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1	Wed	0015	3.4	1234	3.7
2	Thurs	0051	3.4	1312	3.8
3	Fri	0129	3.4	1350	3.8
4	Sat	0209	3.4	1432	3.7
5	Sun	0252	3.2	1518	3.3
6	Mon	0344	2.8	1613	3
7	Tues	0448	2.4	1720	2.5
8	Wed	0612	2.1	1848	2.2
9	Thurs	0743	2.1	2023	2.4
10	Fri	0902	2.4	2140	2.6
11	Sat	1004	2.8	2238	3
12	Sun	1050	3.2	2322	3.2
13	Mon	1130	3.4	2359	3.3
14	Tues	-----	-----	1207	3.7
15	Wed	0030	3.3	1242	3.7
16	Thurs	0101	3.3	1314	3.6
17	Fri	0131	3.2	1344	3.4
18	Sat	0158	3	1410	3.2
19	Sun	0223	2.7	1435	3
20	Mon	0247	2.5	1505	2.6
21	Tues	0322	2.1	1551	2.1
22	Wed	0433	1.8	1720	1.8
23	Thurs	0621	1.6	1849	1.8
24	Fri	0737	1.9	2003	2
25	Sat	0839	2.2	2102	2.5
26	Sun	0929	2.8	2151	3
27	Mon	1011	3.2	2233	3.3
28	Tues	1051	3.6	2312	3.6
29	Wed	1131	3.9	2351	3.8
30	Thurs	-----	-----	1210	4
31	Fri	0027	3.8	1248	4.2

For Summer time, add one hour in the shaded areas

Copy for the September edition can be sent to me on email at denise.jordan@virgin.net or delivered to me at 5 Glebe Cottages, Elms Lane (814187). The deadline for copy is the 15th August. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – JUNE 2007

The June meeting of Pett Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th June at Pett Village Hall.

The main topic of concern was Waste Recycling and the recently introduced new system by Rother District Council. Several members of the public, during public time, expressed their disquiet with the new system and it was clear that the introduction of the new wheelie bin scheme had not been without considerable difficulty. Members of the public also expressed concern about the lack of information and poor communication concerning the new scheme. Members of the Parish Council shared the concern of the public and having considered the recent Report to Rother District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the subject, agreed to review the matter at the next Council meeting in the hope that most of the problems would by then have been resolved. The Clerk was instructed to write to Rother DC expressing the concerns of the Council and general public and requesting that consideration be given to improvements in communication in the future.

The Council also considered the matter of a Parish Survey, an item which had been deferred

from previous meetings. Council were reminded that a Parish Survey undertaking some two years ago had not attracted high interest and that the response to survey questions had been quite low. District Councillor Robin Patten informed Council that Rother District Council supported the creation of Local Action Plans and urged Council to consider the matter and look at what had been achieved by other Parish Councils. Councillor Patten also informed Council that future funding opportunities could well be linked to the Parish Council having a Local Action Plan in place. Local Action Plans, while usually supported by Parish Councils are in fact created by local people with an interest in the future of their locality. The matter will be discussed again at the July Council meetings and no doubt at future meetings. If you have any particular view on the development of a Local Action Plan or would like to find out more, or even volunteer your services, please contact the parish clerk.

The Parish Council considered Planning application R4R/2007/1546/P – Hilltop, Chick Hill, Pett Level; single storey living room extension; and agreed to

recommend approval of the proposed development.

Notification of the decisions on previous Planning applications were noted as follows:-

RR/2007/0114/P Fairlight Wood
Caravan Club site Watermill Lane,
Pett (erection of toilet/shower room)
Granted

RR/2007/0171/T 5 Rectory Park,
Pett Parish Council (cut back from
property and reduce the length of
two lateral limbs of one oak tree)
No objection

RR/2007/0442/P Glen Cottage -
land at, Chick Hill, Pett (demolition
of existing bungalow and erection
of chalet bungalow including
formation of new vehicular access)

Application withdrawn

RR/2007/0578/P St. Mary & St.
Peter Church - land Adjoining,
Pett Road, Pett (Change of use of
land to form extension of grave
yard)

Granted

RR/2007/0746/P Fortuna, Watermill
Lane, Pett (erection of detached
single storey wooden garden
rooms/summerhouse)

Granted

The Parish Council meets on the 3rd
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 Parish Council has also now
made arrangements for Minutes of
Council meetings to be available for
inspection at the Village Post Office
and on the Mobile Library. If you
would like to receive Council
agendas and minutes by e-mail
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the parish clerk.

If you have any questions for the
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RELATIVE COSTS

Recently a farming publication
printed some interesting facts about
the relative cost of food today
compared with 40 years ago and
this is a part of that article.

Recently on a BBC television
programme it was reported that
bread prices had gone up from 65p
to 95p and this was due to the
increase in the price of wheat.
Nothing is more effective at getting
farmers blood up than such
misleading headlines, the BBC
should realise that the wheat price
would have to more than quadruple
from the current £95 a tonne to
justify such an increase. The
relative cost of food and what the
farmer gets for it is a topic that
needs a few facts. Here are some.

Ever wondered whether the food
you eat costs more or less in real
terms than it did a generation ago?

Using the 'time to
earn' method:



In 1966 it took 25min to
earn a loaf of bread whereas in
2003 it took 2 min 40 seconds.

57 min in 1966 to buy 500g
chicken
5min in 2003

41 min in 1966 to buy 1 kilo
apples
5min in 2003

10 min in 1966 to buy 1 kilo
potatoes
2min 20 sec in 2003

44 min in 1966 to buy 250g
beef 4min 20 sec in
2003



10 min in 1966 to buy a pint of
milk
1 min 17sec in 2003

So why does food appear
expensive I hear you say. Well
maybe it is because the percentage
that goes back to the farmer is
decreasing as time goes by with
only 13% of the cost of a loaf of
bread going back to the wheat
grower. 30% of a chicken, 49% of
the price of apples, 46% of
Beef, 15% of potatoes and 30% of
milk. It is because farmers have
been forced to produce cheaper
food year on year that the
processors and distributors have
been able to add on whatever they
need to make a profit.

Unfortunately
not all things
have gone down
price like food.
The average house now takes 5
years earnings to buy whereas in
1966 it took 4 years earnings.



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MEN!

So who's bright idea was it to put a 'men only' cooking class in the schedule for the flower show?

I don't know about your man, but my man doesn't even know where the kitchen is until the end of July each year.

Ok, so he actually bakes the items and hopefully wins the prizes but it's all that goes on around it. For instance, he does write out the shopping list, and then gives it straight to me. It's me that has to go through the cupboards to see what we already have in stock as apparently it's easier for me as I know where everything is kept. It's me that has to go to the supermarket to fill in all the gaps with absolutely no compromises (if it says cocoa then cocoa it has to be, not the nearly new drinking chocolate we already have!)

Then comes baking day. How do I put the oven on? What shall I cook the tart in? Cake tins - what does a 7" one look like? (you asking me???)

At this point I am banished whilst he gets on with it, well except for me finding him the

odd utensil, mopping his brow and pouring him yet another drink.



After hours and hours I finally get my kitchen back. Oh joy ~ where do I start? And there is my man in the middle of it, beaming from ear to ear with yet another empty glass in his hand, proclaiming to the world that cooking is great and thinks he should take over the cooking on a weekend to give me a break. Yeeeah.

I have to admit though that yes it does all look really good and yes the icing has gone on well and yes that was the right jam to use and yes he has worked really hard and yes I will clean up the kitchen for him. (Hang on, isn't that one 'yes' too many?)

All I hope now is that he wins something ~ or then again, looking around ~ maybe not!

J.R.

"Worrying is like being in a rocking chair: it gives you something to do, but it gets you nowhere"

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GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL:

The Headteacher writes:-

Time at Guestling Bradshaw certainly flies! It seems like only yesterday when I wrote my last update for you. We have had another busy year and I will touch on just a few of the many highlights.

During the year we have formed a special relationship with Christ Church CE Primary School. Our teachers have met together four times in each other's school, in turn and our senior leadership teams have held additional meetings. We have travelled on a journey to learn from and share our strengths to develop spiritually. Both schools have developed areas for reflection, school council visits and links between the classes and worship. Our project has been seen as innovative and outstanding. We were thrilled to hear that we have been awarded the Bishop's Commendation, a prestigious award.

Another area that we have worked on is 'Working with and learning with and from others.' This has been brilliant for staff and children. It has again promoted a sense of belonging and inclusiveness for all in our school. Very recently we learned that we have gained the 'Gold Healthy Schools Award' - this is tremendous news and the result of some great teamwork.

During the year the children have been involved in many fund raising

projects. Our theme and purpose has been to raise money to help others to help themselves around the world. We have raised money for Christian Aid, using the parable of the talents, each class starting with five pounds, making an amazing total of £345. We raised money for 'Save the children' when we had a Chinese Friendship Day. Comic relief was a fun day too. Finally we raised money for the Pestalozzi ladybird fund. Yes we have been busy and staff, parents and children have generously supported all our causes.

There are lots of other events and activities that have taken place during the year and if you have won the bids in the Silent Auction to visit us, the children and I will proudly share all our news and school with you.

We do thank you for all your prayers during the year. It is reassuring to know that we have so many people supporting us in this way. God Bless.

Carolyn Weston

DID YOU KNOW

that a goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

(Ed: wow - 2 seconds longer than mine!)

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

(Ed: No comment)

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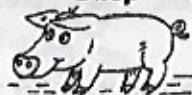
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NATURE NOTES



It was a beautiful
summer morning,
warm and sunny with
just a light breeze. A

Moorhen with two black
fluffy chicks chugged
steadily along the drainage
ditch. Further up, a Heron was
standing immobile, watching
the water with unblinking eyes.
Should I clap my hands to shoo him
away? Herons have to eat, and
they have co-existed with
Moorhens for millennia. Luckily on
this occasion I didn't have to
decide, as the Moorhen saw the
danger and steered her chicks into
a clump of vegetation near the
opposite bank. It would have
spoiled my morning if a chick had
disappeared down the long grey
throat, but it no doubt spoiled the
Heron's morning not to get his
breakfast.



A large Pike was caught recently on
the Level, and I was shown the
contents of its 'stomach'.
Unfortunately it was a Water Vole,
whole and undamaged. What a
shame; Water
Voles have enough
problems without
being gobbled up
by Pike. I was also
warned to keep my fingers away



from the Pike's teeth,
which were
alarmingly numerous
and seriously sharp.
They all slope
inwards, so that anything luckless

enough to be caught has no chance
of escape.

Subjectively, Water Voles and baby
Moorhens are cute and cuddly;
Pike and Herons are not.
Objectively, each has the right to
feed itself in whatever way Nature
has decreed.



Early on 22nd June I
looked out of the
kitchen window and
saw no less than
nine newly fledged

Tits on the nut feeder.
I think it was five Great
and four Blue, but it
could have been the
other way round, as
they were constantly on the move.
What enchanting little creatures
they are. They stayed for several
minutes until a pair of Nuthatches
arrived and scattered them.



Avril Thurley

THE QUESTION IS WHY?

Why do people pay to go up tall
buildings and then put money in
binoculars to look at things on the
ground?

Why does someone believe you
when you say there are four billion
stars, but check when you say the
paint is wet?

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Our re-scheduled (because of the weather!) Summer Lunch will take place on SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER at 12.30 pm in my garden. There will be a Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall and an exhibition of photographs of Pett Level. The cost is £8 per person and includes drinks. Do come!

The PLPT was founded in 1973 in order to purchase 18 acres of land at Pett Level around Toot Rock. We have purchased additional adjoining land over the years. The intention is to preserve the land and its wildlife for all to enjoy. We need to keep our bank balance in credit in order to maintain the land and also to have money available for any further land purchase.

You can become a Friend of the Pett Level Preservation Trust by paying £5 a year or £30 for life membership.

*Mrs. Angela Hawksley
White House, Pett Level
812705 (home)
437081 (work)*

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

If you live between The Sawyers and Rosemary Lane you may have noticed that you have a different person delivering your Parish News. After several years of sterling service, Pauline Brown has handed her round over to Brian Woodcock. Brian is a newly elected Parish Councillor, and is keen to make himself known to parishioners, so do feel free to waylay him and tell him about any parish issues which concern you. My

grateful thanks to Pauline for all her past help, and thanks also to Brian for taking over.

Avril Thurley

PETT W.I.....

are breaking away from the traditional monthly meeting in August and why not? After all, we are 90 years old this year - and are taking ourselves off to a trout farm for a bit of fishing and a cream tea. Different for sure and no doubt about the menu for dinner on Friday.

The AGM was held in the Royal Albert Hall in June and every Institute in the country was represented. Business affairs were dealt with, awards made, reports given and guest speakers included Baroness Hayman, first female Speaker of the House of Lords, Alan Cook - Managing Director of the Post Office Ltd and Stuart Rose - Marks and Spencer's Chief Executive. The only Resolution this year was discussed - "We urge H.M. Government to stop the closure of Community Hospitals". This was carried by 6461 votes to 65. Finally, legendary crooner Tony Christie wrote himself into W.I. folklore history with his rendition of "Is this the way to Amarillo" which had the entire audience rocking in their seats.

The meeting had started as usual with the singing of Jerusalem and both Welsh and National Anthems, all of which threatened to raise the roof.

E.D.



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FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

In response to requests from members, we have agreed to continue showing films throughout the year and not stop during the low attendance months of July and August. Our showing of Babel last month did reflect a lower than normal attendance but significantly, it was 30% higher than the equivalent month last year. Hopefully, this trend will continue with our showing on August 2nd of the film titled: **A GOOD YEAR**

This is a feel-good movie that highlights the beauty of France as much as it does its stars. It provides a languid, gorgeous viewing experience. Director Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe--who first worked together on the Academy Award-winning *Gladiator*--are reunited in this romantic film, which is based on Peter Mayle's book *A Year in Provence*. Crowe plays Max, a workaholic London bonds trader who doesn't know the meaning of vacation. When his uncle dies, leaving him a picturesque estate in the south of France, Max views it as an opportunity to cash in the vineyard and pocket the profits. The film is reminiscent of Diane Lane's *Under the Tuscan Sun* in the way the scenery plays as much of a role in the film as its characters. The lush village and streaming sunlight portray Provence as an idyllic, magical place. Even Max falls under its spell. While not a particularly likeable character, especially in the early part of the film, Max also isn't a bad guy. When he gets the chance to live life at a less manic pace than which he is used to,

he finds that a good year isn't dependant on a financial windfall.

As usual, the film starts at 7.30pm in Pett Village Hall with refreshments being served from 7.00pm.

Finally, in order to give everyone some advance information, we are planning a special event on the 6th September which will be our 5th birthday. We will be screening the film "Miss Potter" a story about Beatrix Potter starring Renee Zellweger. We also intend to invite a number of special guests, who were instrumental in creating Flicks in 2002.

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SEA SUNDAY – 8th July

A happy and well supported service was held outside the Boat House at
Pett Level in order to celebrate Sea Sunday and the work of the Rescue
Boat Crew and that of the Missions to Seafarers.

The Anglicans and Methodists shared the service and it was a joy to be
joined by the children of the Guestwell uniformed organisations.

Fortunately, the weather was good (unlike last year) and we were all
able to be outside.

Our thanks go to the Pett Level Rescue Boat Crew who not only
provided the venue, but provided the refreshments after the service.

The Crew were thanked for all that they do to help look after people who
use our beach and coastline – sometimes carelessly – and we were able
to give a Sea Sunday Blessing for the Rescue Boat.

The collection raised £104.24 which has been donated to the Missions
to Seafarers.

Thank You to everyone for all your help and support.

*Meriel Deasy
Pett Level*



PARISH DIARY - August 2007

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

Wednesday 1st	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 2nd	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 3rd	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 4th	Cricket v. Tunbridge Wells Borders 3rd	RG	2 pm
	Bowls v Westfield	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 6th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 8th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Bowls v. Hawkhurst	RG	2.30 pm
Thursday 9th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
Friday 10th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 11th	Cricket v St. J.M.Jacobbeans	RG	2 pm
Sunday 12th	Bowls v. Ninfield	RG	2.30 pm
	Cricket v. Gustavus Adolphus	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 13th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 14th	Garden Club Outing	VH	10.30 am
Wednesday 15th	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 16th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
Friday 17th			
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm

Saturday 18th	Cricket v. Polegate & Stone Cross 3rd	RG	2 pm
	Bowls v. Hastings VHBC	RG	2.30 pm
Sunday 19th	Bowls v. Beckley	TG	2.30 pm
Monday 20th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 21st	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 22nd	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Bowls v. Northiam	RG	2.30 pm
Thursday 23rd			
Friday 24th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 25th	Cricket v. Hastings Priory 4th	RG	2 pm
	Bowls Finals Day	RG	10 am
Sunday 26th	Bowls Finals Day	RG	10 am
Monday 27th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 28th	Bowls v. Clive Vale	RG	2.30 pm
Wednesday 29th	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 30th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
Friday 31st	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 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. **Please DO NOT** give me verbal messages when you meet me out, as I will have forgotten them by the time I get home.

Avril Thurley

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sun. 5th Aug.	Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 12th Aug.	Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level
	Joint Worship with the Methodists, 10.45am - Methodist Church
Sun. 19th Aug.	Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter
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FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Friends of Pett Churches will be holding their second flower festival on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd of September, at Pett Church. The theme will be 'Song of Sussex', a celebration of Sussex people, places and events.

The artistic ones amongst you, who would like to do an arrangement, should contact Phyllis on 812699. Arrangements may be sponsored for £10 or £15 and any dedication, which you make, will appear with the flower arrangement. All sponsorships will be acknowledged in the programme. For further details contact Jillian on 813841.

Goods for the stalls, unwanted gifts, books, plants, prizes for the tombola etc, may be left at the church or at October, where you can also leave any unwanted plant pots, of any size, or bowls for bulbs. Doreen will be grateful for offers of savouries, cakes and scones for the refreshments; phone 813664.

Jillian Green

BARN DANCE

It was a great evening enjoyed by all and we raised £467 in memory of John Pecorini.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES



Wedding Announcement:

'The marriage of Holly Appleton to Ross Horsman will take place at St Thomas the Martyr, Winchelsea on Saturday 4th August 2007 at 12 noon.

Holly has lived in Pett all her life and would very much like anyone who knows her or Ross and would like to come along to the church to join them on their special day. Let's hope we get some summer and sunshine at least on one day this year!

DID YOU KNOW.....

That if the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

ANOTHER CAR SECURITY TIP

If you have a garage, use it. Always lock your car and garage. If you don't have a garage always try to park in a well-lit, open place.



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Dear Editor,

As local beekeepers we read Mrs. Woodward's letter with some interest and will endeavour to provide an explanation from the information she supplied.

We believe the problem had its origin in a swarm, it could have been departing or arriving, the clue to us lay in the lethargic bees. The swarm will contain bees at different stages in their life cycle not all of them will be active foragers and many of the remaining bees if caught out in chilly weather, which it was about that time in May, will conserve themselves and start to shut down their metabolism. They will then appear lethargic and even close to death.

Although foraging bees rob each other's colonies they are normally programmed to extract nectar direct from the flowers and do not take it second hand, e.g. from roof tiles, but nature is full of surprises.

Swarms normally happen from April to July, it is not a phenomena but a normal event in the colonies life. A new queen will be created within the colony and the old queen will depart taking with her as much as 50% of the bees, this is the honey bees' way of continuing the species. In unmanaged colonies this could take place a number of times during the season.

As a public service the Hastings and Rother Beekeeping Association offer to remove swarms of bees and relocate them with their members. We carry this out on their behalf in this area, and if needed can be contacted on the above telephone number, there is normally no charge for this. Bees that are endemic in buildings or in dangerous or inaccessible locations may have to be dealt with by other means.

Robert and Rosemary Bond

Dear Editor

I hope that the News will start a debate on the plight and future of the Two Sawyers. Many of your readers will have read its history as you printed the late Mike Jackson's account of his time there.

It has suffered recently. Its original car park being turned into houses and its beer garden into a car park. The adjacent Forge Brewery was accidentally knocked over and the Council was unable to have it reinstated. The new house on its site seems to be taking an age to finish. I imagine all this activity or lack of it has blighted the pub's business.

I am sure as we enjoy the Flower Show on the 28th many will be speculating whether this local amenity and part of village life is going to go the same way as the Garage, the Pot Shop and the Forge and become more housing.

Yours sincerely

Paul Brown
White Gable Friars Hill

The Roundels, Pett Road
Pett, Hastings
TN35 4HG
14th July 2007

The Editor
Pett Parish News

Dear Editor,

I was most interested to read the letter from Marion Woodward (July issue).

When my wife and I returned from a five day break on 28 May we found the kitchen to be full of large flies.

There were so many it took days to get rid of them.

Is this a similar incident?

Yours sincerely,
Trevor Hindson

Dear Editor,

"May I, through the Parish News express my thanks to Tim Jury for holding this years Barn Dance in memory of my husband John. It was an extremely kind gesture and all my family were very touched. Although we felt unable to attend I believe it was a great success So thanks to everyone who supported it and for the money raised for The British Heart Foundation. I'm sure they will be delighted.

Carol Pecorini and family.

The Roundels, Pett Road
Pett, Hastings
TN35 4HG
14th July 2007
The Editor

Pett Parish News

Dear Editor,

In your Editorial (July Issue) you asked for comments on recycling.

I attach my diary of events concerning collection which has been sent to the Director, Service Directorate.

Twice this month we have managed to see the dustmen in the road by our drive and ask if they were going to collect our refuse/recycling. They were not, as they did not have any list of assisted collections.

Yours sincerely,
Trevor Hindson.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Received card stating to note position where bin and boxes had been delivered.

Advised RDC that there were no lids to boxes and no information pack. The response was that they knew. Green bins had caught fire.

First collection for Monday 4 June came and went - Nothing.

Various phone calls to 787580 who advised that they had contacted the Contractor including speaking to a 'senior' person. There was still no action.

On 13 June I made contact with a 'senior' person who agreed to take away my refuse. He was most helpful and this took place on 14 June.

It would appear that the bin and boxes had been delivered to an incorrect position, i.e. where my dustbin has been situated for the past 7 years and there has never been a problem in having this emptied. Also advised that collection would be on a Wednesday and not on a Monday.

As my wife and I are not able to move refuse to the road I should make contact with RDC for assisted collection. This I did at 11.50 on that day. I was advised by RDC that I should receive confirmation within 14 days. In the meantime the Contractor had arranged for temporary status.

On 20 June I had to make further contact with the Contractor as the refuse had not been collected. Special collection took place on the following day.

Nothing happened on the following week so I made contact with Will Graham the Manager of the Contractor who assured me collection would be made on 29 June.

Nothing happened so on 2 July I again made contact with Will Graham who said it would take him an hour to establish why the collection had not taken place and he would ring me back but again assured me collection would be made that day.

Nothing happened and Will Graham refused to speak to me on 3 July.

By coincidence on Monday 2 July we saw the Dustmen passing by. My wife dashed out to speak to them and they said they had not been given any information on assisted collection. They were only too happy to come down the drive and take away our refuse. We still have the boxes to be emptied.

Having made telephone contact on 29 June with the assisted collection office to advise that I had not received any confirmation letter, this arrived on 4 July.

This letter states the Council is committed to providing quality and effective services to all Residents and I do not have to take any further action.



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Plaice is available throughout the year although the quality varies. From summer through to mid winter (outside the spawning season) it is generally fleshier and tastier. It is a demersal fish (swims close to the sea bed!) and feeds on clams, razorfish, crabs and other shellfish. It reaches maturity at 5-7 years and can live for 30 years.

As with other white fish, plaice is high in protein and low in fat and Calories. It is a good source of iodine (vital for effective thyroid function).

It will keep in the fridge for several days, or freezer for up to 3 months.

Plaice is a versatile fish that responds well to grilling, baking, poaching and frying and can be substituted in recipes for lemon sole. For maximum flavour cook on the bone.

POACHED PLAICE WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

Serves 4

Approximately 4 x 1lbs (454g) whole plaice - head, tail and fins removed
3 cups water
½ cup chopped parsley
½ tsp salt (optional)
½ cup ale

Sauce

1 cup spicy mustard
4 tblsp ale
½ tsp salt (optional)
½ cup white bread crumbs

optional

¼ cup olive/ rapeseed oil for frying instead of boiling

Boil water, parsley, salt (if used) and ale.

Poach plaice in the broth for 12 – 15 minutes, until it nearly flakes.

Meanwhile mix mustard, ale, salt (if used) and crumbs to make a sauce.

Briefly heat to a simmer

Serve fish with warm mustard sauce.

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DO YOU KNOW ?

Do you know about the Werewolves in Sussex?

Well, perhaps they weren't really werewolves, but many folk thought (and still think) that they were truly very strange wolves, or similar animals. The first genuine recorded sighting in Sussex was on early one autumn morning in the 1930s. At the first meet of the hunting season, horses suddenly shied when a "gigantic wolf-like creature came loping across the field". Many people saw this animal but all enquiries shed no light on any zoo escapee and no trace or spoor of the beast could be found. The hunters were left wondering if what they had seen was a phantom of a giant wolf speared by a Roman soldier centuries before; or was this one of the werewolves of Sussex legend? (*Creepy isn't it?*)

This instance is not unique. Similar creatures have been seen in Sussex over the centuries and some think they may have been huge grey foxes that were the last in a line of ancient hill foxes, and which could easily have led to many werewolf legends. In the 1970s three huge creatures walked only a yard or two ahead of some hunters and then loped away across the marshes near Pevensey. These too were thought to be giant wolves, though they vanished and were not seen again.

It has been suggested that these Sussex wolves might explain the many puma sightings in Southeast England - there have been at least 500. The 'puma' sightings are said to be animals the size of Alsatians, but there the comparison ends. A search

for a puma in 1964, on the Sussex Hampshire border, flushed out one of the biggest foxes - "even bigger than an Alsatian". The animal was never caught, but solved that particular puma mystery. Some weeks later a bus driver, on a wooded route after dark, saw a gingery sandy animal with a wolf's snout and a bushy tail. It was about three feet high, and the driver was certain that it was not an Alsatian.

What about this end of Sussex? There are tales of very large animals wandering over our hills, woodlands and marshes. Some tales tell of the savage killing of sheep, some tell of sightings of large cat or wolf-like animals, but there is little hard evidence. It is true that some foxes may grow significantly larger than normal and they have been known to attack sheep (as do uncontrolled dogs). But, there is more to nature than the textbook might tell. There is no reason why an escaped puma, or wolf could not survive in Sussex, just as the wild boar has. Almost certainly there were large wild cat-like animals roaming the lands around Pett many centuries ago and also foxes (some of them may have been huge) and wolves. It was a long time ago and if anyone has seen a similar animal in recent years, please write to the Editor and let us all know.

As for werewolves in Sussex - well, your guess is as good as mine!

John Taylor

**ANOTHER PERK OF BEING OVER
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LIFE ON THE LEVEL

How disappointing the weather was earlier in the Summer. I hope by the time you read this we shall have seen an improvement.

So many events were swamped out but valiantly went on, and being British we put up the umbrellas and enjoyed ourselves. My garden has loved the rain and warmth and has shown its appreciation by flowering prolifically; unlike last year when it was scorched to a crisp. I visited Great Dixter gardens early this month and there too the gardens were showing benefit of the rain with eye-popping colour everywhere. Well worth a visit and not far to travel.

Unfortunately the Pett Level Preservation Society lunch in the garden, scheduled for 30th June, had to be postponed due to the dreadful weather forecast. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday 1st September, 12.30 at The White House, so we have something to look forward to and more time for those who forgot the first time around to purchase their tickets!

As if to prove it was Summer, despite some of us having our

doubts, the swallows reared a family of young in the Gents half of the public toilets. My husband took photos and we believe there were certainly three young and possibly more. A window was left open after closing time allowing access for the busy parents.

Sunday 8th July was Sea Sunday. St Mary and St Peter together with Pett Methodist Church were joined by Cubs and Scouts, members of the Rescue Boat and a good crowd gathered here for the traditional service. There were some rousing hymns and choruses ending with the "Seamans' Hymn" which never fails to bring a lump to the throat.

Soon after this service had ended and most of the Rescue Boat Crew had dispersed in search of their Sunday lunches, the siren blasted out bringing them all racing back. Within minutes they had donned their waterproofs and equipment and launched the lifeboat. Thankfully it was only a minor incident and they soon returned, but another reminder of how vital this service is and how much we should all value it. Well done everyone!

We were treated to an unexpected Monday evening occurrence on the 9th when Cliffend Bay was lit up with the rainbow colours from a fireworks display. What a display it was too - somebody had something special to celebrate. Thank you for sharing it with us whoever you are.

B.M.

MOLLY CAKE

(No eggs or fat)

75g	Wholemeal flour
75g	Plain flour
225g	Dates
500g	Mixed fruit
3 teaspoons	Baking powder
1 teaspoon	Mixed spice
50g	Almonds
80 ml	Orange juice

METHOD

Cut dates finely and place in a saucepan with the water. Simmer gently and cool. Mix in all the other ingredients and stir well. Place in a loaf tin and cook for 45-50 minutes at 170° or gas mark 3.

Jo Johnson

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

STOP PRESS -- SILENT AUCTION -- STOP PRESS

Wow! What a great event. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Pett and Fairlight, and to the superb hosting of the Social Evening by Carolyn and Graham Weston, the Silent Auction's total takings were £1,700.

Over June and the beginning of July bids came in for the 48 lots and the winning bids were announced last evening. 17 other items were auctioned during an exciting evening of music, great refreshments and wine held in the Parish Church. This was really enjoyable and lots of fun.

All the monies raised (after a few expenses) will help to maintain the life of the Church in our village.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this event 'great'.

J.T.

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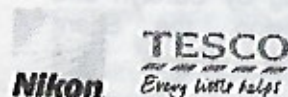
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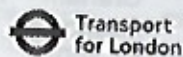
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GARDENING CLUB NEWS JULY 2007

When compiling the Garden Club programme it is always a problem finding new and interesting speakers, who we can afford and often we visit Nurseries and large Gardens. We had a space in July this year, and being encouraged by local villages that have an "Open Garden" scheme, we thought we would try a 'trial run'.

Three of our members had gardens fairly close together, each one different enough to have interest for everyone so we planned our year accordingly. All Holidays suspended until after the event (!) well, no more that a week away, to be able to catch the garden before it grew too wild to be tamed before the 'big day'. Every time we visited Nurseries looking for interesting and eye-catching plants to fill the garden, we asked the same question "will it be in flower for early July?". Then we watched long-term weather forecasts and prayed for a balmy evening...or should that read..barmy!. Then there was the question about whether people would be interested enough to come and look at our gardens, would there be enough to see?

After some lousy weather and splatterings of rain the day dawned, the weather had improved and by the evening we thought perhaps we wouldn't have to be on stand-by with umbrellas and Wellington boots!

Our first garden Ambleside is 'a garden in the making', I can

remember when a lovely lady called Twiggy lived there and she grew Enormous vegetables for the flower show, - winning lots of the cups and prizes, but the back garden was a lovely large Vegetable plot! Now to see the work that has gone into building a wonderful garden with that 'Mediterranean feel' is quite amazing. This really is a garden to sit in and take a leisurely glass of wine, or to feast on fresh vegetables and salads in the shade of grape vines, listening to the gentle burble of the little stream.

I can't really wax lyrical about the second garden 'to browse in with a glass of wine' because it is my own! But, I have to say that looking at old photos of the garden at the time we moved in was nostalgic to say the least, we really have changed the look of the garden so much during the years we have been here. I am afraid I do all the wrong things, like seeing a plant and buying it without a thought as to where on earth I am going to plant it!

Our last, but in no way least garden Pannel End 'a garden to aspire to' was a joy and just the right one in which to spend to end our evening. The concealed trail in the front garden is a delight, and then you reach the back garden and find the hidden corners, you can even lean on the gate and 'chew the fat' looking out on to the meadows and sea in the distance.

We were so lucky with the weather and the gardens all seemed to glow and look their best for us, I am sure not only for the visitors but also the...I was going to say 'openers' or 'exhibitors', but I think 'Gardeners' is a more correct word, although I think we are all Gardeners at heart!

My very grateful thanks go to David and Jacqui at Ambleside and to Terry and Betty at Pannel End and to Sue at Number One for all their hard work that made the evening such a success.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th August and we are visiting Pashley Manor. The manor opens at 11.30am and we have a tour planned with the Head Gardener which will probably last about an hour to an hour and a half, then Lunch and an afternoon browsing and Afternoon tea if you wish before wending your weary way home. We usually travel by car and often in 'convoy' but I am sure everyone knows how to get to Pashley Manor along the A21 (and follow the signs) so we can all meet there and go in together. As you will remember the entrance fee and the guided tour together will be **£11 or £12 for non-members**, you buy your meals yourselves or if you wish you can take a picnic and sit in the meadow for your lunch. We still have 3 places left for the entrance and guided tour, so if you would like to come along please come and join us! Call me on 812872 just to let me know -- thanks.

P.W.B.

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Ray Taylor (Tel: 814674)

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