

September, 2007

GUESTLING

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PARISH NEWS

Pett Level

September HIGH Tides ... Rye Harbour Approaches

Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Sat	105	3.8	1327	4.0
2	Sun	145	3.6	1408	3.8
3	Mon	228	3.3	1454	3.3
4	Tues	320	2.7	1551	2.8
5	Wed	429	2.2	1706	2.2
6	Thurs	556	1.9	1845	2.0
7	Fri	739	2.0	2033	2.2
8	Sat	900	2.5	2139	2.7
9	Sun	953	3.0	2226	3.1
10	Mon	1033	3.3	2303	3.3
11	Tues	1108	3.6	2334	3.4
12	Wed	1142	3.7	-----	-----
13	Thurs	0004	3.4	1216	3.7
14	Fri	0032	3.4	1246	3.6
15	Sat	0059	3.3	1311	3.4
16	Sun	0120	3.1	1329	3.2
17	Mon	0136	3.0	1348	3.0
18	Tues	0158	2.7	1416	2.7
19	Wed	0230	2.5	1455	2.2
20	Thurs	0318	1.9	1620	1.6
21	Fri	0543	1.5	1823	1.6
22	Sat	0704	1.9	1936	2.0
23	Sun	0807	2.4	2034	2.6
24	Mon	0857	3.0	2122	3.1
25	Tues	0940	3.4	2204	3.6
26	Wed	1022	3.8	2244	3.8
27	Thurs	1102	4.2	2323	3.9
28	Fri	1142	4.3	-----	-----
29	Sat	0002	4.0	1222	4.3
30	Sun	0041	3.9	1303	4.2

For Summer time, add one hour in the shaded areas

EDITORIAL

Firstly, I wish to offer my apologies to the People of Pett and Pett Level for referring to them as 'Fiends' of the Church!! Apologies also to Jillian Green as the article was written by Jillian who definitely referred to them as 'Friends' – it was my typing error. Congratulations to the eagle eyed residents who drew my attention to the 'typo'. It is nice to know that so many people take the time to read the Parish News.

Copy for the October 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 September. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

This month I would especially like to thank Jackie Richards for putting the Parish News together for us. As many of you know I have recently undergone surgery and currently only have the use of one arm – and it isn't my preferred arm ☺ so Jackie stepped in and put the Magazine together for me. Thank you very much Jackie.

CHRISTIAN AID



Would you like to meet the WORLDWIDE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN AID, Dr. Daleep Mukarji?

We are very fortunate indeed that he is coming to see and talk to us on Sunday 30th September 2007. Dr. Mukarji will be speaking at a United Benefice service at St. Andrew's Church, Fairlight at 10.30am – at which everyone is very welcome – and at a Finger Buffet Lunch in Pett Village Hall from 12.30 to 2.00pm. Admission to the lunch will be by ticket only because numbers have to be limited. If you would like a ticket [which is free], could you please let me know as soon as possible. Tickets will have to be issued on a first-come-first-served basis early in September. Though there will be no charge for the lunch there will be bowls provided for anyone who wishes to make a donation to Christian Aid.

This is a rare opportunity to hear at first hand how the money YOU generously give each year is put to use, and to talk to the very busy Director of Christian Aid. Thank you for your continuing support.

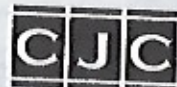
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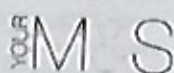
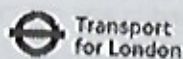
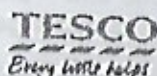
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THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

I doubt that many of our parishioners would jump on the bandwagon and blame farmers for some of the negative stories that occasionally come out of the media regarding loss of wildlife or habitats but I have come across a few facts that make interesting reading and support all the hard work that goes into maintaining such a beautiful landscape.

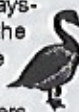
According to the RSPB, looking at all 139 wild bird species, there has been a 5% increase in numbers overall since 1970.

A survey in 2004 by the Environment Agency found that 98% of all rivers and ponds contained fish. This was the best count for 100 years with some rivers containing up to 14 species.



Following on from this it is no surprise that the British Trust for Ornithology found that those great fishers of our rivers and ponds-the Kingfisher and Heron have increased by 25% in the last 20 years.

Staying on the water three of the most common wildfowl found on our waterways- the Mallard duck, the Greylag goose and the Mute Swan- have doubled their numbers since 1975.



Having suffered setbacks in the 1960's and 1970's the otter is now making a comeback in Britain. After years of absence it can now be seen again in East Anglia and the Midlands where in many areas it is as common as it was in the 1950's.



The number of different species of bird in the UK has increased steadily over the last century. There has been a net gain of around 10 species over the last 30 years. Today there are an estimated forty more breeding species in the UK since 1800.

Unfortunately not all increases are welcome rabbits and badgers have proliferated and in my view account for much of the degradation you find particularly in hedgerows which are unique to the UK and are such an important habitat.



Much of the improvements to our wildlife are due to the daily management of the land farmers look after but in many cases this takes on a higher level of care. In this parish and those bordering it I know of at least 8 farmers willingly engaged in conservation projects (albeit grant aided) designed to maintain this green and pleasant land for us all to enjoy.

Tim Jury

August 11th was the date chosen for this years Rescue Boat Gala Day and what a glorious day it was in every respect. Once again the Mayor of Rye opened proceedings and his continued support and encouragement is much appreciated by the Boat crew as well as that given so generously by local businesses, attractions, family and friends of the crew and the people of Pett, Fairlight and Pett Level.

The site in front of the Boatshed and next to The Smuggler Public House is a good one for catching passing tourists as well as locals on their way to the beach. There were a good many people enjoying the sunshine and the attractions provided by boat crew, their wives and friends who each year put in so much hard work to make this an enjoyable event as well as a much needed fund raising occasion. An amount in excess of £2000 was raised and special thanks must be given to Joe Lyon, trainee chef at The Smuggler, who raised a further £200 by subjecting himself to the torture of having his particularly hairy legs waxed in front of a cheering crowd.

As you may or may not know, the Pett Level Rescue Boat Association is an independent inshore facility and although it works in close co-operation with HM Coastguard and RNLI, receives no funding from either and depends solely on public donations and sponsorship in order to continue. The service was begun by four fishermen and in 1971 became the Pett Level Rescue Boat Association with Charity status and is one of only a handful of independent rescue boats still operating around the British coast.

Among the tasks undertaken so far this year is the search for missing yachts, rescuing walkers and their dogs trapped on Fairlight cliffs by the incoming tides and assisting with the retrieval of a body from these cliffs. Capturing oil contaminated seabirds and transporting them to the RSPCA at Mallydams and assisting in the search for missing children on Camber Beach. In 2001 assistance was also given to Robersbridge during the flooding and they were featured in the last episode of the BBC programme 'Coast'.

So as you will see, the money raised from these Open Days and other events throughout the year goes to a very good cause and we must continue to value this effective and reliable rescue service of ours

I wasn't going to mention the storm way back in July as we seem to have spoken of little else since being hit by those enormous hailstones and rocked by the fearsome gale. We are steadily repairing the damage and becoming used to our customised 'stippled' vehicles and I confess to feeling envious when I see gardens only a few miles inland full of colourful flower borders and bountiful vegetable plots. But what is a garden compared to the loss of your soft fruits crop, your potato harvest and your cornfields, not to mention the loss of your sheep, as suffered by our local farmers?

Yes, life on The Level is certainly eventful!

B.M.



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You can help make the difference to this charity by coming along to the **Pett Village Hall** between 9am and 12 and buying a cup of coffee where Jo Johnson and friends will be there to welcome you.

To help the coffee go down there will be tempting cakes on offer whilst you look round the 'bring and buy' stall, buy a raffle ticket and hopefully meet some new friends! There will also be the chance to enter a competition run by MacMillan.

So please do drop in with as many friends and family as possible and help us beat our last year's total of £300 for this worthwhile charity. Coach parties welcome!

PETT W.I.

Pett W.I. will meet again in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Friday **September 21st**. Mr. Rumley-Dawson is coming to tell us about wildlife on the Southern Coastline. A regular speaker at the 'Pett Nats', I hope he will enjoy an all female audience.

Barbara Cornwell was with us in July - how fascinating it must be to meander along the canals in peace and tranquillity on a barge, when the cities of the Midlands are only a stones throw away.

Some of the members went to Salmeston to join five other Institutes who were also celebrating their 90th Birthday. They had a good tea (of course) and Ann Stamper gave a potted history of the Sussex W.I. from its beginning. A good time was had by all. If anyone out there is interested in joining us, we will be delighted to see you on the 21st.

PETT NATS

Our meetings resume again on **September 21st**, when we shall have a talk on Regia, the success story of a Brazilian Nature Reserve, by Phil Jones. Membership subscriptions will be due on the night. As agreed at the AGN, the annual subscription will remain at £5, but members will pay an additional 50p at each meeting they attend. This is to help pay for the rising costs of our lecturers. For the same reason, non-members will pay £2 for each meeting.

Avril Thurley
(Hon. Sec.)



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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

DEATHS

BILL CLEMENTS

Those in the village who knew
Bill and Jen Clements formerly
of Midwood, Watermill Lane,
might like to know that Bill died
on 14th August and the funeral
service was held at The
Hastings Centre on 29th August.

Norma Simpkins

FRIENDS OF PETT CHURCHES

Don't forget The Flower Festival
at Pett Church on 22nd and 23rd
September from 10am to 4pm
on both days.

In addition to 36 arrangements
on the theme 'Song of Sussex'
there will be refreshments,
provisions, plants, bric-a-brac,
books and tombola etc set up
round the church. May I remind
you that floral arrangements may
be sponsored for £10 or £15 and
any dedication you make will
appear with the floral display. All
sponsorships will be
acknowledged in the programme.
Goods for the stalls may be left
at the church or at October, Pett
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DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know the truth about the real Macbeth?

In July this year, at Guestling Bradshaw CEP School, Year 6 aided by Year 5 put on an amazing production of Macbeth. This had been brilliantly adapted by Year 6 teacher, Miss Nicki Harvey, and included some very modern pop songs as well as the words from the great bard William Shakespeare. It was a splendid production that kept audiences enthralled. However Shakespeare's Scottish play (we are not supposed to mention its title because of the witches curse!) bears little resemblance to the real 11th century Scottish King.

Mac Bethad mac Findlaich, known in English as Macbeth, was born in around 1005. His father was Finlay, Mormaer of Moray, and his mother may have been Donada, second daughter of Malcolm II. A Mormaer was literally a high steward of one of the ancient Celtic provinces of Scotland, but in Latin documents the word is usually translated as 'Comes', which means earl.

In August 1040, Macbeth killed the ruling king, Duncan I, in a battle at Pitgaveny near Elgin, Morayshire. Macbeth became king and his marriage to his cousin Gruoch, a granddaughter of Kenneth III, strengthened his claim to the throne. In 1045, he defeated and killed Duncan I's father Crinan at Dunkeld.

For fourteen years Macbeth seems to have ruled equably, imposing law and order to a wild land and encouraging Christianity. He was highly respected for his strong leadership qualities and was renowned as a benefactor of the church, making gifts to the monks of St Serf's Island on Loch Leven. In 1050 he is known to have travelled to Rome for a papal jubilee. He was also made several successful forays over the border into Northumbria, England. In 1054, Macbeth was challenged by Siward, Earl of Northumbria. The earl was attempting to return Duncan's son Malcolm Canmore, who was his nephew, to the Scottish throne. The earl and Malcolm led an army against Macbeth, defeating him at the battle of Dunsinnan. Macbeth remained king but restored Malcolm's land to him. However, on the 15th August 1057, Macbeth was killed at the battle of Lumphanan in Aberdeenshire by Malcolm Canmore who later, in 1058, became Malcolm III.

The personalities of the two main characters of Shakespeare's play are not historically correct. In the play Duncan is portrayed as a strong, wise and elderly king whereas he was a weak and ineffective ruler. Shakespeare's Macbeth has virtually no legitimate claim to the throne, but in fact had a respectable claim through his mother's side – indeed both Macbeth and his wife were

descended from Kenneth MacAlpin (first King of Scotland 844 – 859). As for the witches – well, there is no evidence at all that Macbeth had any dealings at all with so called witches.

And you, I liked the adaptation of Macbeth that Guestling Bradshaw gave us best of all. It was dramatic, very well produced, musical and fun. You can't ask more than that can you? – even if it did change history a bit.

John Taylor



Pett Village Hall Management Committee

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The Pett Village Hall Management Committee would like to say a big Thank You to Ken and Dave of Hastings Scaffolding. This is for their invaluable help erecting a tower scaffolding to allow the broken ceiling tiles to be replaced. They also helped replace all the fluorescent tubes and cleaned the light fittings in the Village hall. As few of the committee members have a head for heights, Dave was a tremendous help as he volunteered to be the one at the top of the scaffold whilst the rest of us looked up in awe! – as most of you are probably aware the ceiling is quite high in the Village Hall !!!

Once again - Thank you both.

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Chairman PVHMC

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Its like when you pay for something with cash. They give you first the note, then the bill and then on top of that a pile of coins, all in one hand. In the other of course you have your open purse, handbag, shopping bags and probably the store card. How are you supposed to juggle it all without dropping it?

And cars. Have you noticed how people will happily tuck their precious cars on the pavement so that they wont get hit or in the way of other vehicles. But what about the poor pedestrian? Theres no room on the pavement for us, so we have to go out into the road and risk life and limb. And what if you have a pushchair and toddlers, or even harder, a wheelchair to try and manoeuvre. There are probably no ramps down or up which makes life almost impossible. Think I should start the 'Pavements for people' campaign!

Best of all of course is summer music. Not yours but every one

elses. Car windows wide open with music blaring out or the classic barbie music cranked up to full volume till 2 or 3 in the morning. Blow the neighbours, don't think they should sleep anyway, or those for the next ½ mile or so.

We do live in weird society these days, both selfish and motivated by greed. (Oh my god, I sound just like my Mother!)

Do you have any news items, letters, jokes, 'for sale items', comments - good or bad - that we could publish in the Pett Parish News. We are waiting to hear from you if you do.

Ed

One for the 'girls

Finding a brass lamp, an ambitious man rubs it with great gusto, whereupon a genie appears and grants him a wish.

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FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

Can you believe it? Flicks film
Society is 5 years old in
September!

Yes - it's true. Flicks has now been running five years, and we have shown a film on the first Thursday of each month during that time. We have shown historical movies, rom-coms, blockbusters, political thrillers and comedies. More than 3000 people have come to the Village hall and enjoyed what the film club had to offer and there are currently some 250 registered Flicks members.

To celebrate this not insignificant achievement, we will be offering a complimentary glass of bubbly and showing **Miss Potter** (PG) on **Thursday 6 September at 7:30 pm**. Children's author and illustrator Beatrix Potter may've had a penchant for fluffy bunnies and bonnet-donning ducks, but **Renée Zellweger** plays her like a bull in a silk bustle in **Miss Potter**. It's perfect casting for this charming and inspiring story of a woman who strains against her corseted existence in the 1900s, to fulfil a childhood dream. **Chris Noonan**, the director, conveys all the whimsy of her inner world.

Ewan McGregor is delightfully gawky as Potter's publisher and secret beau **Norman Warne**, and the romance between Potter and Warne frames the story. Naturally, as an aspiring female artist in a society where marriage is valued above all else, Potter has a steep mountain to climb, and there's plenty of drama along the way. There

are cheeky laughs too, often courtesy of Potter's mother (Barbara Flynn), aka, the Mrs Bucket of 1900s London.

It's the combination of Zellweger's charismatic, scrubbed face turn and Noonan's empathy for Potter's streak of silliness that wins the day. As she sketches Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck, they spring to life in enchanting animation. But these magic moments are also a poignant reminder of the loneliness that plagues Potter who repeatedly insists, "They are my friends". The film is a guaranteed tearjerker, but more than that, an uplifting tribute to a single woman's quest for independence that would surely make Bridget Jones blush.

In October we will be showing something completely different - **Notes on a Scandal** (15), starring **Judi Dench** and **Cate Blanchette**, but more about this in the October magazine.

So if you would like both a taste of your local film society and a glass of bubbly, then why not join as a guest for the month of September at £3.75 per person and enjoy **Miss Potter**. Alternatively, £10 will give you 12 months full membership and includes entrance into three films. Either way you will be most welcome. Don't forget, **Pett Village Hall from 7.00pm** for refreshments and the film show starts at 7.30 prompt on the **Thursday 6th September**.

Chris Saint. Tel.813047. Email:
chris@saintfamily.net

PARISH DIARY – September 2007

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

Saturday 1 st	Cricket v. St. Peter's 2 nd	RG	2 pm
Sunday 2 nd	Cricket Single Wicket Competition	RG	
	Bowls v Hamstreet	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 3 rd	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 5 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 6 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 10 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 8 th	Bowls Anniversary Shield Day	RG	10 am
Sunday 9 th	Cricket v Clive Vale	RG	2.00 pm
Monday 13 th	Flowerpots Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 11 th	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th	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 13 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
Friday 14 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Monday 17 th	Flowerpots Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 18 th	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 20 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am

	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7pm
Friday 21 st	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 22 nd	Flower Festival,	Parish Church	
Sunday 23 rd	Flower Festival	Parish Church	
Monday 24 th	Flowerpots toddler group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 26 th	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 27 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm and 7 pm
Friday 28 th	McMillan Coffee Morning	VH	9 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Sunday 30 th	Cricket v Etchingham	RG	1.30 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

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sun. 2 nd Sep.	Parish Communion, 9.30am – St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 9 th Sep.	Holy Communion, 8am – St. Nicholas, Pett Level Joint Worship with the Methodists, 9.30am St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 16 th Sep.	Parish Communion, 9.30am – St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 23 rd Sep.	Holy Communion, 8am – St. Nicholas, Pett Level Harvest Thanksgiving, 4pm – St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 30 th Sep.	United Benefice Communion with Dr. Daleep Mukarji (Director, ChristianAid) 10.30am – St. Andrews, Fairlight

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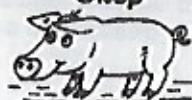
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Dear Residents

After my last message in the Parish News it is coming to my attention that vandalism is still occurring at the Recreation Ground in Pett. This includes scorch marks in the Perspex and two glass panels in the door have been broken. The pavilion has recently been renovated, and now more money needs to be spent to repair the damage done. This money could be spent on improvements for the village.

There is also the matter of litter that is left on the veranda I have found there to be lots of empty cigarette packets, cigarette butts, empty take away cartons, and torn up rubbish. All rubbish should be put in the litter bins that are provided. There are no excuses as to why this cannot be done.

Motorbikes have also been ridden on the recreation ground. When you see this happening please call 0845 60 70 999 for the police to attend, and if necessary, bikes will be seized by the police. Motorbikes are not allowed in this area at all. This is very dangerous especially as young people also use this area.

The pavilion is for everyone to use and I ask that when people are using the pavilion that they remember this, and are mindful of other users.

If you see any damage occurring to the pavilion or bikes being ridden on the recreation ground or you witness/notice any vandalism please tell the police immediately on 0845 60 70 999. To stop this behaviour we need to work together. If you would like to speak to me regarding any concerns you have then please call me on 0845 60 70 999 and leave a message.

SECURITY CHECK

When buying a second-hand car, think about the security features. Also, you should check to make sure that the car you are thinking of buying has not been stolen. Criminals will attempt to disguise the identity of a stolen car before selling it on to an innocent car buyer.

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In Germany, rollmop herring is popular where the herring fillet is rolled into a cylindrical shape around a piece of pickled cucumber or an onion. In Scandinavia, pickled herring is a favourite along with herring soup, whereas in Sweden, Baltic herring is fermented to make surströmming. The Dutch prefer their herring raw, whereas in this country herring are often known as whitebait (very young herring eaten whole), kippers (split fish and smoked), bloaters (whole smoked herring), or a buckling (hot smoked herring).

Baked Herring with an Oatmeal Mushroom and Parsley Stuffing

2 tbsp oil	1 small onion
3 tbsp oatmeal	juice ½ lemon
1 egg yolk	25g butter
125g brown cap mushrooms roughly chopped	4 tbsp milk
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley	
Salt and pepper to taste	
4 herrings each about 225 – 300g (ask fishmonger to clean)	

Heat the oil in the pan and add the onion, cover and cook for about 5 minutes until softened but not coloured. Add 2 tbsp of the oatmeal and cook stirring for a further 3-4 minutes until the oatmeal turns slightly golden. Add the mushrooms and cook for 2-3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the parsley and lemon juice to taste. Season, and stir in the egg yolk to bind. Spoon the stuffing into the herring cavities and brush the outside of the fish with milk; then roll in the remaining oatmeal to coat. Place the fish in a greased oven proof dish and dot with the butter. Bake in a roasting oven for 10-15 minutes until the oatmeal is golden brown and the herring flesh is just firm.

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PETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

VANDALISM OF

THE SPORTS PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

A few weeks ago, Pett Parish Council agreed to fund the renovation of the exterior of the Sports Club Pavillion. The total cost was in excess of £6,000, money which all of us have contributed to as council tax payers. Unfortunately, in the short time since the work was completed, there have already been incidents of vandalism to both the pavilion, the neighbouring bowls green and the recreation ground itself. Sadly the facilities that people work so hard to maintain on behalf of all the community are being spoilt by the behaviour of a few.

Chrissy Locke, our Police Community Support Officer has been very active in seeking to address the problems and, after discussions with her, the Sports Association has agreed the following course of action:

- Any person caught vandalizing the pavilion, grounds or other facilities will be prosecuted and signs to this effect will be erected shortly.
- Motorcycles MUST NOT be ridden on the recreation ground. Vehicle access is restricted to members of the appropriate clubs attending for practice/matches i.e. tennis, cricket, stoolball and

bowls. Also for the delivery of materials to those clubs. Failure to observe this restriction will be reported to the Police.

- The Sports Association and the Police would ask any member of the public witnessing incidents of vandalism to contact the police immediately either by ringing 999 if the vandalism is in progress or 0845 60 70 999 to give any information which may be helpful.

Unfortunately, if the problems are not addressed then council tax payers will once again be asked to fund the bad behaviour of a few. Please help us so that these facilities can be retained for everyone to enjoy.

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Dear Editor

Re: Flower Show Tea Tent

Many, many thanks to everyone who made the afternoon so successful. The wonderful cake makers, our fresh milk supplier, our pot runners, our ladies and gentleman who did all the washing up with smiles on their faces. The ladies in the tent giving out the wonderful cakes, our cashier and the tea makers. Also thanks to the morning people for helping set up the tent, tables, water and electrics.

Look forward to next year.

Norma

p.s. Not one cake was left !!!



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PETT FLOWER SHOW 2007

It takes a lot of hard work and time to put together our annual Flower Show so on behalf of the Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who unselfishly gave up their time to help on the day.

Without our helpers and volunteers there would be no show. Without those who exhibited, confected, collected, directed, disinfected, and any other 'ected you can think of, we could not possibly have managed.

Without schedules, entry forms, posters, editorials and banners no one would have heard about it. Without the judges, stewards, tasters and testers there would be no winners. It all takes a lot of organising, but without you all, there would be no show. So a really big thank you.



Also a big thank you to all those who came and supported us on the day by buying raffle tickets, chancing the tombola, fishing for ducks, eating cakes, winning bottles, buying pimmis, burping and slurping. It all made it a really fun day. Even the dogs all behaved themselves!

Now next year ~ THE BIG ONE ~ is already being planned and we hope to have an even bigger, better show to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.



We hope to introduce some fund raising events throughout the year to help with finances and hope you will support us. We feel that for such a modest village it's quite something in this day and age that we are still holding a traditional flower show after nearly sixty years. Something to be really proud of.

To put us all in the right frame of mind for next year, I will try and indicate to the younger members of our village, what life was like in 1948 throughout the coming months. Watch this space!

If you have any photos or memories of the first flower shows, please let us know by contacting any committee member on your schedule or phoning Jackie on 815224 or email: jacqueline.richards4@btopenworld.com

Jackie Richards

PETT HORTICULTURAL SHOW AND FETE 28TH JULY 2007



Brisk business on the home produce stall



Plenty to eat



Fun for the children



The dogs were happy to be put through their paces



PETT & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2007

John Jury	Golding Challenge Cup	Veg. Most points	1 - 22
P. J. Wood	Golding Challenge Trophy	Veg. Second Highest	
No Entry	Gertrude Coleman Trophy	Veg Class 1	
I. Taylor	Cecil Webb Challenge Bowl	Roses Most Points	48-53
Mrs. J. E. Johnson	Cecil Aldred Cup	Roses - <i>Best single Rose</i>	48-53
I. Taylor	Charles & Anne Cooke Challenge Cup	Flowers Most Points	26-43
I. Taylor	Joan E. Wells Trophy	Sweet Peas - <i>Best Exhibit</i>	26-27
Arthur Farnes	Mabel & Leonard Cooke Challenge	Dahlia Most Points	44-46
I. Taylor	Fred Griffen Challenge Cup	Flowers	47
David Roy Nicholls	Beryl Rootes Cup	Craft <i>Best Exhibit</i>	92-95
Norma Huntley	Two Sawyers Cup	Floral Most Points	54-58
Norma Huntley	Albert Standen Trophy	Floral <i>Best Exhibit</i>	54-58
Ann Murphy	Albert Luck Cup	Floral Class	58
Charlotte Kite/ Nathan Pecorini	Hewitt-Jones Cup	Children (-6) Most Points	76-79
Harry Osborne	Preston Ebbutt Challenge Cup	(6-10 Years)	80-83
Katie Ramsey	Goldsmith's Trophy	(11-16 years)	84-87
Katie Ramsey	Darnel Plate	Junior Cake Maker	86
Edward Bowles	J. McCausland Trophy	Children's Photography	89
Isabelle Burt	Cecil Bacon Talent Cup	Children's drawing/Painting Most promise	77 and 90
Jill Colegate	Parkins Challenge Cup	Produce Most Points	59-72
P.J. Wood	Joan Parks Trophy	Men	73-75
Barbara Martin	John Rootes Cup	Picture	90
Anne Webb with 'Bonnie'	John Pecorini Cup	Best Dog in Show	

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SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Saturday 1st	Chan	8.30pm
Sunday 23rd	Crooked Styled	3.00pm
Saturday 29th	HARVEST HOME	7.00pm

The New Beach Club Harvest Home is an annual event held on the last Saturday of September. Its purpose is to raise money for our local lifeboats (RNL) at Hastings and Rye Harbour. The money is raised by auctioning gifts donated by the communities of Pett, Pett Level and Fairlight.

Our Collection teams will be visiting the villages during the course of Saturday the 29th. However donations are welcomed at the New Beach Club before 4.00pm on Saturday 29th. We regret we cannot accept large items of furniture.



Dear Residents

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NATURE NOTES

I was sitting on a stile thinking how lucky I am to live in such a lovely area, when a squirrel came through the fence next to me and walked (rather than ran) through the sheep, which scattered in confusion as though it had been at least a sabre-toothed tiger. Sheep take no notice of rabbits or stoats, and not much more of foxes, so why on earth should they be afraid of a squirrel?



Undoubtedly the major natural event and talking point in July was the frighteningly violent hailstorm on the 15th. Apart from the damage to property, crops and gardens, it must have killed many small creatures. A blackbird or a vole would not survive being hit by a hailstone the size of a golf ball. Birds would have taken shelter in trees or hedges, but judging by the damage to the latter, this would not have been much protection.



There was an unusual report this month - of a Harrier in a hen coop. It was a juvenile bird and luckily had not damaged the hens. What a super opportunity to see a Harrier up close!

Another interesting report was of a pair of Goat Moths in the garden of Stonedene. The Goat Moth caterpillar is huge, up to 4" long and 1/2" wide. It

burrows into trees, where it may remain for up to four years. The adult

moth is unable to feed as it has no tongue, and lives for about a month on the energy built up as a caterpillar. Isn't nature amazing? We tend to think of the moth as being the finished article, but when you consider their relative lifespans you could just as well say that the moth is just the caterpillar's way of producing another caterpillar. Incidentally, the Goat Moth caterpillar has an unpleasant goatly smell, which gives the moth its name.

Avril Thurley

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – AUGUST 2007

The July meeting of Pett Parish Council was held on Tuesday 17th July at Pett Village Hall. Once again the main topic of concern was the recently introduced new system for waste recycling and Members and public hoped that the initial problems would soon be resolved. County Councillor Carl Maynard explained that additional resources had been made available to deal with enquiries from the public and that every effort was being made to resolve the initial difficulties of the new system. Rother District Councillor Robin Patten endorsed the comments and confirmed that Rother staff were working extremely hard to ensure the new system would be successful.

Problems had again been reported with the waste recycling bins at the Two Sawyers and Rother District Council had been notified of local concern about this facility.

The Parish Council are reviewing copies of Local Action Plans from other Councils and the matter would be discussed again at the next Council meeting. If you have any views about the merits, or otherwise, about preparing a Local Action Plan or would like information on what such a Plan is, then please contact the parish again at the July Council meetings and no doubt at future meetings.

There was a lively discussion during public time about public participation in Council meetings and the recording of public comments. The matter would be discussed again at the next Council meeting. Council also considered a request from Guestling Parish Council about joining forces on the publication of the Parish Magazine. This matter will also be discussed again at the next Council meeting.

The Parish Council considered the following Planning applications and agreed to support the proposals on each application:-

RR/2007/1697/P – Pax, Pett Road, Pett – Proposed loft conversion with dormers front and rear.

RR/2007/1795/P – Highfield, Chick Hill, Pett Level – New rear dormer to existing roof – formation of veranda/canopy to south elevation.

RR/2007/1802/P – The Hundreds, Chick Hill, Pett Level – Ground floor extensions and alterations.

Notification of the decisions on previous Planning applications were noted as follows:-
RR/2007/0641/P Ashleigh, Pannel Lane, Pett (installation of two, three linked velux roof lights in newly formed attic space) - Granted

RR/2007/0843/P Windle Edge, Chick Hill, Pett Level, Erection of 2 two storey detached dwellings each with detached double garage including construction of new road/drive pursuant to RR/2006/0245/P allowed on appeal - Approval of Reserved Matters – approval of details required by planning permission RR/2006/0245/P. Further details from Clerk, if required.

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 have any questions for the Council or wish to receive any information on Council business, please contact the Clerk, Bob Hodgson on 01424-716232 or e-mail bob.pettpc@yahoo.co.uk

Silly water went and left itself out of the Molly Cake recipe last month – all 300mls of it!

GARDENING CLUB NEWS AUGUST 2007

The arranged visit to Pashley Manor on 14th August had to be rescheduled because of the bad weather warnings from the weather men at the B B C. They had forecast gales with gusts up to 50mph, so we arranged to go along on the 21st. instead. Someone up there doesn't like us ! because again the forecast was bad - but we went. We were met by Mr. Sellick the owner who regaled us with the potted history of the house and it's beautiful gardens.

We thoroughly enjoyed his tour, even though we were in drizzle or scotch mist most of the way round ! It is a lovely garden even in the rain, and as he brought us to the end of the tour, he deposited us in the restaurant....the crock of gold at the end of the rain (bow) ! We all enjoyed a very good lunch and felt we must come again to see the garden on a sunny day !

Our next meeting is on 11th. September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. and we will have Nigel Gosling talking about "Easy gardening with Mediterranean plants and herbs. Hope to see you all there ! all visitors welcomed.

PWB

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