The National Trust seriously overestimates the 'understanding' of the 'local population' with regard to the Marsham Reedbed Project. Many of us feel that we were not properly consulted or informed about the extent of the plans and the misery it would cause.

For weeks now those living adjacent to the site have had to put up with chainsaws, diggers and massive bonfires, with smoke getting into people's home, and affecting their health. The work starts at 8 am and goes on until dusk. We even had to suffer it on a Saturday from 8am onwards until many of us protested.

Although we were assured trees would not be cut down, affecting our privacy, the whole of Chick Hill has been opened up and there are great gaps in the trees edging the north side of the site. As a result we can now see and hear the traffic on the road, which is absolutely the last thing we wanted.

This whole project has been very badly handled and the residents have been treated appallingly. Most people round here are bird lovers, but do we really need another reedbed, and one so close to people's homes? There are bird reserves galore along this coast, including the extensive Pett Pools, but not one is sited in a peaceful residential area such as this.

The NT talks of birds, insects, reptiles and small mammals being attracted to the site. This is, presumably, to replace all those poor creatures that have been terrorised and driven out of their habitats by all the noise and the massive machinery being utilised in the creation of this new reedbed, which makes it all seem rather pointless and a waste of money.

Is the new reedbed likely to attract hordes of birders and, if so, where are they going to put their vehicles? Or has the NT conveniently forgotten to mention plans for a carpark, as they did the extent of the project and the amount of noise, desecration and disruption it would cause?

Yours sincerely,

A Pett Level peace lover

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This is a big 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored the coffee morning on 25 September in so many different ways:

- Givers of raffle prizes
- Donations in money and kind
- All the willing stall holders and helpers
- People who attended for coffee, cakes etc.

Altogether we raised the grand total of £761, so thank you everyone!

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.**
CANCER SUPPORT

Jo Johnson

BUSINESS FOR SALE

The present owner of a local business has asked me to advertise their business for sale in this magazine. They have decided to take this approach as they prefer to remain discreet, for commercial reasons, and they want to advertise locally as their business currently generates local employment and income which they would like to see continue.

The business is in the service sector. It has an existing strong client base, is highly respected and has the potential for significant growth and diversification. No technical qualifications or skills are needed. Any buyer will need to be able to run a business that requires good inter-personal skills with a range a people, including an ability to manage casual and part time staff. The business requires excellent organisational skills and an ability to work to deadlines whilst managing the unexpected. If none of that puts you off, the rewards (not just financial) are there to be taken. Transitional support would be offered as part of any sale.

If you are genuinely interested then please forward your details to myself at my email address below. I will treat your details with confidence and will forward them to the seller who will then contact you direct. Neither myself, nor the parish magazine, has any financial interest in this matter and we take no responsibility for any sale. We have simply agreed to act as a means of communication and we are interested in supporting a local enterprise.

Mike Wilkins
michaelkeithwilkins@gmail.com

ANNUAL HARVEST HOME – THANK YOU

Hi All

The Annual Harvest Home Auction at The New Beach Club was held on the 26th September. And as always had overwhelming support from the community of Pett, Pett Level and surrounding villages.

We, the organisers, would like to thank all those concerned for their continued support, from the donations and articles collected through the villages of Pett and Pett Level during the day, to the “merry” band of bidders and buyers that turned up on the night looking for a bargain. Without you all we would never have reached the incredible total of £2800, absolutely smashing last year’s record amount by six hundred pounds! The proceeds are split equally between Hastings RNLI and Rye Harbour RNLI and will be presented on Friday 23rd October to the Crews at The New Beach Club at 8:00pm.

So as we start organising next year’s auction, which will be on October 1st 2016 and the 65th year of this rather unique fund raising event, may I thank everyone once again for their continued support.

All the best.

Steve Harris

PETT LEVEL – THANK YOU

You may have noticed the continuing clearance of the blackthorn and brambles on the land at Pett Level owned by the Pett Level Preservation Trust. This will provide a better habitat for wildlife and easier access for us human beings.

Our major fund-raising event of 2015 took place at the end of August. It was a magnificent buffet lunch in the beautiful garden of Dower House hosted by Fran Rogers and David Breakell. Over 50 people attended and the entire proceeds of the ticket sale and the raffle and the DVDs of photographs of Pett Level which amounted to about £800 were paid over to the Trust. So we should all feel very grateful to Fran and David not only for a very enjoyable party but also for their generosity.

In these autumn days when the wind can be quite bitter and woolly hats are seen on the sea wall, it is warming to remember that lovely Pett Level late August day.

Angela Hawksley
Chairman, Pett Level Preservation Trust

AGE UK TEA DANCE

We are having a charity tea dance from 2 until 4pm on Wednesday 28th October at Pett Village Hall.



The price of a ticket is £6, which includes a cream tea and live entertainment by Steve Sinatra singing classic Rat pack songs.

We have a fabulous raffle with some fantastic prizes, one being 2 tickets to an evening performance of the 'Cinderella' pantomime at the White Rock theatre. Proceeds will go to Day Centres for the elderly in rural villages.

You can buy a ticket from the Pett Butchers or the Age UK Office on Robertson Street, Hastings. Come along to a fun event for young and old alike!

Val Thompson

FAIRLIGHT PLAYERS – 'THE VICAR OF DIBLEY'

From *Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th November* The Fairlight Players will be putting on '**The Vicar of Dibley**'!



A strong cast look forward to bringing those well-loved characters to life again for you. Usual raffle and reasonably priced bar every evening performance. Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee. Tickets are all £6 and available NOW from Fairlight Post Office or from the secretary, Carol Ardley on 01424 814178. Book early to avoid disappointment.

TO ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF PETT AND PETT LEVEL

(AND THE YOUNG AT HEART)

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON WHAT COULD MAKE
THIS A **BETTER**
OR MORE EXCITING
OR MORE INTERESTING PLACE
FOR YOU TO LIVE

PLEASE SEND US YOUR IDEAS

(please send them to clerkpettparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)



RYE OLD SCHOLARS RELIVE THE 1960s

On Saturday 3 October, over 160 old scholars who had attended Rye Grammar, Rye Secondary Modern and Thomas Peacocke Schools in the 1960s gathered at Rye College for a reunion. The event was organised by the Rye Old Scholars Association (ROSA). Pett and the surrounding villages, as well as of course Rye itself, were well-represented. People came from far and wide, one or two as far as Australia.



It was quite an emotional affair, as friends were reunited after some 50 years. At times the sound of reminiscing and laughter overpowered the 60s music that played in the background. The stick-on name tags were essential as time had not been kind to a number of us (including me!) and it was not always easy immediately to recognise long-lost classmates. The general consensus was that it had been a great success and that another one should be held before too long – given how the years are marching on! The plan is to hold another 60s reunion in 2018. It was also financially rewarding for ROSA, raising some £1400 for its funds, allowing it to put on similar events in the future and support activities at the school.

Watch out for adverts in the local press, the Parish News and elsewhere for forthcoming ROSA activities. If you'd like to join ROSA, or learn more about it, do contact either the Chairman, Richard Moore, r.fm@btopenworld.com, whose enthusiasm and hard work is largely responsible for ROSA continuing to exist, or me timrothwell9@gmail.com



HALLOWEEN BONFIRE At PETT VILLAGE HALL

6.30pm Sunday 25th October

Bring your little horrors along and have a
SPOOKY evening at the **HALLOWEEN
BONFIRE**. Enjoy **Fun & Games**.
Everyone in Fancy Dress will receive a gift
and that includes you mum & dad!
Enjoy the best **BBQ** ever.
Free Entry - See you there



Free Entry to The Halloween Bonfire at Pett Village Hall on **Sunday 25th October** run by the PVH Halloween Committee for the village community.

We have an amazing barbeque with **"Howling Hot Dogs"** and **"Wicked Burgers"**.
Every child in fancy dress will receive a gift so come along to enjoy a Spooky evening with a roaring Bonfire (but no fireworks). There will be games to play and prizes to be won. **We must insist that YOU supervise your children at all times**. Fair or foul it will promise to be a great evening so come and have fun.

SPEEDING VEHICLES IN RURAL VILLAGES

A few years ago I witnessed first hand, a "near-miss" traffic incident at the junction of Watermill Lane and Pett Road, which could have resulted in two children who were waiting for the school bus, being seriously injured by a speeding car. Fortunately no harm was caused at the time but as a result of this experience, I have always been sensitive to the issue of speeding traffic through our villages.



It was for this reason I was particularly pleased to be able to join the Marsham Speedwatch team the other day and witness them monitoring and reporting speeding vehicles along Pett Level Road, just where visitors including children regularly cross the road to enjoy the beach. During the one hour session, 15 of the 40 vehicles passing through the Parish were reported to the Police for exceeding the 30mph speed limit, with the highest recording 49 mph. It was noticeable that as the time progressed, drivers heading east were being signalled to slow down by other drivers heading west, which in itself had the desired effect of reducing the overall speeding risk for all road users.

All of us I am sure can recount times when we have observed inconsiderate driving and wondered what can be done to help deter fast moving traffic through our villages. Well, why not offer a few hours a month and join the current band of 23 volunteers, who are trying to curb some of the more extreme traffic behaviour? Times of the monitoring sessions are variable and can easily be tailored to fit in with your normal domestic life. You will be trained to use the equipment and able to swap sessions with other team members in adjacent parishes, if so required. And finally and contrary to folklore, you will be appreciated by the vast proportion of the community and often thanked by drivers and passer-byes alike.

If you care to learn more about this joint Police, Rother District Council and Parish Council initiative, please feel free to contact me via my website, email etc, or the local speedwatch coordinator Graham. (graham.macpherson@btopenworld.com)

Cllr. Chris Saint. (Marsham Ward)

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TRACEY BROWN LAUNCHES CALENDAR IN AID OF ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Hot off the press! The 2016 St Michael's Hospice calendars have been delivered and are available in all their Hospice Shops and from the Hospice's temporary reception area (at the Arthur Easton Centre, within the Hospice car park). The Hospice are absolutely delighted local artist and loyal Hospice supporter Tracey Brown has created a truly brilliant, bright and quirky calendar in aid of the Hospice.

Much of Tracey's inspiration comes from Hastings Old Town. Painting has taught Tracey to look at the world around her in a completely different way and her pen, ink and watercolours reflect her sense of humour. Tracey feels very fortunate to have had lessons from the late Bob Erends who she fondly remembers every time she picks up a brush. RRP £6 (all profits to the Hospice).

Calenders can also be bought by visiting the Hospice's eBay page at www.stores.ebay.co.uk/st-michaels-hospice-charity-shop

LIGHTS OF LOVE.

St Michael's Hospice are busy planning their annual Lights of Love services, which take place on Sunday 6th December, across nine venues throughout Hastings and Rother (Battle, Bexhill, Hastings Crematorium, Hastings Old Town, Ninfield, Rye, Ticehurst, St Leonards on Sea and Winchelsea).

Lights of Love is a wonderful way to remember a loved one during the festive season, as it offers the opportunity to dedicate a personalised heart or star on one of their beautiful Christmas trees. If you would like to receive the 2015 Lights of Love pack please contact fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com or calling Perdita on 07766 763134..

ON THE BEACH AT PETT LEVEL



Hello all,

The Annual Harvest Home Auction was held on the 26th September. This year, the 64th auction, was bigger and better than ever! The Club was packed and, as usual, the support from our members was overwhelming.

We raised an incredible £2,800, absolutely smashing last year's record amount by six hundred pounds! The proceeds were split equally between Hastings and Rye Harbour RNLI and presented to the crews on 23rd October.

At the end of September Sarah stepped down from her role at the Club. Sarah has been a core part of regenerating the Club over the past 21 months and will be sorely missed. I hope you will join me in wishing her well in her future endeavours and I'm sure she will still be around for a drink or two at the Club!

During October we had live music with the superb "Back in Time" band and still to come is "Bad Whiskey" on Sunday 25th, 4pm. We also hosted our first ever "Bake Off", which saw the Club filled with a range of delectable treats. The cakes were judged at lunchtime and then sold during our afternoon tea party. We eagerly look forward to the next one!

Still to come in October: Halloween fancy dress party Saturday 31st. Food served until 8pm with a devilish special, and then spooky vinyl night afterwards. You are, as always, welcome to bring your own records along to play.

The Rustic Kitchen is now open and settled in at the Club, come and see Sue and Maxine and their tantalizing new menu. As well as daily specials, roast dinners are available every Sunday and Fridays are "Fish and Chips Fryday"! Special Offers include O.A.P. two course lunch Weds- Fri, 12-2:20pm, and Early Bird Weds-Thu, 5:30-6:30pm.

The Rustic Kitchen opening times:
Wed-Fri: 12-2:30pm, 5:30-7:30pm
Sat: 12-8pm
Sun: 12-4pm

The Committee has reluctantly taken the decision to amend the Club's opening hours. The Club is now closed on Monday lunchtimes and all day Tuesday for the duration of the Winter. The Club will be opening at 7pm on Monday evenings. Wednesday and Thursday lunch will remain the same but the Club will be Open from 5:30pm in the evenings to support the new kitchen. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will remain the same.

Coming up in November:

- **Remembrance Sunday 8th**: Jess Roberts 2pm
- **Sunday 22nd**: Rockin' Ambassadors 4pm
- **Saturday 28th**: Christmas Fair 12-4pm

Our regular event dates for November:

- **Quiz Night** every Monday 8.30pm Start
- **Ramble** Wednesday 11th meet 11am Club car park
- **Free Pool** every Wednesday evening
- **Vinyl Night** Saturday 28th 9pm

The Acoustic Jam Night has been discontinued due to the new opening hours.

Christmas Raffle squares are now available to buy over the bar in the Club and cost £1 each. The draw will take place on the weekend before Christmas.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for all future events. As always, we look forward to seeing you all!

Robin

NEW BEACH SEA ANGLING CLUB - Pete Drew, Competition Secretary



Owing to bad weather the angling club have not been able to fish any competitions since August 16th. It seems that the wind likes blowing on Sundays. We have had quite a few boats going to sea when the weather permits and the anglers have been rewarded with some fine catches of codling, the largest so far being 8lb. 9oz. caught by Andy Goodsall.

Our last chance of having a competition will be on Sunday the 18th of October so let's hope the weather is kind to us.

The Christmas beach competition is the last event in our angling calendar so I will give the details nearer the event.

The anglers would also like to say good luck to Sarah, we are sure she will be a success at whatever she does in the future, we will miss her very much.

Tight lines everybody and stay safe.

PETT LEVEL RESCUE BOAT – Steve Hill, Chairman

It's been a routine month this past month which has meant that we could get up to date with our maintenance schedules.



We have also renewed our first aid training, all those who took part passed the course.

The association is now fully committed to fund raising to replace the main boat which we hope will happen next year. We always welcome visitors to the boat house, but a first for us a Red Squirrel!! It wasn't the D.Ts several of us saw it! And even a fuzzy picture was taken!

PETT VILLAGE HALL



CONGRATULATIONS TO OCTOBER'S WINNERS OF THE PVH 500 CLUB

1st prize Mary Windsor

2nd prize Judith Dean

PETT VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES 2016

After a review, taking into account the rates charged by other local and similar village halls, and careful consideration, Pett Village Hall Management Committee has decided to increase the hire rates for Pett Village Hall with effect from 1 January 2016.

The rates have not been increased for several years although running costs such as energy prices and cleaning charges have risen. In addition, last year there was a major expenditure in connection with the new hall floor.

Residents Vs Regular

When the hall first opened, in order to encourage regular use, the Regular User Rate was introduced. However, over the years this has meant that non-locals, who meet the minimum 6 bookings per year, have enjoyed a preferential rate. At the same time, Pett residents who contribute to the repayment of the Hall loan through their precept, are expected to pay the same rate for one-off bookings as people from Hastings and further afield.

Therefore there will now be a distinction between residents and non- residents and the new rates are set out below. Non- residents who use the hall on a regular basis (at least 10 times per year), such as those running classes, will still be able enjoy a discount of 25%.

	Main Hall	CH Room	Exclusive Use of Building		
			Weekend	Day	Evening
Non-Resident, non-regular	£16 per hour	£12 per hour	£550	£250	£150
Non-Resident, regular	£12 per hour	£9 per hour	£412.5	£187.5	£112
Residents (those living in Pett Parish)	£8 per hour	£6 per hour	£275	£125	£75

Weekend - Friday from 6pm, all day Saturday until 11.45pm, Sunday until 10am

Day - 8am - 6pm (or pro-rata per hour)

Evening - 6pm - 11.45pm(or pro-rata per hour)

Deposits – Standard deposit £50. Weddings or adult parties £200.

Heating Costs

These will now be incorporated into the hire costs, thus avoiding the unnecessary complexity of adding heating charges during the winter months.

PETT VILLAGE HALL CAR TREASURE HUNT

(Apologies for the late appearance of this article, which should have been included in October's Edition – Ed.)

Over 35 intrepid people (including six children) came along to join in the Pett Village Hall Car Treasure Hunt on an overcast Sunday morning on 13 September. They were all sent off with instructions, clues: some cryptic, some easy, some not, a map, pictures and plenty of encouragement from the organisers Heather Godwin and Rod Rolfe.

Then it started to rain. Undeterred the Treasure Seekers carried on, returning some 3 hours later, bedraggled and damp. They had driven to Pett Level, Winchelsea Beach and Winchelsea, collecting their treasure and answers, some correct and some not!

The Pett Village Hall Committee welcomed them all back with Carol Pecorini's extremely delicious Tuscan Bean Soup – for which the Treasure Seekers were very grateful - and bread rolls. The winners were the Fisher family from Westfield (Mum Fisher formerly lived in Pett.)

Despite the weather all agreed they had a great time and over £100 was raised for Village Hall funds. Look out for posters this time next year – it may happen again!

Heather Godwin

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that any excuse is better than none?

The following are actual excuses given by parents why their children were absent from school. None of them (I hasten to add) were made by parents of children attending our local schools.



1. George was absent yesterday because he had a stomach.
2. Ralph was absent yesterday because he had a sore trout.
3. My son is under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
4. Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had (diahre) (dyrea) (direathe) the trots. *[words in ()'s were crossed out]*
5. Dear School: Please 'ekscuse' John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
6. Please excuse Mary from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.
7. Betty was absent from school yesterday because she had a going over.
8. Please excuse Blanche from jim today. She is administrating.
9. Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
10. Henry was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hit in the growing part.

11. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.
12. Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.
13. Please excuse little Jimmy for not being in school yesterday. His father is gone and I could not get him ready because I was in bed with the doctor.
14. John has been absent because he had two teeth taken off his face.
15. My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
16. Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
17. Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
18. Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
19. Maryann was absent December 11 – 16, because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.
20. Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhoea and his boots leak.



Have you heard of any better ones?

John Taylor

PETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A wonderfully interesting talk by Kate Tym about her Grandfather and the German Resistance was heard at the October meeting. The change of meeting times was discussed - with Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm being proposed from January.



It is hoped that more women who work, either in or out of the home, will be able to join us for evening meetings. This will be discussed and voted on at the AGM on Friday November 20th at 2.30 in the Village Hall. More details will follow!

Heather Godwin



Please come along to the
COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 4th November

10.00am - 12.00noon

At Pett Village Hall

A hot drink and biscuits a £1.00

Yummy cakes a little extra to enjoy with your coffee

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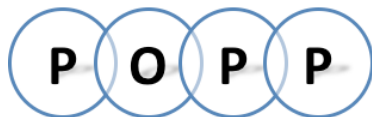
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SALLY WILLIAMS

PETT OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT

Meeting every Tuesday at 10.30 in Pett Village Hall

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POPP FUTURE CALENDAR

Tue 3 rd November	Annie Crier – Thai Chi
Tue 10 th November	Keith Osbourne – Music for Health
Tue 17 th November	Michael Hoad – Weald to Walland
Tue 24 th November	Village Choir from Pett & Fairlight
Tue 3 rd December	Annie Crier – Thai Chi
Tue 8 th December	Keith Osbourne – Music for Health

Head & Shoulder Massage - Antonello Bruce – Tue 15th December

Toe nail cutting service - Home visits or at POPP. Sheila 07774 5730

Manicure – Sheryl Tucker – Tue 3rd November

GARDENING CLUB

For our October meeting we went by coach to RHS Wisley in Surrey, to see the Autumn colours and we were not disappointed. For some of our members Wisley is a familiar and loved garden, for others, myself included, this was a first visit. I hope it will be the first of many as it is stunning!



The gardens cover over 200 acres of land given to the Royal Horticultural Society by a rich benefactor early in the 20th century, thus enabling the society to set up a more rural garden site in addition to their London head office. On our arrival we were met by our tour guides, friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who led us round some of their favourite areas, informing us as we went and giving us a very varied flavour of Wisley's many attractions. The gardens include woods, orchards, beautiful glasshouses, formal, wild, prairie and vegetable gardens, extensive herbaceous borders, rose gardens and even a bonsai walk! As many will know, the RHS exists to carry out extensive plant trials and to educate and train students for careers in horticulture and much of this takes place at Wisley. The quality of the training was very much in evidence as the gardens are beautifully tended with planting schemes obviously created by very talented experts. The tour completed we were all at liberty to wander around and examine more closely the planting, vistas and walks. Members commented that further visits, spring and summer in particular, would enable us all to see the gardens throughout the gardening year. In short a very successful and enjoyable day's outing!

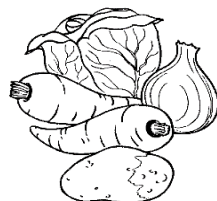
Next month we return to the Village Hall at 19:30 on Tuesday 10 November 2015 where the subject of the presentation will be the nation's favourite topic – The Weather. Our speaker will be Ian Currie from Frosted Earth, whom some of you may have heard on TV and Radio as he has featured on BBC stations across the Home Counties and the "One Show" amongst others. He has also written or co-authored many books, the majority of which revolve around the subject we all know and cherish - the weather. We look forward to hearing his presentation.

June Harris

FOLLOW THE PLOT

Pett Village Allotments Association

All spring and summer, we prune, chop, trim, tie back, deadhead like fury to keep the plot young and beautiful. Now at last it's OK to ease off: go to seed and enjoy it!



For a start, there are all the freebies to be had by collecting and swapping seeds with friends. That's how I came across the shoo-fly plant (*Nicandra physalodes*). A friend gave me some seedlings and explained that it is reputed to repel whitefly. I'll put this to the test next year by growing a couple of plants in the greenhouse where whitefly can be a real nuisance. An annual belonging to the potato family, the shoo-fly plant grows 'like a weed', my friend told me. Sure enough, the seedlings quickly blossomed into a handsome clump, three or four feet high, smothered in violet blue flowers with a white centre. It's a stunning sight but then the plant has another trump card

to play - beautiful seedheads. These papery Chinese lanterns are a vivid green and black, very poisonous-looking but not actually harmful. Inside each is a berry containing hundreds of seeds. The dried seedheads make great Christmas decorations and nicely ripened seeds to save for next year. 'You'll never get rid of it', I've been told. But why would anyone want to get rid of a plant that looks so exotic and yet is a doddle to grow in ordinary border soil outdoors?

While some plants look beautiful as flowering finishes, others are a delight to sniff as they run to seed. I'm thinking here of perennial herbs such as winter savory. It makes an upright, bushy plant about fifteen inches tall with small, spiky leaves. Excellent as an edging plant, it has white flowers tinged pale mauve, which set seed prolifically in drier, free-draining conditions. The leaves, which have a strong, peppery taste, can be dried and used to flavour meat, but I would grow it for the smell of its leaves alone. It's the sort of invigorating yet slightly musty smell that could clear a hangover headache, with undertones of pine disinfectant about it.

When I was doing some research for this article, I wasn't surprised to discover that the essential oils in savory and many other herbs-carvacrol and thymol- are used in the manufacture of detergents. I think I'll try growing more of these next year.

Now where did I put those seed catalogues?

Libby Rothwell

NATURE NOTES – Alan Kenworthy

You may have seen in last month's magazine, that a red squirrel was seen bounding along the sea wall at Pett Level. The immediate question that comes to mind is 'Are you sure?' Well, at least two people saw the squirrel, and one even went so far as to describe the white front, which only the red squirrel has. The front of a grey squirrel is pale but not as distinctively marked as the red. So assuming that both witnesses saw the same animal, then it is very unlikely that both mistook a reddish grey squirrel (which does happen) for a red squirrel, then we have to ask what it was doing there.



The nearest natural colony of red squirrels is probably on the Isle of Wight and even though red squirrels can swim, it is unlikely that they would manage to swim across the Solent, and then take on the 100 miles or so between there and Pett. One of the reasons that red squirrels are still living on the Isle of Wight is that the Solent provides a natural barrier against grey squirrels. There are of course nearer red squirrels in France, where they are much more common than here in the UK, but again it would have needed to have travelled here as a stowaway.

The obvious difference between the red and grey squirrels is in their colouring, but it is by no means clear cut. When red squirrels go through their pre-winter moult, they temporarily have a grey coat. They also lose the ear tufts that can normally be used to distinguish reds from greys. Also, continental red squirrels have a much greyer coat than the UK population. Add to this the fact that some grey squirrels have a reddish tinge to the fur on their back and legs. The only reliable colour difference is in the tail. The fur of a red squirrel's tail is always a single colour – grey or red, but the tail of a grey squirrel has three

different shades – a base of reddish brown surrounded by black hairs with a halo of white ends. Another way of telling greys from reds is size – red squirrels are quite a bit smaller than grey squirrels, but of course young greys could easily be the same size as a fully grown red. Despite these confusions there is little chance of mistaking one for the other in the UK in September if you get a good look.

Aside from physical differences, there are differences in their habits. Though both species eat the same diet of seeds and nuts – and also therefore compete for food, red squirrels live at much lower densities than greys – about 1 red per hectare compared to up to 10 greys per hectare. They manage this largely because greys can digest the tannins in acorns. Reds will eat a few acorns but they can't cope with many. One of the most interesting wildlife spectacles is to watch grey squirrels burying acorns. At this time of year they spend hours running back and forth from tree to stash, and even though they only bury one in each place, research has shown that they manage to remember where a high proportion of them were buried. The ones they don't remember or need also have a fair chance of producing a crop for future generations.

It is interesting to note that though red squirrel numbers have been declining since the 1880's when grey squirrels were introduced from North America, their numbers are currently rising. This is due in a large part to conservation efforts that reduce grey squirrel populations. This allows red squirrels to expand into their former territories. Grey squirrels not only out-compete the reds for food, but they carry a squirrel-pox virus which is deadly to reds, and has no impact on the greys. There are many projects in place to protect red squirrels – greys have been eradicated from Anglesey, are being excluded from the Isle of Wight, and are even being culled in Cornwall. Perhaps sadly though, it is not always being done for the best reasons – a population of red squirrels is a sure guarantee of an increase in tourism! And I can understand that – I've seen red squirrels in Scotland and at Formby in Lancashire, and they never fail to enchant. I only wish I'd seen the one at Pett Level and I hope that however it got here; it manages to find a safe place for the winter.

Pictures of red, and even black squirrels (I'm a bit short of squirrel pictures!) can be found in the on-line version of this column at www.petttnats2.blogspot.co.uk

PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY



Sue Dengate commenced her talk on Flowers on the stage by informing us that it was not possible to have real flowers as they would not last the duration of the play. Instead they use plastic or silk flowers which are much easier to keep looking their best. She also gave us some funny tales about animals on the stage, which included a lobster which, by the end of the production was becoming extremely smelly! Her talk was highly delightful and we look forward to her next appearance!

Our next meeting will be on **20th November** - Alan Kenworthy will bring along his amazing photos of his journey around Australia, and give us a talk on all the insects and birds he saw there.

All visitors (£3) and members are always very welcome.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



September was a busy month for the Parish Council and its Pavilion steering group, getting all the finance in place and everything ready for beginning the work on the pavilion in October. By the time you read this work will be well in progress, so a huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to get this project finally off the ground.

At the extraordinary meeting on 28th September the decision was taken to delay the proposed drainage works at the recreation ground until early next year, partly to concentrate on getting the pavilion project finished.

At the September parish council meeting we noted that there have been a series of thefts from village sheds and outbuildings and that that Sussex Police are consulting on rural policing issues in the light of budget cuts and the inevitable reduction in manpower. We will report back on any outcomes from these consultations.

The review of the Parish Plan continued and we decided that we need to review facilities for young people in the village, and consider ways of tackling speeding. If you have any ideas on either of these topics please let us know. We are especially keen to hear from young people with ideas about sports, play equipment or any other facilities they would like to see.

I recently attended a conference for Chairs of Parish Councils and one of the presentations was from the chair of a parish council in West Sussex where there is a very active volunteer group who attend to all sorts of village matters from litter picking to constructing footpaths. They have also been very successful in using community service personnel in some of their bigger projects such as painting fences and for the construction of play equipment and also raised beds which they use to deter verge parking. With the cuts in county and district councils' budgets in the last few years, and with more to come, I am sure we are all aware that local communities have found services reduced, and it may be that we have to look at taking on more responsibilities for the general maintenance and improvement of village facilities.

We already have three voluntary projects running (litter clearance and playground equipment monitoring, Speedwatch and the Pett Camino). More volunteers to help with these would be very welcome, and perhaps at some point in the not too distant future we may look at setting up a general volunteer group. Your thoughts on this, as always, would be appreciated.

If you would like to help with any of the existing voluntary activities please contact our clerk, Sarah Willoughby (litter clearance) me (Speedwatch) or Giles Perrin (Pett Camino) – contact details on Parish Council list at the back of the magazine.

Judith Dean – Chair of Pett Parish Council

PETT CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR (*Richard Barron*)



The Big Question.

In recent times there has been a lot of discussion about the decline of Christian values in England; whether England is still a Christian country and about the massacre of Christians as well as other minority groups in the Middle East. But the question I want to pose is this, "What is a Christian?"

When I was a teenager my mum told me I was a Christian because I had been born in a Christian country, had been baptised and believed in God. My first thought was, is that all it takes to be a Christian? It seemed rather passive and unfair to those who hadn't been born in a Christian country, hadn't been baptised and didn't believe in God. I'd also got the idea that a Christian needed to be good and I knew being good was hard and something I probably couldn't manage even if I wanted to. Furthermore at the time, I didn't believe in God and I certainly didn't believe that Christianity could add anything positive to my life. Maybe you feel or have felt the same.

So what is a Christian and is it worth it?

A Christian is someone in whom Jesus Christ lives. Someone who has been "born again." "Born again" means you have not only been born physically you've also been born spiritually. It means you are spiritually alive as well as physically alive. It is this spiritual life that enables people to know God and connect directly with Him.

How this spiritual life happens is different for everyone, but there are common factors. Each person had a desire to connect with God. Each person recognised their personal weakness, that they had no ability, power or merit of their own to reach God. Each person turned to Jesus and He removed the barrier that existed between them and God. So it is not what we do that enables us to be a Christian, it is what God does for us!

Is there a value in being a Christian today?

I speak for myself when I say I know I have peace with God. I know heaven exists and that when I die Jesus will take my hand and lead me there. I know there is a better world to come, a place that is perfect, that is Paradise and is permanent.

I know I am not perfect, but when I turn to God in humility I know He will always forgive.

I know God created me and has a purpose for my life and when I am close to Him I am more able to fulfil His purpose and in doing so I gain greater satisfaction in life.

I know I am loved, not just by those close to me, but by God, and I know His love never wavers or fails. And I know my life has been far more complete and fulfilling since God has been in it.

I also know my experience is mirrored by many others.

Others testify that their lives have been transformed by God, some from drugs or hopelessness to freedom and life: Some from hate, anger and resentment to joy and release: Some from emptiness and loneliness to fulfilment and wellbeing: Some will simply say that God has been their Rock, their strength and guide all through life and they are so grateful.

In this world many have lost their way in life, you may be one of them. Does your life lack purpose? Do you feel you have value? Does life often feel empty? Do you lack satisfaction? Do you feel something essential is missing at the very core of your life? Are you looking for something more? Jesus gives what this world cannot give. He fills the gap and gives value, purpose, joy, peace and Life in all its fullness. That's the value of being a Christian! Are you interested?

If you would like to know more about what it is to be a Christian, or if you sense that your Christian life needs refreshing contact me, or talk directly to God and ask for help, He'll hear you and you won't regret it.

Exploring the Christian Faith

A series of meetings allowing discussion on key issues such as

Does God exist?

Who is Jesus?

How can I know God?

Why is there so much suffering?

Coming soon on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Centre, Waites Lane, Fairlight.

Bring a friend.

For further information see the website www.fairlightandpett.com Or phone 01424 812799

A PRAYER FOR PETT (*Meriel Deasy, Reader*)

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

At this time of Remembrance, Lord, we recall those who have died in the service of their country, and we pray for the peace of the world.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation; give them understanding of your righteous will; that the tragedy and horror of war may be averted for our coming generations.

We pray for all those in our Parish who are currently serving with the armed forces, and for those who have family and friends also serving. Give them your strength that they may cope with their anxieties, and please watch over their loved ones. Pray also for the work of the Royal British Legion, the United Nations and all organisations striving for peace.

EVENTS AND NOTICES THIS MONTH (*Nan McCubbin & Meriel Deasy*)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Packs of Pett Church Christmas cards will be on sale at the Coffee Morning on November 4th in the Village Hall, after church services during November and December, and at the church Coffee Morning on December 12th. They come in packs of six, with three different designs, and cost £3. The proceeds will go to church funds.

PRAYER BOARD

There is a notice board in the church porch available to *anyone* who wishes to have a prayer said for someone (or something) during our church services. Pens and paper are available.

Shared Silence

The first silent prayer/meditation group held at St Nicholas Chapel on September 24th was well attended and enjoyed, so we will be making this a monthly event. The next one will be on Thursday, November 26th at 2:30, again in St Nicholas, Pett Level. Whilst this practice is rooted in Christian tradition, we are open to people of all faiths or none. Please join us.

Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones

This is a special service, led by Kay Burnett, to give us time and space to remember those we have loved and lost. We are incorporating All Saints Day with All Souls where members of the congregation may walk up to the front of the church to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has died. Pett Church, Sunday, November 1st at 9:30am.

Remembrance Day Service

This service will start at 10:30am (please note the later time) on Sunday, November 8th at Pett Church so that we can share the nationwide Act of Remembrance at 11am

REGISTERS

There is nothing from the register.

FROM OUR CHURCHWARDEN (*Angela Hawksley*)

BAH! HUMBUG!

For those who suffer from symptoms of Scroogitis every November there is a speedy remedy available: a visit to the Pett Church Christmas Fair on 12th December.

There you will find a warm Christmas atmosphere and the chance to spend a little money on delicious refreshments including delightful cakes and on useful presents as well as on beautiful items which bask in uselessness. And it's all in a good cause...church funds.

A friend of mine actually reads Dickens' A Christmas Carol in December every year to put herself in a Christmassy mood. A visit to the Christmas Fair will prove a much easier process.

£ MONEY

"The church is always asking for money."

"I don't know why! The Church of England is rolling in money."

"Well, if they're not, it's because they lost all that money on stupid investments."

"And think of all them bishops. They must cost a bob or two!"

"It's our right to have a vicar in each parish and we don't now, so what's the money for anyway?"

"And the building needs quite a bit spent on it. I wouldn't like the village to be without it."

"Nor would I. You can see the spire for miles around."

Comments such as these are not uncommon.

So, why do we in the parish of Pett have to pay money to the Diocese of Chichester? Pett is one of 365 parishes in the area called the Chichester Diocese. The Diocese pays salaries to full time clergy and bishops and pensions for retired clergy as well as training for clergy and lay people. The Diocese also pays insurance for all the churches and owns the houses where the clergy live. The Diocesan office is in Hove. In the interests of economy there has been a huge reduction in the number of staff but there is still administration to pay for. All these costs are divided up between the parishes.

The amount that Pett and Fairlight together cost the Diocese in 2015 is £68,136. Pett's share is usually considered to be a third of the total but there is an argument that it should be a quarter. For a very long time Pett has been paying a contribution each year which is far, far less than its actual costs. The difference is made up from Diocesan funds. Over the last few years we have been gradually increasing our contribution each year and in 2016 we hope it will be £8500.

Why does it matter if we continue not to pay our full share of the costs? The risk is by no means immediate but in the future our church may close. Certainly, the Diocese will be unwilling to provide us with a clergyman.

As well as this we have to maintain the buildings (Pett Church and St. Nicholas, Pett Level) as best we can. All sorts of repairs have been carried out in the last couple of years.

We do not intend to be always asking for money. What we really want is for everyone in these villages to know about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. But you can see why fund-raising is fairly high on the Agenda!

...and last but not least...

ST NICHOLAS (*Fran Rogers*)

If you have been for a walk along Pett Level in recent weeks you may have noticed work being done on St Nicholas Chapel of Ease (to give it its full title), between the Pett Level Rescue Boat and the Smugglers (did you know it was there?) The woodwork on one side of the porch needed replacing, the guttering and grilles needed derusting and the rest of the exterior of the building has had some TLC with paint and stain. The cost has been covered by a contribution of £500 by Pett Parish church funds plus **a lot** of volunteer time.

Not everyone goes to church, but the building is worth cherishing for its history (both as a place of worship and in its earlier life as the Rocket House for HM Coastguard, which some older readers may remember) and for its potential as a resource for the community. Our intention is to open the church each day in summer and on the weekend in winter. We also have plans for the future, including the refurbishment of the interior wall paneling and chairs. We would like to create a small exhibition space inside showing historic photographs and other memorabilia of the church, the Rocket House and Pett Level in general. Please let me know if you have any old photographs or other small items, which might be of wider interest. In the meantime, if you are on Facebook, you can "Like" St Nicholas to keep up with our progress.

We also hope that with the time and money that is being put into it, St Nicholas will be an attractive venue for events such as wedding blessings, Christenings or alternatively, child thanksgiving services, given its location and the intimate space.

One specific project we have in mind is the commissioning, from a local artist, of a large cross for the front of the church. We hope to do this by attracting donations from residents and other visitors. This is a large task. Hopefully, by the time you read this, homes in Pett Level will have received a leaflet through their doors asking for help in several ways. I do hope as many as possible of you will respond. If you would like to make a donation, or could help in other ways, (for example, giving some of your time towards the interior refurbishment) please contact Fran Rogers on 01424 812964. Thank you.

PETT LEVEL PRESERVATION TRUST

During late summer two very successful Trust events, our second Photographic Competition, organised by Zana Duthie, and the Summer Lunch at the Dower House, Cliff End raised a total of about £850, most of which will be used to fund management work on our land.

Fran Rogers, of the Dower House, has compiled CDs of fascinating images of Pett Level from old post-cards onto CDs, which she is selling for £5 each. They would make great Christmas presents.

You can keep up with Trust news by looking at our Facebook page.

At the time of writing in mid-October thousands of small birds are migrating along this part of the coast, heading eventually for S Europe, N Africa and some, like Swallows, even further. Many hundreds of these pass through the Trust land each morning as they follow the canal.

Some drop down to feed on seed heads of plants which have sprung up as a result of blackthorn clearance, especially Goldfinches, which feed on seeds of thistles and Lesser Redpolls, which devour those of willow-herb. Siskins from northern forests pause to extract seeds from the cones of alders around the pond. There are others which don't stop, like Linnets, Crossbills, Pied & Grey Wagtails as well as Swallows & House Martins. Chiffchaffs & Blackcaps, which migrate at night, feed on fruit and insects in the bushes along with many Goldcrests, while continental Blackbirds & Song Thrushes, also arrived in the dark, search for berries. Scarcer birds, Ring Ouzel & Woodlark, have been seen recently while brightly coloured resident species such as Bullfinches & Kingfishers can be seen most days.

We hope to embark on a further round of large-scale management this autumn, during which a section of scrub will be cleared more or less opposite the Old Coastguards and another reduced between Tawny Pipit & Glenview. Once this is completed, it should be much easier to control subsequent regeneration by mowing. We hope to mow a few areas we've cleared in recent winters to discourage coarser regrowth while other parts will be left to develop for a few years.

Volunteers, meanwhile, will continue to open up the path and reedbed north of Thalassa as well as removing some sprawling willows from the pond and tidying up after mowing. Future dates for work parties this autumn are Nov 29th & Dec 13th, starting at 10am.

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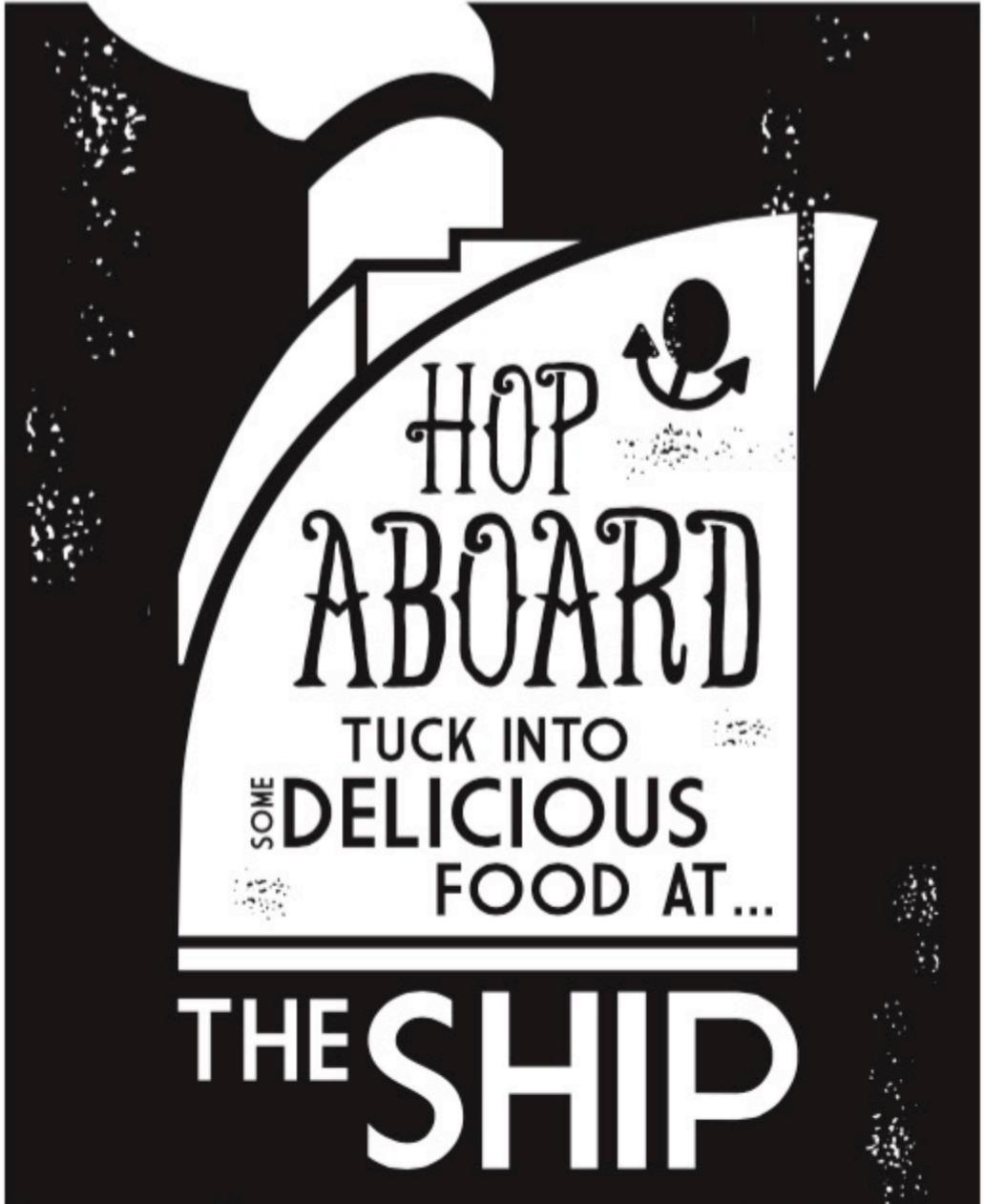
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3	Tu	0324	2.9	1554	2.5						
4	We	0422	2.5	1657	2.1						
5	Th	0527	2.2	1816	2.0						
6	Fr	0648	2.5	1945	2.2						
7	Sa	0800	2.6	2040	2.6						
8	Su	0852	3.0	2121	3.0						
9	Mo	0933	3.2	2155	3.2						
10	Tu	1007	3.4	2226	3.4						
11	We	1039	3.5	2258	3.5						
12	Th	1110	3.5	2327	3.6						
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22	Su	0725	3.0	2003	3.1						
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24	Tu	0916	3.7	2147	3.7						
25	We	1006	4.0	2234	4.0						
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Guestling Green, White Hart, opp	08:34	08:34	09:50	11:50	13:50	15:50	15:55	08:34	13:50
Ore, King's Head, opp	08:38	08:38	09:54	11:54	13:54	15:54	15:59	08:38	13:54
Ore, Post Office, opp	08:40	08:40	09:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	08:40 13:56		
Fairlight, Coastguard Lane, opp							16:03		
Fairlight Cove, Fairlight Cove Hotel, S-bound							16:09		
Pett Level, Canal Bank, adj							16:15		
Blacklands, Mount Pleasant Road, S-bound	08:45	08:45					08:45 14:01		
West Hill, Whitefriars Road, opp				10:01	12:01	14:01	16:01		
Hastings Town Centre, Harold Place, Stop P	08:49	08:49	10:06	12:06	14:06	16:06	08:49 14:06		
Hastings Town Centre, Railway Station	08:51	08:51	10:08	12:08	14:08	16:08	08:51 14:08		

BUS TIMETABLE 101

101 Lydd Camp - Conquest Hospital

Monday to Saturday (except Public Holidays)

All journeys from Lydd start at Dover/Folkestone as part of 'The Wave'

	Days of Operation						Schedule of Operations per Week														
	NS	SH	SD	TH	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Lydd Camp	-	-	-	-	-	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	-	15:38	16:38	17:43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camber Sands Holiday Park	-	-	-	-	-	09:48	10:48	11:48	12:48	13:48	14:48	-	15:48	16:48	17:52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rye Rail Station Stand A	-	-	-	-	-	10:09	11:09	12:09	13:09	14:09	15:09	-	16:09	17:09	18:13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rye Rail Station Stand A	07:03	08:03	07:53	08:33	09:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	-	15:34	16:14	17:14	18:14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:14	08:14	08:04	08:44	09:25	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	-	15:45	16:25	17:25	18:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pett Level	07:18	08:18	08:08	08:48	09:29	10:29	11:29	12:29	13:29	14:29	-	15:49	16:29	17:29	18:29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairlight Cove Hotel	07:24	08:24	08:14	08:54	09:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	-	15:55	16:35	17:35	18:35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairlight Glen	07:30	08:30	08:20	09:00	09:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:41	-	16:01	16:41	17:41	18:41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ore Co Op	07:33	08:33	-	09:03	09:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	-	16:04	16:44	17:44	18:44	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guestling Green School	-	-	08:30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ore opp Post Office	-	-	08:38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastings Railway Stn Stop C	07:43	08:44	08:52	09:14	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	-	16:15	16:55	17:55	18:55	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastings Railway Stn Stop C	-	-	-	09:17	09:57	10:57	11:57	12:57	13:57	14:57	-	16:17	16:57	17:57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bohemia Road Fire Station	-	-	-	09:22	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	-	16:22	17:02	18:02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silverhill Filling Station	-	-	-	09:26	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	-	16:26	17:06	18:06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silverhill Filling Station	-	-	-	-	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	-	-	17:08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sedlescombe Road North Sainsbury's	-	-	-	-	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	-	-	17:13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conquest Hospital Grounds	-	-	-	-	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	-	-	17:20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conquest Hospital Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22	14:22	-	-	-	-	17:22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sedlescombe Road North Sainsbury's	-	-	-	-	-	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	-	-	-	-	17:28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silverhill London Road depart	-	-	-	-	09:34	10:34	11:34	12:34	13:34	14:34	15:44	16:39	17:34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bohemia Road Fire Station	-	-	-	-	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:48	16:43	17:38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastings Railway Stn Stop F	-	-	-	-	09:43	10:43	11:43	12:43	13:43	14:43	15:53	16:48	17:43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastings Railway Stn Stop F	-	-	07:45	08:45	09:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	15:57	16:52	17:47	19:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ore Christ Church	07:18	08:00	09:00	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:12	17:07	18:02	19:10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairlight Glen	07:21	08:03	09:03	10:05	11:05	12:05	13:05	14:05	15:05	16:15	17:10	18:05	19:13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairlight Cove Hotel	07:27	08:09	09:09	10:11	11:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:11	16:21	17:16	18:11	19:19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pett Level	07:33	08:15	09:15	10:17	11:17	12:17	13:17	14:17	15:17	16:27	17:22	18:17	19:25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:37	08:18	09:18	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:30	17:25	18:20	19:28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rye Rail Station Stand B	07:48	08:30	09:30	10:32	11:32	12:32	13:32	14:32	15:32	16:42	17:37	18:32	19:40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rye Rail Station Stand B	-	-	-	09:34	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	-	16:45	17:40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camber Sands Holiday Park	-	-	-	09:49	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	-	17:00	17:55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lydd Camp	-	-	-	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	-	17:10	18:05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sundays

All journeys start at Dover/Folkestone

Lydd Camp	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	All journeys on arrival at Lydd continue towards Dover as part of 'The Wave'				
Camber Sands Holiday Park	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:12	Conquest Hospital Grounds	10:44	12:44	14:44	16:44
Rye Rail Station Stand A	10:31	12:31	14:31	16:31	Sedlescombe Road North Sainsbury's	10:50	12:50	14:50	16:50
Rye Rail Station Stand A	10:35	12:35	14:35	16:35	Silverhill London Road depart	10:56	12:56	14:56	16:56
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	10:46	12:46	14:46	16:46	Bohemia Road Fire Station	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
Pett Level	10:50	12:50	14:50	16:50	Hastings Railway Stn Stop F	11:05	13:05	15:05	17:05
Fairlight Cove Hotel	10:56	12:56	14:56	16:56	Hastings Railway Stn Stop F	11:06	13:06	15:06	17:06
Fairlight Glen	11:02	13:02	15:02	17:02	Ore Christ Church	11:21	13:21	15:21	17:21
Ore Co Op	11:05	13:05	15:05	17:05	Fairlight Glen	11:24	13:24	15:24	17:24
Hastings Railway Stn Stop C	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16	Fairlight Cove Hotel	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30
Hastings Railway Stn Stop C	11:20	13:20	15:20	17:20	Pett Level	11:36	13:36	15:36	17:36
Bohemia Road Fire Station	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25	Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Silverhill Filling Station	11:29	13:29	15:29	17:29	Rye Rail Station Stand B	11:51	13:51	15:51	17:51
Silverhill Filling Station	11:31	13:31	15:31	-	Rye Rail Station Stand B	11:55	13:55	15:55	17:55
Sedlescombe Road North Sainsbury's	11:36	13:36	15:36	-	Camber Sands Holiday Park	12:08	14:08	16:08	18:08
Conquest Hospital Grounds	11:43	13:43	15:43	-	Lydd Camp	12:17	14:17	16:17	18:17

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Pett Sports Association:	Andrew Dunlop and Giles Perrin
Police Community Group	David Penfold
Flood Warden:	Steve Harris

Pett Parish Council *usually* meets at the Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

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	Rev Frank Rowson		
	Rev David Wotton		
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	Ken Holmes		

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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

SOME VERY USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers:

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

Emergency Services & Utilities (non-emergency numbers):

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

Hospitals & Local Surgeries

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

Council Services

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

Support Services & Charities

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

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VILLAGE DIARY



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES			Where
Mon	6.30pm	Pilates	VH
Mon	7.30pm	Village Choir	MC
Mon	9.30am	Flowerpots Playgroup	VH
Mon	12 to 3pm	POST OFFICE	MC
Tue	10.30am	POPP	VH
Tue	7.00pm	Pole Dancing	VH
Wed	10.00am	Badminton	VH
Thu	9.15am	Dance & Exercise Classes	VH
Thu	12 to 3pm	POST OFFICE	MC
Fri	10.00	Badminton	VH
Fri	2.00pm	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH

**THERE IS ALWAYS A LOT
HAPPENING IN PETT & PETT LEVEL**

**TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THE
MAGAZINE TO FIND OUT WHAT
ELSE IS GOING ON**

FRI 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.

MONTHLY & BI-MONTHLY ACTIVITIES			Where	Date this month
Mon	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee	VH	2 nd
Tue	7.30pm	Pett Parish Council	VH	17 th
Wed	11.00am	Rambling Club	NBC	4 th
Tue	10.00am – 10.30	Mobile Library	Church	3 rd and 24 th
Thu	2.00pm	Gardening Club	VH	10 th The Weather
Wed	10.00am	Village Coffee Morning	VH	4 th
Fri	7.30pm	Pett Nats	VH	20 th Australia – Alan Kenworthy
Fri	2.30pm	Pett Womens Institute	VH	20 th AGM
Sun	3pm	Vibele – laughter class	VH	1 st

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

Church Services in November

1 st November:	9:30am	Special Remembrance Service, All Saints/Souls Day, Holy Communion at Pett [Kay Burnett/Meriel Deasy]
8 th November:	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship at Pett; [Meriel Deasy]
15 th November:	8:00am	Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Pett Level [Richard Barron]
22 nd November:	9:30am	Holy Communion at Pett [Richard Barron]
29 th November:	9:30am	Advent Sunday Morning Worship at Pett [Meriel Deasy]

Whilst every effort is made to ensure this is up to date we are not always told of changes – if unsure you should check with the event organisers for specific times and dates.

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