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| 1    | Sun   | 1135       | 3.1        | 2352       | 3.1        |
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| 3    | Tues  | 0030       | 3.1        | 1250       | 3.3        |
| 4    | Wed   | 0109       | 3.1        | 1330       | 3.4        |
| 5    | Thurs | 0148       | 3.1        | 1410       | 3.4        |
| 6    | Fri   | 0231       | 3.1        | 1456       | 3.3        |
| 7    | Sat   | 0320       | 2.8        | 1546       | 3.2        |
| 8    | Sun   | 0416       | 2.7        | 1642       | 3.0        |
| 9    | Mon   | 0520       | 2.5        | 1747       | 2.7        |
| 10   | Tues  | 0637       | 2.4        | 1904       | 2.6        |
| 11   | Wed   | 0753       | 2.4        | 2020       | 2.7        |
| 12   | Thurs | 0901       | 2.6        | 2131       | 2.8        |
| 13   | Fri   | 1003       | 2.8        | 2234       | 3.1        |
| 14   | Sat   | 1056       | 3.2        | 2326       | 3.2        |
| 15   | Sun   | 1141       | 3.4        | -----      | -----      |
| 16   | Mon   | 0010       | 3.3        | 1223       | 3.6        |
| 17   | Tues  | 0048       | 3.2        | 1301       | 3.5        |
| 18   | Wed   | 0125       | 3.2        | 1338       | 3.4        |
| 19   | Thurs | 0200       | 3.0        | 1414       | 3.3        |
| 20   | Fri   | 0235       | 2.8        | 1450       | 3.1        |
| 21   | Sat   | 0312       | 2.6        | 1526       | 2.8        |
| 22   | Sun   | 0354       | 2.2        | 1607       | 2.5        |
| 23   | Mon   | 0444       | 2.0        | 1701       | 2.1        |
| 24   | Tues  | 0549       | 1.8        | 1809       | 1.9        |
| 25   | Wed   | 0703       | 1.8        | 1922       | 2.0        |
| 26   | Thurs | 0809       | 2.0        | 2029       | 2.1        |
| 27   | Fri   | 0905       | 2.4        | 2124       | 2.5        |
| 28   | Sat   | 0954       | 2.7        | 2212       | 2.8        |
| 29   | Sun   | 1036       | 3.1        | 2255       | 3.1        |
| 30   | Mon   | 1115       | 3.3        | 2335       | 3.3        |
| 31   | Tues  | 1156       | 3.6        | -----      | -----      |

For Summer time, add one hour in the shaded areas

## EDITORIAL



We are all no doubt well into recycling as I write this. I have always been very much in favour of recycling and have been doing my 'bit' for the environment for some time. However I am saddened that 'going green' means spoiling the aesthetic look of the village. Days on end there are bins or boxes on the kerbside. There seems to be some confusion as to whether it is Monday or Wednesday for collection in some parts of the village. Bins left out on Monday were not all emptied. One or two here and there and the others just left. Why? The cart is driving along a straight (sort of) road and choosing to pick up a bin here and there - makes absolutely no sense to me. Boxes in particular which are overflowing with bottles and cans to the extent that the lids cannot be put on look disgraceful and with one gust of wind the plastic bottles will be all over the kerbside/roadway. Is this really environmentally friendly? Hopefully R.D.C. will get a system in place that actually works including supplying us with the promised 'green wheelle bin' and we won't see bins and boxes on the kerbsides of the village for 3 days minimum per week.

Oh dear those window envelopes. I hadn't realised how many I receive and in particular they seem to come from governmental bodies - Inland Revenue, H.M. Customs and Excise (I do run a small business by the way!). Government appears to be able to 'ban' so many things these days (big brother is watching you!) why can't they legislate against the use of these envelopes? I must spend 30 minutes a week just tearing out the window so that the remainder of the envelope can go in the recycle bin. I want to be environmentally friendly but how much time are we expected to spend in our busy lives trying to achieve this?

I never buy fruit and veg from supermarkets because of the packaging. Instead I go to the local farm shop where I can select my items and then put them in a brown paper bag (or white). The bags keep the products fresher for longer and are biodegradable. Of course the additional benefits are I can see what I am buying and most of the items have travelled only a few 'vegetable miles'.

My last comment on the recycling issue is that in an area where a large number of the population are retired why do we want to get up before 7 am to put our bins out only to find they are not collected until between 12 noon and 1.00 pm! All this does is encourage us to put our bins out the day before spoiling the look of the village - I'm guilty as charged - people who know me know I don't do 'before 7 am' ☐

If you have any comments (positive or negative) on recycling we would love to hear from you.

Copy for the August 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 15th July. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MAY 2007

The Annual Meeting of Pett Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Pett Village Hall. This was the first meeting following the recent local elections and the Chairman welcomed the three new members of the Parish Council, Councillors Mrs. Jillian Green, Martin King and Brian Woodcock.

Council considered and agreed to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils which governs councillors conduct at meetings and procedure regarding interests of councillors. The details of election of Officers and appointment of Council Representatives were published in the last Parish News.

The Council is eager to endorse the views expressed by our PCSO Chrissy Locke in respect on the recent vandalism to the Sports Pavilion. If you see or know of anyone that has been involved in such vandalism please let the Police know or contact the parish clerk. The Chairman of Council reminded everyone present that it was local Council Tax money that was paying for the refurbishment and therefore it was in all our interests to prevent any further damage.

There were no Planning applications for consideration at the May meeting.

The Parish Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and all meetings are open to the public. You are most welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity in 'Public Time' for you to address Council or ask questions. If you would like any more information please contact the parish clerk.

The Chairman also welcomed the new parish clerk, Bob Hodgson, whose appointment was confirmed at the meeting. If you have any questions for the Council or wish to receive any information on Council business, please contact Bob on 01424-716232 or e-mail [bob\\_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bob_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk)

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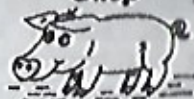
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When I first told you of the show  
And the marquee will be here in a while  
And that will make everyone smile

Now we need you to give us some prizes  
Unwanted gifts - all shapes and all sizes  
Any surplus home grown fruit or veg  
Yummy cakes, plant cuttings, maybe a hedge?  
Anything we might be able to sell  
If you've got something, give me a bell

We need helpers all over the field  
Directing traffic so no-one gets killed  
Avoiding the cricket clubs sacred wickets  
And no, you cannot give out parking tickets!  
Just line 'em up tidy and neat  
Maybe in the shade, out of the heat

We need helpers to man some events  
Mainly outside most of the tents  
Washer-uppers and go-fors  
But definitely no loafers  
(and the Pimms tasting job, well it's fine  
'cos that vacancy is decidedly mine!)

So if you think you can really help out  
By donating or grafting or 'owt  
Then please get in touch  
It would really mean so much  
And my job will be done without doubt!

Please contact any committee member on the back  
of your schedule or 'phone: 815224 or email:  
[jacqueline.richards4@btopenworld.com](mailto:jacqueline.richards4@btopenworld.com)

Good luck to everyone who enters the show  
(2pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July)







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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### MACKEREL

Mackerel is an oily-fleshed sea fish found throughout the oceans of the world. The Atlantic Mackerel is by far the commonest of the 10 species of the family that have been caught in British waters. It is extremely common in huge shoals migrating towards the Sussex coast to feed on small fish and prawns during the summer, before heading for deeper waters in the winter.

It is important to buy mackerel as fresh as possible. If you can, buy it with the head on, so that you can see if the eye is still bright; if it isn't, don't buy it. When freshly caught, the mackerel makes excellent eating, but the flesh deteriorates rapidly. It is for this reason that mackerel is the only fish traditionally sold on a Sunday in London.

Smoked mackerel is readily available, cheap and rich in omega 3 fats, important in the prevention of heart disease. The recipe this month can be enjoyed as a first course at dinner or as a light lunch.

### SMOKED MACKEREL PATE

200g smoked mackerel, skinned boned and flaked  
100g low fat soft cheese  
15ml vinaigrette  
15ml lemon juice  
5 ml anchovy essence (optional)  
seasoning and pinch of nutmeg

Put the mackerel and cheese in a bowl and mash together well.  
Thoroughly mix in the remaining ingredients, or mix ingredients together in a blender. Adjust seasoning and store in the fridge.

Serve with a green salad and crusty bread





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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

J.M. BARRIE'S PETER PAN  
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WHOLE FAMILY.

Active Youth Club will be hosting the Chalkfoot Theatre Company at the Fairlight Recreation Ground for an outdoor performance of PETER PAN on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.



Box Office  
Tickets:

Advance - £6, £5 (concs), £4 (ul6s)  
01424 813221

Standard - £7, £6 (concs) £5 (ul6s)  
01424 812297

Obtainable from the Fairlight Post Office or Active Clubhouse, Commanders Walk.

The Fairlight Recreation Ground will open at 5.45pm. Bring a rug/chairs and a picnic and soak up the atmosphere.

Wendy Hatch

Having experienced the past productions of the Chalkfoot Theatre Company, I can assure you this production of Peter Pan will be first rate and well worth attending.

J.W.

## THIS ONE'S FOR JOHN



Dance to Catsfield Steamers 7th July at Pickham Farm 7.30pm

Those of you who came to my Farm Africa barn dance last year will remember the tragic event that saddened us all. Well this year I thought it would be a fitting tribute to John Pecorini to hold another dance in his honour and for the British Heart Foundation so please support this event and help make it a great one. Tickets £8 adult £5 child £22 family (the ticket includes a ploughmans supper. There is also a bar available) but please please book early as it is impossible to cater when people arrive on the night and in any case there may not be room for you!!!

Tim Jury

## PETT CRICKET CLUB SUMMER DANCE

Pett Recreation Ground  
28<sup>th</sup> July 8pm  
Bar and Food  
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'Peacehaven'  
Pett.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask if you would publish this letter in the Parish News in the hope that one of your readers could throw some light on an incident which occurred on the Saturday of the early May Bank Holiday.

We were suddenly invaded by a large quantity of bees visiting our kitchen and bathroom! As my husband suffered anaphylactic shock last year after being stung whilst gardening necessitating an urgent visit to the A and E Department at the local hospital, this was a serious matter. Unable to contact the Rother environmental services, (closed down for the weekend) we were able to contact a local pest control firm who were on the spot within 15 minutes. In the meantime I opened all the windows and gathered up half-a-dozen at a time in my 'spider catcher', releasing them in the garden. But they kept coming!

Very regretfully, because of the danger to my husband, the bees had to be destroyed. They were invading from the eaves into the roof and down into our living areas. According to the pest control officer, there was no 'swarm' as such, but he felt they were attracted to a sweet substance on the roof, possibly from the trees surrounding the bungalow of cherry, oak and holly. They were wild honey bees.

Some of the bees seemed very lethargic and easy to whiz into the catcher, but others were very agitated and naturally so was I!

We have been living in the village for over twenty years and this has never happened before, although some years ago we had an enormous wasps nest in the roof which had to be eliminated.

Is there an apiarist in the village who can give an explanation for this incident?

Yours sincerely,  
Marion Woodward (Mrs)

## NO MORE DEALS IN SMOKE FILLED ROOMS

The Health Act 2006 becomes Law on 1st July 2007. It will make it a crime to smoke or to allow somebody to smoke in certain public places. Those places are mainly premises open to the public, which must be smoke-free during their opening times. Also, premises used as workplaces must be smoke-free at all times.

To qualify, premises must be "enclosed or substantially enclosed" for the ban to apply. Regulations provide that it becomes an offence, with a fine of up to £200, to smoke in a smoke-free place, or to allow smoking which can attract a fine of up to £2500.

At least one railway company has decided to refuse to allow people to smoke anywhere on its platforms despite the fact that platforms would appear to fall outside the definition. As is usual with new legislation, there is likely to be all kinds of situation arising which may not have been contemplated when the legislation was drafted, eg, what happens to the employee in a company car who drives to work and smokes in a company car? If the car is used exclusively by him/her, there would appear to be no problem but what happens if he/she drops off his children or his/her friend's children at school on his/her way to work or picks up a hitchhiker? Is he/she then in breach of the law? What about the employer who allows his employees to smoke, in breach of the new Act, and the employee alleges that he/she has developed lung cancer? Can the employer then be sued by the employee?

Watch this space in future as the Law develops.

Signed : A LAWYER

## FLICKS FILM CLUB

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm we will be screening the film, *Babel*, rated 15, at the Pett Village Hall. According to the Christian legend that inspired *Babel*, language is the barrier that keeps the world's masses from ascendancy. Handily the world also provides director Alejandro González Iñárritu with an epic stage to exercise his talent for multi-strand storytelling. Brilliantly conceived, superbly directed, and beautifully acted, *Babel* is inarguably one of the best films of 2006.

An epic tale of human alienation, *Babel* draws several disparate yet interconnected storylines that converge in surprising and cataclysmic ways. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett have one of the more gripping storylines as a US couple stranded in the Moroccan desert. A stray bullet leaves Susan teetering between life and death but it also exposes a festering wound in her marriage to Richard. The situation breeds a palpable urgency with the camera marking a quick passage of time as it bobs and weaves between them. Equally compelling are newcomers Boubker Ait El Cald and Said Tarchani as rival siblings playing with their father's gun when the accident happens.

When focus shifts to America, Adriana Barraza gives a heartfelt performance as the Mexican nanny caring for Richard and Susan's children, but her story doesn't take hold until the later stages when Gael Garcia Bernal leads them into a run-in with the border police. Similarly there is a Japanese thread that doesn't reveal much until the closing sequence despite Rinko Kikuchi's bold turn as a sexually precocious deaf-mute girl.

*Babel* is about communication, and especially the lack of it. If you want a movie that will leave you thinking, *Babel* is it.

Should anyone wish to learn more about our film club, just pick up the telephone and call me on 01424 813047. Alternatively, just turn up on a film evening where any one of the Flicks Team will gladly explain how you can join. To date we have had nearly 3000 folks through the doors and we all look forward to many more in the future.

Chris Saint. (Tel: 01424813047),  
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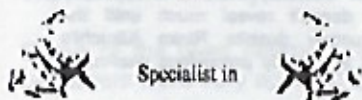
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## Pett Village Hall Management committee AGM

The AGM was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007.  
The Chairman and committee were pleased to see so many hall users and villagers at the meeting and thanked them all for coming.  
The Chairman reported that the hall is very popular and keeping busy with varied interests seven days a week. This is something that we can all be proud of.

The Committee were all re elected for another year.  
Chairman - Phil Button Vice Chairman - Ray Barden  
Treasurer - Carol Pecorini Secretary - Jeanette Barden  
Hall Manager - Derek Johnson

Committee members - Evelyn Darnell, Tim Jury, Sally Williams, Philippa Strickland

Before the meeting started the Chairman welcomed Arthur Hollman, who presented the Committee with a new committee chair, in memory of his wife Catharine Hollman.

Catharine was the chairman of the Village hall between 1993 and 2002 and did much work to help gain the village its new hall.  
The chair will sit alongside the existing Chairman's Chair, which was donated by Catharine in memory of her Father, F T Large HML, who was a trustee of the village hall.

Phil Button, Chairman, thanked Arthur for this wonderful gift and tribute.  
Full copy of AGM minutes in Hall.



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PARISH DIARY - July 2007

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

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|----------------------------|--|---------------|----------|
| Sunday 1st                 | Cricket v. Winchelsea                      | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | Flowerpots Parent and Toddler Group        | VH            | 9.30 am  |
|                            | Quiz Night                                 | Royal Oak     | 8.30 pm  |
| Wednesday 4th              | 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     |
|                            | Bowls v Tenterden                          | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
| Thursday 5th               | Dance & Exercise Class                     | VH            | 9.30 am  |
|                            | Flicks in the Village                      | VH            | 7.30 pm  |
| Friday 6th                 | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing          | VH            | 2 pm     |
| Saturday 7th               | Cricket v. Ditchling 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | RG            | 2 pm     |
|                            | Bowls v. Iden                              | TG            | 2.30 pm  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Cricket v. Cranbrook                       | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Flowerpots Parent and Toddler Group        | VH            | 9.30 am  |
|                            | Quiz Night                                 | Royal Oak     | 8.30 pm  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Garden Club                                | VH            | 7.30 pm  |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Badminton                                  | VH            | 10 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  |
|                            | Flicks in the Village                      | VH            | 7.30 pm  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing          | VH            | 2 pm     |
|                            | Railway Club                               | VH            | 7.30 pm  |
| Saturday 14th              | Cricket v. Bells Yew Green 2 <sup>nd</sup> | RG            | 2 pm     |
|                            | Bowls Spoon Match & Barbecue               | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
|                            | Silent Auction & Social Evening            | Parish Church | 7 pm     |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Bowls v. Peasmarsh                         | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
|                            | Cricket v. Hastings Wanderers              | RG            | 2.30 pm  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Flowerpots Parent and                      | VH            | 9.30 am  |

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
|                            | Toddler Group                       |            |          |
|                            | Quiz Night                          | Royal Oak  | 8.30 pm  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish Council                      | VH         | 7.30 pm  |
| Wednesday 18 <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     |
|                            | Bowls v. Alexandra                  | RG         | 2.30 pm  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Dance & Exercise Class              | VH         | 9.30 am  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing   | VH         | 2 pm     |
|                            | Women's Institute                   | VH         | 2.30 pm  |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Cricket v. Nutley                   | RG         | 2 pm     |
|                            | Bowls v Stone Cross                 | RG         | 2.30 pm  |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | Cricket v. British Legion           | RG         | 2.30 pm  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Flowerpots Parent and Toddler Group | VH         | 9.30 am  |
|                            | Quiz Night                          | Royal Oak  | 8.30 pm  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | Badminton                           | VH         | 10 am    |
|                            | <b>FLOWER SHOW ENTRIES CLOSE</b>    |            |          |
|                            | Puppy Training Class                | VH         | 1 pm     |
|                            | Advanced dog training               | VH         | 2 pm     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Dance & Exercise Class              | VH         | 9.30 am  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing   | VH         | 2 pm     |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>FLOWER SHOW</b>                  | RG         | 2 pm     |
|                            | Cricket Club Summer Dance           | RG         | 8 pm     |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Bowls v. Staplecross                | RG         | 2.30 pm  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Flowerpots Parent and 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 programme, note or fixture list in to Rectory Cottage.

Avril Thurley



## LIFE ON THE LEVEL

M.G's piece in the last issue about Pett in 1941 must have revived so many memories for long standing residents and it was interesting for newcomers such as myself to read of how it was and the many changes that have taken place since.

My own earliest memory of Pett Level is a Sunday afternoon ride in Dad's newly aquired Austin Seven in the early 1950's. All was well until we came to Chick Hill. Mum and I were ejected to lighten the load, and after a couple more 'runs' at the hill and much pushing and shoving we eventually made it to the top. I recall Mother had a sense of humour failure and the ride back to Wadhurst was a little tense.

Also of interest was the list of Pett's notable dates. The Zeppelin L39 dropping bombs on Pett in 1917 reminded me of the story told by one of The Level's senior residents - notable by his distinctive headgear - of a number of families taking refuge at Toot Rock, then a sandstone quarry, but one chap insisted on taking his pig along as well.

From the same source comes the recollection of an Airship passing over Pett Level, flying so low that the people inside could be clearly seen. It is believed to have been the ill-fated R101 on its maiden voyage to India which crashed in Beauvais, France, on 5th October 1930 killing 48 officers and men. Does anyone else recall hearing of

this?

Back to modern day and life down here is swinging. We do enjoy our music and plenty is supplied by groups at both The Beach Club and The Smuggler at the weekends. There is also a jam session every other Wednesday evening at The Smuggler where some very talented musicians play.

We have a great deal to thank Pett Level Preservation Society for. Without their foresight this could be a very different place to live. So don't forget the Fundraising Lunch at the White House on Saturday 30th June, 12.30p.m. Tickets available in advance from Angela on 812705 at £8 for a wonderful lunch and drinks. See you there?

To end with may I mention two thoughtless incidents; one serious and the other just plain inconsiderate. I am sure the people who discovered Cliff End thought it the perfect place to enjoy their BBQ on the beach. How sad that at the end of their stay they left behind all the rubbish from their meal for others to clean up. More serious was the call made to the Coastguards which also involved the lifeboat and helicopter all searching the coastline for someone in difficulties. Unfortunately the call was made by a hoax caller who not only wasted everyones time but also a great deal of the taxpayers money.

B.M.

## WATERMILL HOUSE

On Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Cicely Perring opened her garden in Watermill Lane to help raise funds for the Blind Association.

We went along for the first time since moving to the village and were really surprised at how large the garden was and how well kept. To us it typified an English Country Garden with a lot of thought having gone into the layout and planting of the various sections. We loved the walk by the pond and the bridge and were delighted to spot some wild orchids poking their heads up. We were, unfortunately, too late to enjoy a cream tea as by then they had all gone, but did enjoy a cup of tea in a peaceful setting amongst the flowers.

Also on the day were masses of plants for sale and I bought a couple of quite unusual geraniums. Perhaps I can win a prize at the flower show with them and walk away with all the cups. (Only joking - would I do that!)

It was an enjoyable afternoon and I understand from Cicely that even more people attended this year than last, and with monies taken for both the cream teas and the plant sales she thinks about £500 was raised for the Blind Association.

Well done to all who went along and thank you Cicely for opening your garden to us and we hope to have the opportunity of another visit next year.

Roving Reporter  
June 2007

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Barbara Cornwell will be with us again. Her talk this time is entitled "Canals - Hidden Havens". Barbara has visited us many times. She lives in the western part of Sussex, a Mother and farmers wife, she has a fund of knowledge of country life. It should be a fascinating afternoon.

The National Federation of Womens Institutes AGM was held at The Royal Albert Hall on June 6<sup>th</sup>. News next month on the events of the day.

E.D.



## New Beach Club

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### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE - JULY

|                      |        |                     |  |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|--|
| Sun 1st              | 4.00pm | Hellcats            | Good old Rock n Roll                               |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00pm | Family Disco        | Give mum a night off and join in the fun and games |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30pm | Karaoke with Tony P | We're looking for a new Star of the Club           |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30pm | DJ Karl             | "Get on down" with the popular local D.J           |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30pm | Kalya               | A Great female vocalist                            |

The New Beach Club is your local family, private members club. We welcome applications for membership from all members of the community. Why not try an evening or lunch time with us as a guest. Entrance fee just £1 to non-members.

|           | Lunch        | Evening Meals |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Wednesday | from 12.00pm | from 7.00pm   |
| Thursday  | from 12.00pm | CLOSED        |
| Friday    | from 12.00pm | from 7.00pm   |
| Saturday  | from 12.00pm | from 7.00pm   |
| Sunday    | from 12.00pm | CLOSED        |



### 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Icklesham Casuals F.C. is holding a 70th Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday 21 July**. The main event will be a dinner at Icklesham Village Hall which kicks off at 7:30 pm. All players, former players and supporters are all welcome to attend. Anyone interested in buying a ticket should contact David Mayne on 01424 424986 or Keith Swallow on 01424 814676

### CHURCH SERVICES:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> July  | Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter           |
| Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level            |
| Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> July | SEA SUNDAY Beach Service, 10.30am - Pett Level Beach      |
| Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter           |
| Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> July | Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level            |
|                            | Morning Praise, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter             |
|                            | United Benefice Communion, 10.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter |

### SILENT AUCTION - SILENT AUCTION - SILENT AUCTION

At last it's nearly time! Yes, the "Silent Auction and Social Evening" will take place in St. Mary & St. Peter church at 7pm on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. After a month when folk have been busy placing their bids for the 48 lot items the grand finale will take soon be upon us.

You still have a little time to bid for a cosmetic makeover, having your garden weeded for two hours, having a childrens party, getting your will drawn up, making your own sausages at Phil the Butcher's and many more fabulous items. Last bids have to be made by the 10<sup>th</sup> July and all the winning bids will be revealed at the Social Evening.

Programmes for this great event are available from the Post Office, the Butchers Shop, J. Taylor and Mrs G. Plank (phone numbers: 01424 814674 and 01424 812154). Each programme costs £1.50 and for this you will have a most enjoyable evening hosted by Mrs Carolyn Weston - Headteacher of Guestling Bradshaw School - and her husband Graham, plus free off-road car parking. In the church you will be greeted with a glass of wine, be able to enjoy some light musical entertainment provided by Patrick Cox-Smith and his group 'Jubilate', feast yourself on 'Cheese and Wine' and find out who has bid the most for the various lots. You will also be able to bid for some splendid items; among them a framed picture, 'Between the Tides' by Annie Soudain, a 'House of Commons' bottle of whisky and a watercolour of the windmill at Rye.

So get your last bids 'in': buy your Social Evening programme before

they all go (we can only seat 100) and have a great time enjoying the Pett Parish Silent Auction. All details how to bid were in the leaflet inserted in last month's Parish News - if you are still not sure ring one of the telephone numbers above and all will be made clear.

Finally, thanks to all who have already made their bids. You can always check to find out if you hold the winning bid. Your support is much appreciated and will help to maintain the life of the church in our

J. Taylor.

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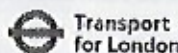
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## GARDENING CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday 12th June at 6.30pm the members met at the village hall, and we left to travel in our cars to Battle and on to Great Park Farm, a really wonderful Nursery and Farm shop in Catsfield. We had visited this Nursery last year for an evening, and we had all enjoyed it so much we had voted to come again during the 2007 programme.



The Nursery has four 'Show' gardens, and a wonderful plant nursery with a Farm shop, and delicatessen selling amazing food and ice cream with flavours like cappuccino, and gooseberry with elderflower!



The weather was really great, and browsing around with a glass of wine, trying all the garden chairs and swings (!) and choosing plants with staff on hand to offer advice, was a joy. There never seems to be enough time during a busy day to find time to just look at plants and planting schemes and enjoy them. I am sure it gave us all time to rethink a corner of the garden. Perhaps a particular plant or a grouping of plants could make the most of a dark or unnoticed



area, to become quite a striking feature.

After a couple of hours of browsing and hunting around the nursery and shop, we all left laden with plants and fruits and cheese and delectable icecream! - yes some clever souls had brought freezer bags!



Next month we have a visit to a trio of 'Gardens of Pett' and you will see the posters around the village, for Tuesday 10th of July at 7pm. All the gardens are together in Pett road at the top of Pannel lane. We start with a garden 'in the making' at Ambleside, then across the road through the garden gate into Number one Rectory Park, 'a garden to browse around with a glass of wine', and then back across the road to Pannel End, a garden 'to aspire to', a lovely garden framing a wonderful view.



All members are welcome and any non-members also most welcome at £1 a head. There will be plants available to buy, but only a limited stock, as the poor plantswoman has broken her arm and isn't as able as she is usually!!

See you all there!

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### NATURE NOTES

I was sitting in the kitchen drinking a cup of coffee and reading a magazine when I heard a tapping on the front room window. After a bit it stopped, then began again more urgently, so I went to investigate. There was nobody there. Now in order to get to my front room window you have to negotiate a large Daphne, a well-armed rose, and a rampant cotoneaster, so I knew that no human could have disappeared so quickly. Sure enough after a few minutes the culprit returned - a young Chaffinch. He



perched on the honeysuckle on the side of the porch and made repeated forays, flying against the window and hitting it with his beak. There are 18 small panes of glass in that window, and he didn't seem to mind which one he hit. I had to go out, and when I came back nearly three hours later he was still at it; even when I stood a few inches from the window he was not deterred. Meanwhile the starlings which are nesting under the porch



roof flew in and out, ignoring both the chaffinch and whatever was attracting him to the window.

Rabbits are an agricultural pest and have to be controlled, but aren't baby rabbits gorgeous!

There were seven of them grazing together at the top of Coney Banks, the sun shining through their little pink ears. One



of the lambs kept going up and prodding them, presumably hoping to make them play. They showed no concern at this interference, just went on munching the grass.

There are some fairly big carp in a local pond, and I watched them swimming around the edge very close to the bank. My knowledge of fish is woefully inadequate, but it seemed to me that they were hunting. The marsh frogs had been singing love duets, so perhaps the carp were after spawn.



I was pleased to see a Long Eared Owl on Lunsford Farm. It was sitting on a branch with its eyes shut, refusing to notice the mob of small birds shouting insults at it, and I could clearly see its ear tufts. (These are not real ears, just tufts of feathers.) There are Long Eared Owls regularly on Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, but I haven't seen one in Pett before. Two days later I saw a Tawny Owl, also being mobbed, so it was quite an 'owly' week. So far I haven't seen the Little Owls which bred on the farm last year.

Avril Thurley



## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know how cows can help you to understand economics?

*No? Neither did I until a schoolteacher friend of mine sent me this educational set of facts (??).  
With many thanks to Nick, I would like to share them with you now.*

**Economics made easy - using models with cows:**

**SOCIALISM:** You have 2 cows. You give one to your neighbour.

**COMMUNISM:** You have 2 cows. The State takes both and gives you some milk.

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**NAZISM:** You have 2 cows. The State takes both and shoots you.

**BUREAUCRACY:** You have 2 cows. The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away.

**TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

**SURREALISM:** You have two giraffes. The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

**AN AMERICAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. Later, you hire a consultant

to analyse why the cow has dropped dead.

**ENRON VENTURE CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. Sell one cow to buy a new President of the United States, leaving you with nine cows. No balance sheet provided with the release. The public buys your bull.

**A FRENCH CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You go on strike, organise a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

**A JAPANESE CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. You then create a clever cow cartoon image called 'cowkimon' and market it worldwide.

**A GERMAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and milk themselves.

**AN ITALIAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows, but you don't know where they are. You decide to have lunch.

**A RUSSIAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You count them and learn you have five cows. You count them again and learn you have 42 cows. You count them again and learn you have 2 cows. You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

**A SWISS CORPORATION:** You have 5000 cows. None of them belong to you. You charge the owners for storing them.

**A CHINESE CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You have 300 people milking them. You claim that you have full employment, and high bovine productivity, and arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

**AN INDIAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows. You worship them.

**A BRITISH CORPORATION:** You have two cows. Both are mad.

**AN IRAQI CORPORATION:** Everyone thinks you have lots of cows. You tell them that you have none. No-one believes you, so they bomb the \*\*\*\* out of you and invade your country. You still have no cows, but at least now you are part of a Democracy....

**A WELSH CORPORATION:** You have two cows. The one on the left looks very attractive!

**AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION:** You have two cows. Business seems pretty good. You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

*Now you know!*

*John Taylor*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 2007



Thank you, Pett People - you've helped poor communities to grow a future! When we added up the monies received from the Coffee Morning, church service collection and house-to-house envelope collection, we were able to send the splendid sum of £1,427.53 to Christian Aid - and over £500 of that was Gift-aided, which will add to the total value. So yes, we did manage to beat last year's record amount, and I am truly grateful for the help everyone gave. God Bless!

*Ray Taylor*

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These are two examples of a range of new discoveries relating to the Pett, Fairlight and Hastings area, that will be described in illustrated talks by ten expert speakers from 4 - 9 August, at the Shipwreck & Coastal Heritage Centre, in Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings (01424 437452) - at the back of the harbour. It is an extraordinary opportunity to 'Meet the Experts'. The talks are free and funded by the Local Heritage Initiative of the Heritage Lottery Fund. However, a collection will be made for the educational work and research of the charitable trust that runs the Shipwreck & Coastal Heritage Centre. As seats are limited we advise people to arrive 30 minutes before the talks start.

**Saturday 4 August:** Local geologist Ken Brooks (talk 2.30-3.30pm) and Dr. Edward Jarzembowski (talk 7.30-8.30pm) of Maidstone Museum will describe the latest local discoveries of dinosaur remains from the sandstone rocks that were formed on the beaches and rivers here 135 million years ago.

**Monday 6 August:** The Receiver of Wreck for the U.K., Sophia Exelby, (talk 2.30 - 3.30pm) will describe her work in sorting out the ownership of property in recent and historic shipwrecks (including the recent cargo ship in Devon from which motorbikes were taken), and in disposing of the stranded whale at Camber (a 'royal fish'). The diving historian, Adrian Barak, (talk 7.30 - 8.30pm) will explain what it is like to explore the wrecks of the 'Anne' of 1690 off Pett Level, the 'Amsterdam' sunk in 1749 off Hastings, and Henry VIII's 'Mary Rose' sunk off Portsmouth in 1545.

**Tuesday 7 August:** Paul Roberts, from English Heritage, (talk 2.30 - 3.30pm) will explain how local historic buildings and monuments, like Hastings Castle and Battle Abbey, are being protected; and Dr. Martyn Waller, Kingston University, (talk 7.30 - 8.30pm) will discuss the rising sea level and the local changing coastline since the Ice Age 12,000 years ago, and he will give clues to a bleak future as global warming continues.

**Wednesday 8 August:** Mark Dunkley, a diving archaeologist, (talk 2.30 - 3.30pm) will explain the new work by English Heritage of conserving the local wrecks of the 'Anne' of 1690 off Pett Level, the 'Thomas Lawrence' of 1862, and the recently discovered cannon wreck off Pevensey. Peter Clark (talk 7.30 - 8.30pm), who led the excavation of one of the world's oldest known boats, found at Dover and dating from about 1500 BC, will tell us about the Bronze Age people who hunted in the forest off Pett Level and farmed nearby.

**Thursday 9 August:** Denis Collins, local historian, (talk 2.30-3.30pm) will describe the smuggling town of Hastings in 1749 when the Dutch treasure ship 'Amsterdam' was wrecked nearby and caused looting and killing; and Dr. Peter Marsden, a maritime archaeologist, (talk 7.30 - 8.30pm) will describe new discoveries about the wrecking of the 'Amsterdam', and in particular how she was swallowed by the beach to become the best preserved East Indiaman known in the world.

**Sunday 12 August:** Dr Peter Marsden will lead a guided tour, from 5.30 - 7pm, at Bulverhythe, west Hastings, of the wreck of the 'Amsterdam' from 1749. The prehistoric forest that there dates from 2000 BC will be included, as will be the rocks of the 'Age of the Dinosaurs' 135 million years ago. You might even find a 4000 year

old acorn or hazelnut, or even a dinosaur bone! The walk needs to be booked at the Shipwreck & Coastal Heritage Centre (01424 437452), with a charge of £3 per person towards the work of the charitable trust museum.

*Dr Peter Marsden*

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## THREE SATURDAYS IN JUNE

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The weather was not so kind the following week, but a small group of hardy individuals braved the showers and helped clear the churchyard for the fair. Thank you to Carol, Doreen, Gay, Phyllis, Ron and Wendy for your stalwart efforts.

The third Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> was the day of the Church Fair. People had arranged flowers, baked, made sweets and marmalade, grown plants and ransacked their attics, garages, bookcases and children's toy boxes and their piggy banks to provide goods for the stalls. Despite dire predictions, it remained dry for the duration of the fair, although the wind meant that some of the stalls had to be relocated. About 200 people kept the stalls busy and consumed vast quantities of cream teas, raising a grand total of £836.21p

There is a belief in some quarters that villages are not what they were. I am a member of a family that has been in Pett since 1730

and in my opinion the people of Pett, whether of long or short occupation, are as friendly, helpful and as generous as their predecessors. On behalf of the Fair Committee, I should like to thank you all for your support and we hope that you not only picked up a few bargains but enjoyed yourselves too.

Jillian Green



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| Cllr. Martin King                   | 1 New Coastguard Cottages, Toot Rock, Pett Level                           |              |
| Cllr. Brian Roberts                 | 2 Coastguard Cottages, Pett Level Road, Pett Level                         |              |
| Cllr. Paul Stapley                  | Bower Cottage, Pett Road, Pett   |              |
| Cllr. Brian Woodcock                | Hither Green Cottage, Pett Road, Pett                                      |              |
| Clerk.                              |  |              |
| Bob Hodgeson                        | 17 Barnfield Close, Hastings TN24 1TS                                      | 01424 716232 |
|                                     | e.mail: <a href="mailto:bob_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk">bob_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk</a> |              |

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Pett Village Hall Management Committee</b>              | Cllr. Jillian Green                           |
| <b>Pett Sports Association</b>                             | Cllr. Paul Stapley                            |
| <b>Police Community Consultative Group</b>                 | Cllr. Brian Roberts                           |
| <b>Rother Association of Local Councils Representative</b> | Cllrs. Brian Woodcock, Paul Stapley           |
| <b>Sussex Association of Local Councils</b>                | Cllrs. Andrew Dunlop, Martin King             |
| <b>Flood Wardens</b>                                       | Cllrs. Brian Roberts, Andrew Dunlop           |
|  | Co-opted member - District Cllr. Robin Patten |

### **Rother District Council (Marsham Ward)**

|                    |  |              |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| Cllr. Roger Bird   | 87 Battery Hill, Fairlight, Hastings, TN35 4AL                   | 01424 813636 |
| Cllr. Robin Patten | 5 Old Coastguard Cottages, Pett Level Road, Pett Level, TN35 4EH | 01424 812479 |

### **East Sussex County Council**

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| Cllr. Carl Maynard | The Burrow, 23 Baldslow Down, Wesfield TN37 7NJ | 01273 481576 |
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### **Village Hall Committee**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Telephone No.</b> | <b>Responsibility</b>        |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Phil Button         | 812148               | Chairman                     |
| Ray Barden          | 812551               | Vice Chairman                |
| Jeanette Barden     | 812551               | Secretary                    |
| Carol Pecorini      | 813544               | Treasurer                    |
| Derek Johnson       | 814829               | Hall Manager & Hall Bookings |
| Evelyn Darnell      | 812615               | Committee Member             |
| Tim Jury            | 813620               | Committee Member             |
| Philippa Strickland | 814384               | Committee Member             |
| Sally Williams      | 812841               | Committee Member             |