

April, 2007

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# PARISH NEWS

Pett Level





## April HIGH Tides ... Rye Harbour Approaches

Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Sun	1050	3.1	2300	3.3
2	Mon	1121	3.2	2333	3.4
3	Tue	1148	3.2	----	----
4	Wed	0003	3.4	1216	3.2
5	Thurs	0026	3.3	1238	3.2
6	Fri	0045	3.2	1254	3.1
7	Sat	0103	3.2	1315	3.1
8	Sun	0129	3.1	1346	3.0
9	Mon	0203	2.7	1425	2.6
10	Tue	0247	2.4	1518	2.1
11	Wed	0402	1.8	1720	1.8
12	Thurs	616	1.8	1849	2.0
13	Fri	0730	2.2	1956	2.5
14	Sat	0829	2.7	2050	3.0
15	Sun	0919	3.2	2137	3.6
16	Mon	1004	3.6	2222	3.9
17	Tue	1047	3.8	2306	4.2
18	Wed	1129	3.9	2348	4.2
19	Thurs	----	----	1210	3.9
20	Fri	0030	4.0	1252	3.8
21	Sat	0112	3.8	1335	3.4
22	Sun	0157	3.4	1424	3.1
23	Mon	0248	2.8	1517	2.6
24	Tue	0349	2.2	1620	2.1
25	Wed	0500	1.9	1732	1.9
26	Thurs	0645	1.8	1907	2.0
27	Fri	0809	2.0	2019	2.4
28	Sat	0859	2.4	2108	2.7
29	Sun	0939	2.6	2148	3.0
30	Mon	1013	2.8	2225	3.1

For Summer time, add one hour in the shaded areas



## EDITORIAL

I would like to express my thanks to those people who have taken the time to write to me – by post or email, call me and even stop me in the village to express their appreciation of the Parish News. Jackie and myself would both like to say how much we appreciate your comments – good and bad. Fortunately we have received mostly good comments or constructive criticism – all of which is very useful to us when putting together future editions of the magazine.

This month we are experimenting with a new layout and hope that you like it. If not, do not hesitate to let us know.

This edition also includes some useful information from your Parish and District Councillors on the subjects of Recycling and the proposed Dog Control Order. Do take the time to read these.

Copy for the May edition can be sent to me on email at [denise.jordan@virgin.net](mailto:denise.jordan@virgin.net) or delivered to me at 5 Glebe Cottages, Elms Lane (814187). The deadline for copy is the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

Finally we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

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## PETT FLOWER SHOW IS ON THE BRINK!

It's true. 2007 sees the Flower Show on the brink of the BIG one next year – the Diamond Jubilee – 60 glorious years. But more about that later.

This year's flower show will be held as usual on the Recreation ground, and as usual on the last Saturday in July (28<sup>th</sup>) and as usual on a bright, sunny wind-free day (of course it will be!)

I cannot yet confirm who will still be doing what on the committee as, on going to press, the AGM has not yet taken place, but be assured preparations are already well under way.

The schedule is ready for the printers and is hoped to be available earlier than usual this year. It contains all the information you will need to know on what to grow, how to grow it and where to stick it. If you know what I mean.

Details of the dog show will also be in the schedule as well as information about the marquee dance in the evening.

I will remind you again nearer the time, but if a size or quantity is mentioned in the schedule it must be adhered to. The time for staging the exhibits MUST be between 8.30 and 10.15. No entry will be permitted into the marquee before or after these times so please don't

turn up at 10.15 to exhibit – it must be finished by that time.

Also when filling out your entry forms please print your name clearly as the stewards find it more and more difficult to decipher the writing (poor old souls are not getting any younger you know!)

Lastly, for the moment, if anyone would like to help with the Flower Show in any way, either on the day, with the car parking, helping set up/take down or assist on the stalls, contribute flowers, garden produce, unwanted or used bank notes – then please contact either Phil Wood 813773 - Phyllis Gerrell - 812699 or any other committee member and we will welcome you with open arms! If you prefer to email then I can be contacted on [jacqueline.richards4@btopenworld.com](mailto:jacqueline.richards4@btopenworld.com)

Publicity Officer  
Pett Flower Show

### ADVANCED NOTICE:

The subject for the photography competition this year for both adults and children is "On the Farm". For the amateur painters the subject is "On the Sea" and for the nimble fingered, the handicraft is a "Door Stop" which must measure no more than 10" (25cm) X 10" (25cm)

### AN INVITATION

You are all invited to Pett Summer Fair (formerly known as the Church Fete) on the afternoon of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Pett Church.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, there will be a jumble sale in aid of church funds, at Pett Village Hall. Please come and bring your jumble.

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## NATURE NOTES

I had been pottering around in the greenhouse for some time when I became aware that I was being watched. Further along the staging, perched on a pot of strawberries, sat Robin, his bright beady eyes following my every move. When I finished tidying up I left the greenhouse and Robin followed me to see whether I might be going to do something more productive outside. There may be two views about some other birds - pigeons and starlings spring to mind - but I've never met anyone who didn't have a soft spot for the confiding little Robin.



Migrant birds started appearing in March, but most species arrive in numbers during April. Watch out for swallows and house martins. The latter build their nests on the outside of buildings, and will sometimes use artificial nest boxes. Swallows nest inside buildings, usually high up, though I was once shown an occupied swallows' nest in a porch in Rectory Park.

Another bird to look out for is the Wheatear, easily recognised by its bright white rump. (Wheatear is a corruption of White-arse). In the early nineteenth century these attractive little birds were considered to be a great delicacy, and shepherds on the South Downs caught literally thousands of them

for the meat trade. Since a shepherd's wage was perhaps £6 a year, and Wheatears sold for sixpence each, they could easily double their income by this means.

The mild, wet winter was a great disappointment to those of us who enjoy crisp, sparkling weather. The grass has never really stopped growing, and tender plants left outside are flourishing.

Did you see the eclipse of the moon on March 4<sup>th</sup>? It went the most beautiful coppery bronze, reminding me of G.K. Chesterton's line 'some moment when the moon was blood'. No wonder our ancestors thought that an eclipse of the moon was a sign that the gods were angry.

Avril Thurley



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## LIFE ON THE LEVEL

As I write this we have been experiencing some wonderful Spring weather which brought out the visitors over the weekend and also heralded the arrival of our caravanning friends, back for yet another season at Pett Level. Some of these seasonal visitors have been coming for over thirty years and are as much part of the community as those of us lucky enough to reside here all year round. They certainly add to life here, participating fully in our activities and bringing with them that sense of holiday fun.

During the Winter months we have a big litter problem on the beach. We all do our bit trying to clear it up but we fight a losing battle. Thankfully the Council will soon be sending their beach cleaners and what a marvellous job they do as they walk the beach each morning collecting all the rubbish throughout the Summer. It's not until they stop at around the end of August that we realise just how much they collect when we see it all mounting up again.

As well as rubbish the sea certainly deposits surprises on our doorstep. It was sad to find the dead Harbour Porpoise which had apparently been caught in fishing nets but recently we have received a good number of oranges (mostly contaminated by oil) and bottles and shampoo! Most odd surely was the plastic leg complete with black shoe and at the time of discovery sporting a pair of underpants. Where do these things come from?

Things are also returned to the sea and it was heartening to watch a young seal being released to its natural environment by the staff of Mallydams who had nursed it back to

health. More recently we have watched the return of Guillemots to the sea. These birds had been badly covered in oil from the container ship disaster in Devon and Mallydams were sent 200 of the many stricken birds to clean up and return to health. The release was covered by T.V. and it was lovely to see these endearing little birds scampering down the beach and diving back into the waves.

Toot Rock has had a large area of gorse and blackthorn cleared. This thick scrub is of little use to wildlife, apart from rabbits. Most animals find it too inhospitable and birds tend to nest elsewhere. It spreads alarmingly quickly, smothering other plantlife and had killed a tree planted by the Preservation Society some years ago. So detrimental to the countryside is this scrub that the Countryside Stewardship Scheme pay farmers for scrub clearance. It is also very difficult to recover any lambs that occasionally slip from the rock into it, or sheep that seek shelter from their tormentors the blowflies within it. Keeping it under control is an essential part of countryside management.

Finally I must apologise to the female members of Pett Level Rescue Boat for referring to them as a 'loyal group of men' in last month's column. Philippa Stickland is Trainee Crew and Base, Sarah Harris, Samm Short and Janette Thake are all Trainee Crew, Jo Barry is Crew and Fund Raising Secretary and Carole Morris, Secretary, and all vital members of the team. Any young people out there interested in joining the Rescue Boat Crew would be warmly welcomed. Drop in the see them on a Sunday morning. B.M.

## MICHAEL PENFOLD

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## THE GARDENING CLUB REPORT 13TH MARCH 2007

Our Annual General Meeting was held first and was very short and to the point. There were copies of our accounts for members and lots of details about our coming visits to Hole Park and Pashley Manor.

Our speaker this month was Dr. Arthur Holman, who gave us a really lovely evening and talked about his garden at the top of Chick Hill. It was amazing to see from his slides how the garden has matured, and to see the first photographs of the house and it's place on the hill way back in the 1930's. He showed us the original planting lists from the first attempts at a garden on such an exposed and very inhospitable landscape for plants and trees. There are still quite a few of the plants and trees from that first planting now fully matured and giving shelter for more tender trees and shrubs to grow. There is even a large Olive tree maturing well, but as yet no fruit - but with the changing climate who knows, perhaps olives in 2007! To see the slides showing the garden through the seasons with tiny shrubs which have grown over the years and become covered in flowers was really quite inspiring.

There were lots of questions and Arthur Holman is so knowledgeable that he was able to answer the many questions in such a way that those of us who are not so well versed in garden techniques and nomenclature (!)

came away with new ideas about what we could do in our own gardens. We all had a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr. Stuart Wood is coming to tell us "How to prepare and exhibit fruit, vegetables and flowers for 'showing' at a Flower Show" so everyone is warmly invited to come along (Members free and Visitors £1)

Please don't forget our May meeting which will be a Plant Sale to boost our finances (for more speakers and visits)

Any of you who have ordered plug plants and received half a dozen 'free' ones, please bring along one or two for us to sell, or any extra plants you have, they will be most welcome. See you all in April and happy gardening!

PWB 15 3 2007



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Lue and Richard Cooke on the occasion of your 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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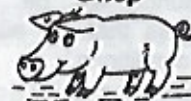
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## DOG CONTROL ORDER

Owing to a misunderstanding between Environmental Health and the Legal Departments at Rother District Council the timing for a decision regarding Dog Control Orders had been premature.

Consequently no decisions are imminent. Analysis of the results of the current Public consultation will now be carried out at the end of April, revised draft orders produced at the end of June with a final consultation with Parishes on these draft orders during July and August.

A report will be submitted to Cabinet in October where their formal recommendations will go out to formal Public consultation in November. New Orders will then be able to come into force in March 2008.

**It is important** that members of the public continue to let their views be known to Rother and that the Parish Council will be able to request orders that are suitable to meet local conditions.'

*District Councillor Robin Patten*

## GOING BANANAS

Apparently banana skins chopped and laid just below the surface of the soil are very good for roses. They rot quickly and contain a considerable quantity of calcium, magnesium, sulphur, phosphates, sodium, silica and potassium which roses thrive on. I have also heard that bananas are good for

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This is the heading on all advertising and information material for the new waste collection service being introduced by Rother District Council.

Here are some points about what happens next:

- Every resident will receive an information pack with advice on how to sort their waste.
- Wheelie bins and boxes will be issued free of charge.
- The change-over date is not fixed but should be some time in April.
- Verdant Ltd has the new collection contract but staffing remains the same.
- Glass bottles will still need to be put in the recycling bins in the village ("Bring Centre") for the time being.
- There is a good website with lots of information at [www.recycleforrother.com](http://www.recycleforrother.com)
- Why not start composting now and find out if you need the green wheelie bin.

I'm the Pett Parish Councillor contact for recycling issues, so please get in touch if local problems arise, or if you have a query that does not appear to be covered in the RDC information.

I try to keep an eye on the Two Sawyers bring centre but if you notice any of the bins getting full

then phone or e-mail me and I can request a next day emptying.

*Paul Stapley*  
01424 814202  
[paul.stapley@virgin.net](mailto:paul.stapley@virgin.net)

## ASHES TO ASHES

The mixing of bonfire ash with soil, often recommended when planting other herbs, should not be used, even as a mulch when planting Mint as this can prove fatal for it.

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# PARISH DIARY - APRIL 2007

VH = Village Hall RG = Recreation Ground

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy training class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Live Music at the Royal Oak - John Compton	Royal Oak	9 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
	<b>NEW DUSTBIN DAY</b>		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am
	Puppy training class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flowerpots Parent & Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	VH	7.00 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy training class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Club Open Day	RG	10 am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Flowerpots Parent & Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am

	Puppy training class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dance and Exercise Class	VH	9.30 pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Flowerpots Parent & Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm

If you would like your regular meetings or special events to be included in the Parish Diary, please drop a note, programme or fixture list in to Rectory Cottage.  
Avril Thurley

## CHURCH SERVICES - April 2007

- Sun. 1 Apr. Palm Sunday - Parish Communion 9.30am - St Mary & St Peter  
 Fri. 6 Apr. Good Friday - Joint Service with the Methodists. Start at St Mary & St Peter at 10.30am and move on to the Methodist Church to finish the service.  
 Sun. 8 Apr. EASTER DAY - Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level  
 Parish Communion 9.30am - St Mary & St Peter  
 Sun. 15 Apr. Parish Communion 9.30am - St Mary & St Peter  
 Sun. 22 Apr. Holy Communion, 8am - St Nicholas, Pett Level  
 Morning Praise, 9.30am - St Mary & St Peter  
 Sun. 29 Apr. United Benefice Service - 10.30am at Guestling Bradshaw School, with 'Shades'.



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## LETTER PAGE



Dear All

We moved to the village about a year ago from the London smog and would like to thank everyone for making us so welcome. We would also like to thank the producers and distributors of the Parish Magazine for keeping us up to date with what is going on and who does what in the Village. It has been a real lifeline.

Keep up the good work!

Cathy, Steve and Sam Childs - Woodbine Cottage, Pett

Hello Denise,

Firstly I must say how good the magazine is with balanced and varied articles and many many thanks to all concerned.

This month there is the interesting picture of the artillery gun and gunners, which sadly came out very dark. There is seldom a mention of who submitted these pictures which I personally think are wonderful and should be treasured and shared, part of Pett history. Shame we haven't got our own historical group. Did take 'photos of the gun shed in its present sad state and would love to know more of its life. I understood there was also a picture of the gun being pulled by horse over to Battery Hill which must have been quite an event in the village.

Thank you again for printing it and including the details.  
Sincerely  
Mary Windsor

Ed: The contributor of this picture and story was Mr. Cyril J Barden.

Dear Editor,

Please may I use this correspondence slot to say a big "thank you" to the kind person who left baby clothes and equipment in the Parish Church a few weeks ago for Family Support Work. It is much appreciated, and will be very useful.

Ray Taylor



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by

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This account has not been published previously because John thought "no one would be interested". However, even after 50 years, his quiet courage and faith come through very clearly.

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Summer Dance 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007

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Everyone in the area over the age of 15 years is welcome. We hope residents living close to the Recreation Ground will attend or at least appreciate that this one late night is in a good cause. This is an occasion for the whole village.

The club is looking for donations of food and help on the evening.

Other cricket news---I

Last season our match sponsors almost enabled us to balance the books and we continue to look for new sponsors this year. If you can offer £25 to sponsor one of the league fixtures please get in touch with Andrew Dunlop or the secretary.

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### DO YOU KNOW ?

Do you know about the origin of St George's Day?

The Saint of an English Army before he became the Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. He was an officer in the Roman Army under Diocletian. He was a Christian and vigorously protested against Rome's persecution of the Christians. He refused to abandon his faith, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine about the year 300 AD - supposedly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. Over the years St George became the example of a Christian fighting man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported. However, the story of Saint George is so wrapped up in myth and legend that it is difficult to separate fact from fiction. Some believe that he never existed at all, or that he is a Christianised version of an older pagan myth.

In the Golden Legend of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Jacobus de Voragine gave St George a handsome write-up. The story runs thus:

One day, St George rode up to the heathen city of Syene in Libya, where he found the citizens in great distress. A neighbouring dragon had forced them to surrender two sheep each day for its dinner, and when the sheep gave out, two of their children; and now they were about to sacrifice the King's daughter, dressed as if for her wedding. St George encountered the party by a stagnant lake, where the dragon lived, and persuaded the sobbing Princess to tell him why she was so miserable. At that moment the dragon appeared, looking inexpressibly revolting. The Saint charged, and drove his spear into the gaping mouth. To everyone's amazement, he tumbled the monster over and over.

Then St George borrowed the Princess' girdle, tied it round the dragon's neck, and got her to lead it back to the city herself. The sight of the Princess approaching with the befuddled dragon on its makeshift lead emptied the town. When the inhabitants timidly crept back, St George promised to

behead the dragon if they would all believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised.

It was a most effective form of evangelism, for everybody said "yes" at once. So 15,000 people were baptised, and four carts were commissioned to remove the dragon's body.

St George thus became a symbol of the war against evil, and is usually portrayed trampling the dragon of sin under his horse's hooves.

Crusaders had a vision of him helping them against the Saracens at Antioch, during the first Crusade, and so brought the story of St George back with them from Palestine. Later England put herself under the protection of the Saint. His day was a declared holiday in 1222. A red cross on a white field is the flag of St George. It would be interesting to know the real story of his life.

John Taylor

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## FLICKS FILM SOCIETY

Our screening of THE QUEEN last month resulted in our second largest audience to date with the attendance of over 100 folks. Clearly Helen Mirren proved popular with our membership and therefore, long may she continue to make excellent films and attract such a local following.

Next month, our April show will be on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 7.30pm rather than the normal first Thursday in the month. This is because there has been a clash of dates with a worthwhile charity event and we have agreed to vacate the Thursday evening. Hopefully this will not deter you from joining in with the Flicks team and seeing the Oscar nominated film:-

**Little Miss Sunshine.** In this comedy drama Greg Kinnear is wonderfully woebegone as the success-obsessed patriarch leading his family cross-country in order to enter daughter Olive (*Abigail Breslin*) into a junior beauty pageant. *Steve Carell* is equally funny as his suicidal brother-in-law. Despite tackling death and dysfunction, *Little Miss Sunshine* radiates warmth and charm.

The story unfolds with a winning blend of sophistication and silliness and boldly satirises traditional American values without the easy cynicism - hilariously encapsulated by Olive's precocious posturing at the beauty contest. More importantly, as the Hoover clan

gradually get to know one another, the journey becomes fully engaging and oddly poignant. It will definitely leave you with that feel-good glow.

Do not forget, all are welcome to join the Society and enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £3.00 per show with like minded people in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. If you wish to know more about the Society, please email me on [chris@saintfamily.net](mailto:chris@saintfamily.net) or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can pop into the Butchers Shop in Pett and grab an application form.

*Chris Saint*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Not long now! You will be able to pick up details about the **Pett Church Silent Auction and Social Evening**, and start making your bids for the many items worth having, from the Post Office, Phil the Butcher and the church at the end of May. Watch this space for further details!! It's going to be a 'Cracker'

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH MONKFISH

Monkfish is a firm and versatile fish, caught mainly in North Atlantic waters but sometimes in the English Channel. Today it is one of the more expensive fish. It's dense flesh and lack of bones ensures that a little goes a long way. It became popular in the 1960's due to Fanny Craddock (one of the first TV cooks) recommending it as a cheap alternative to scampi. Prior to that, the only part of monkfish kept, was the liver - the rest was thrown away! It is now a very popular fish found on menus throughout Europe.

### Bacon - wrapped Monkfish (serves 4)

400g monkfish tail, sliced into 2 fillets (ask your fishmonger to prepare this)  
2 sprigs fresh thyme, leaves stripped  
12 rashers rindless smoked streaky bacon  
2 large tomatoes, halved  
3 - 4 tbsp vinaigrette  
225g bag watercress and salad leaves

Lay 1 monkfish tail fillet on a board, sprinkle with thyme leaves and season. Lay the other fillet on top with tapering tip in the opposite direction, so each end has one thick and one thin end butted together.

Lay the bacon on a board, slightly overlapping and put the monkfish in the centre. Wrap the fish in the rashers so that it holds together quite firmly.

Heat the grill for 3-5 mins. Line the grill pan, lay the monkfish on it, with the bacon joins underneath.

Grill for about 7-10 mins until the bacon starts to crisp, then carefully turn over and cook for another 7-10 mins. At the same time, grill the tomato halves. As soon as the monkfish feels firm when pressed on top, remove and leave to stand for 5 mins. Save any pan juices and drizzle into the vinaigrette. Cut the monkfish into medallions, slightly on the diagonal. Dress the watercress salad with the vinaigrette and juices and divide between 4 plates. Place the monkfish on top, season with pepper and serve tomatoes alongside. Serve with baby new potatoes.

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## WELL I NEVER!

The first coincidence happened nine years ago when we left South London and settled happily in Pett which we first came across by accident.

Our eldest son had just married and moved to Hendon, in North London. During a conversation with Andrew Dunlop we learned that his Great Grandfather had travelled lock, stock and barrel from Kynthyre in Scotland to Hendon where in 1870 he started farming at Church Farm.

This farmhouse still stands and is run as a farming museum and to our surprise we found it was only half a mile from our sons' home. When our grandson was six he visited the museum on a school trip. He greatly impressed his teacher and classmates by telling them that he knew Andrew and visited Lunsford Farm regularly, and he explained the connection. He bought several sepia postcards and gave them to Andrew.

The second coincidence happened just before Christmas last year. During her birthday party a young girl in Hendon released a helium balloon. It made its way to Lunsford Farm where Andrew found it, a few yards from the farmhouse, and phoned the number on the label. As a cow had just calved, Andrew named the calf Sophia, after the young girl. The amazing thing is that the northerly wind that carried the balloon to Pett only blows a few times a year.

*Julie Close  
Forge Cottage, Pett Road*

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

For the first time in quite a few years, the weather was not snow and cold! What a beautiful day we had this year. This was also the first year we had a Benefice Service, which proved to be a popular decision.

The Service was prepared by the women of Paraguay and was entitled 'United Under God's Tent'. Unity, not only of women throughout the world, but also in Paraguay itself. We heard the voices of Paraguayan women from all walks of life, their hardships and also their thanksgiving.

The Service was lead by Meriel Deasey and the address was given by Hilary Malpass. Helen Patten led our singing and many ladies from across the Benefice gave the readings.

We concluded with much appreciated tea and cakes.

The Service next year will be prepared by the women of Guyana and will be held at the Church of St. Mary and St. Peter in Pett at 2.30 pm on Friday 7th March 2008.

See you there.

*Jill Streeter*

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**PETT PARISH COUNCIL – 2005/2006**

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Highway & Footpaths	Cllrs Dunlop, Roberts, Clifton and C. Dean and Miss Thurley as co-opted members
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Pett Village Hall	Cllr. Saint
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