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EDITORIAL



Unfortunately we are unable to publish the October tide table due to unforeseen circumstances. What can I say - the tides come in and they go out - the total extent of my 'tide' knowledge ☺

If you are wondering why you received your September edition around mid-September I would just like to remind everyone that this is normal due to our printer being on holiday.

This edition is quite small compared to recent issues and again due in the main to various contributors being on holiday. Hopefully next month we will have our usual 'meaty' edition. Perhaps during the long dark evenings you would like to write an article for us whilst sitting in front of your log fire (or radiator!)

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



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2007

The August meeting of Pett Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21st August at Pett Village Hall. The Annual Accounts for 2006/2007 were approved and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Members also approved the Annual Return for submission to the Council's external auditor – the Annual Return can be inspected by contacting the Parish Clerk. The waste recycling system was still causing some concern and it was hoped that initial difficulties would soon be remedied. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation and if necessary make representations to Rother DC if problems persisted.

Rother District Councillor Roger Bird informed Council that as a result of the situation concerning the Two Sawyers PH, Rother DC had been asked to remove the waste recycling units from the site. Following detailed discussion it was agreed to ask the village hall Management Committee if they would provide a temporary site until more detailed consideration could be given to the matter. Rother District Councillor Robin Patten informed Council also spoke about the recent developments at the Two Sawyers PH and it was hoped that the development of housing on the site would soon be improved. Concern was expressed about the state of the recycling bins and the area in general and it was agreed that a substantial improvement would be required if the bins were to be re-located elsewhere in the village. Do you have any views on this matter; if so, please send them to the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council, following examination of other Local Councils Action Plans,

agreed to consider undertaking a Plan for Pett and Pett Level if there appeared to be sufficient local interest in such a Plan. The object of a Local Plan is for the local community to identify the sort of community they want to see in the years ahead and to prepare a plan of action to achieve this. The Plan should reflect the concern and aspirations of all of the community and should be developed by the Community. If you would like to know more, or even better, would be prepared to help develop a Plan, please contact the Parish Clerk. The Plan must be a working document that is reviewed on a regular basis and updated as required.

Parish Council approved a procedure for dealing with public time and a record/log of reports/questions and comments from elected representatives and members of the public can now be inspected at Council meetings.

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

RR/2007/1808/P – 6 Old Coastguard Cottages, Pett Level – Rebuilding of existing dwelling including associated extensions, dormers and roof lights.
RR/2007/2036/P – Napentha, Pett Level Road, Pett Level – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling including deck area.

RR/2007/2075/P – Mulberry Cottage, Toot Rock, Pett Level – Part demolition of existing bunker and erection of single storey extension.

RR/2007/2190/P – Fairlight Wood Caravan Club site, Watermill Lane –

provision of 10 additional all weather caravan pitches.

The Parish Council objected to the following application as it was considered to be over development of the site and that it would also cause potential additional traffic hazard at this location:-

RR/2007/1975/P – 1 Rose Cottage. Land adjacent, Pett Road, Pett – Outline: erection of a pair of semi-detached chalet bungalows and formation of new vehicular access.

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

RR/2007/1268/P Gatehurst Cottage
Pett Road, Pett (erection of new chimney to rear of property)

Granted

RR/2007/2908/P Caravelle Chick Hill, Pett Level (erection of extensions to existing bus to form kitchen, bedroom and bathroom – retrospective application)

Granted

RR/2007/1546/P Hilltop,
Chick Hill, Pett Level (erection of single storey living room extension)

Granted

RR/2007/2909/O Caravelle, Chick Hill, Pett Level (lawful use of the land for the stationing of one mobile structure for permanent residential purposes)

Granted

RR/2007/1697/P Pax, Pett Road, Pett (proposed loft conversion with dormers front and rear)

Granted

RR/2007/1795/P Highfield, Chick Hill, Pett (new rear dormer to existing roof and formation of a veranda/canopy on south elevation)

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 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 bcb_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk

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NATURE NOTES

The fox came down off the Toot, crossed the Marsham via the wooden bridge, trotted across the Horses Marsh and went out through the gate.

Halfway up Coneybanks he paused and had a good look round. At the top he stopped again and watched the sheep, who took no notice of him whatsoever. Then he trotted right along the skyline and eventually disappeared amongst the trees. Had I been a hunter armed with a rifle, he would have been an easy shot for nearly a minute. He will have to learn discretion very quickly if he wants to see his first birthday.

The weather this year has been so odd that all sorts of plants are blooming out of season. I had a cowslip in flower at the end of August.

I am sad to say that my blackbird was almost certainly killed in the July hailstorm. He used to come to the kitchen door daily for currants, but I haven't seen him at all since the storm. No doubt another male will claim the territory next spring, and it will be interesting to see whether he too will become tame.

The hedgerows are full of blackberries. I pick a few most days on my way home, and now have half a drawer full in my freezer. On a grotty grey day in February a blackberry crumble brings back happy memories of these lovely autumn days.



The rabbits have got myxomatosis again. There are dead and dying rabbits all over the place. I have read that this horrible disease was deliberately introduced to this country. If so, I hope that the person responsible died slowly of something very nasty, like the rabbits. If you come across a myxi rabbit and are able to kill it, you will be performing an act of mercy.



Now is the time to clean out your nestboxes and put in a handful of clean hay, wool, or combings from your dog. If we get a cold winter, a cosy roosting box can be a real life saver.

Avril Thurley

What a wonderful beginning to the month we had. The Pett Level Preservation Trust lunch finally took place on Saturday 1st, having been postponed earlier in the summer due to the dreadful weather. I think everyone being so relieved to be out and about in the sunshine at last, in great company and feasting on the most sumptuous of food and wine, made the afternoon such a success. As usual with these events there is so much 'behind the scenes' organisation involved, for which we all say a great big 'thank you'. If you missed it this year, make absolutely certain you don't next.



The tides have been right recently for the beach nets to be laid. Have you spotted them at low tide pegged in circles on the sand? They have to be watched carefully when the tides recede as if you aren't sharp enough getting down to them to retrieve your catch the seagulls will be there first. Early one morning, before the water was low enough for him to reach the net, Jack had to watch one of our resident seals helping himself to a very hearty breakfast. You have to hold a licence to fish in this manner, but you can fish by line from a boat and have yourself a healthy supper of mackerel or herring. Some local fishermen have their own Smokers



and there is absolutely no comparison between freshly smoked mackerel and that purchased at supermarkets. Mouth-watering!

The car park at 'The Smuggler' looks similar to a 1950's Holiday Camp with Dean and Dyball's service block set up there. They are there, as I am sure everyone is aware, as a base from which to run the huge cliff erosion operation at Fairlight. As there is no access to the beach from Fairlight itself, the huge vehicles required to manoeuvre the enormous



boulders into position set off from here. Again, the tides dictate when access can be gained via Cliffend and I have to say 'the earth has moved' for me at some very early times of the morning as these giants have rumbled along the seawall at the end of my garden! Rumour has it that when all is finished we shall be left with proper access to the beach from Fairlight. What a relief that will be as being overweight and over sixty it was not a pretty sight when I have had to haul myself up the very slippery cliff by rope in the past. This alone would be worth all the upheaval for me, but for the cliff edge dwellers of Fairlight it must be an enormous relief at long last.

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The members of Pett Church have arranged a jumble sale for Saturday, 13th October at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Unfortunately my usually reliable sources failed to let me know that Pett Cricket Club will be holding one the Saturday before. We have decided to go ahead (we need the money) and I hope that you will support both events as fully as possible. You will probably see some of the same helpers at both.

Jillian Green (813841)



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Baked halibut fillet with watercress crème fraiche sauce

1 x 500g/ 18oz tub full fat crème fraiche
1 bag or bunch of fresh watercress, washed, picked over and dried with the toughest stalks discarded
4 x 175g/ 6oz halibut fillets
25g/ 1oz unsalted butter
½ lemon
Seasoning
2 sprigs flat leaf parsley

To make the sauce, place half the crème fraiche in a blender and add the prepared watercress. Whiz together on the pulse setting of the mixer. Add the remaining crème fraiche and whiz again (still on pulse) until all is blended together well. Do not blend too much as it will turn to cheese. Put into a container, add seasoning to taste, cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

For the halibut, butter a suitable ovenproof dish. Scatter with 2 slices of lemon and sprigs of parsley and season lightly. Place the fish in the dish in a single layer and spaced apart. Season the fish lightly and squeeze a few drops of lemon juice from the remaining piece of lemon on top of each piece of fish. Carefully cover the whole dish with a sheet of foil. Try to avoid the foil touching the fish. Make sure the dish is sealed completely around the edges. Place the dish in the centre of a pre-heated oven 376F/ 190C/ Gas 5. Bake for 15 – 20 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillet.

To serve, reheat the watercress crème fraiche slowly in a small saucepan. Remove the fish dish from the oven. Carefully remove the foil and spoon some of the cooking juices into a small jug (do not include the herbs etc.). Loosely cover the fish with the foil and keep in a warm place. Add the fish juices to the sauce and stir well. When completely warmed through, check for seasoning and consistency. Take care not to let the sauce overheat and split. You may want to add a little cream if the sauce seems too thick.

Lift each piece of halibut on to warmed plates and pour the sauce around the fish. Serve with baby new potatoes and fresh mange-touts, sugar snap peas and fine beans, or with a watercress, chicory, orange and fresh herb salad dressed with a classic vinaigrette.

PARISH DIARY - OCTOBER 2007

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

Monday 1 st	Flowerpots Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Thursday 4 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 5 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 6 th	Cricket Club Jumble Sale	VH	2 pm
Monday 8 th	Flowerpots Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 9 th	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 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 11 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Friday 12 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Monday 15 th	Flowerpots Toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 18 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7pm

Friday 19 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30 pm
Monday 22 nd	Flowerpots toddler group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 24 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 25 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7 pm
Friday 26 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 27 th	Village Quiz Night	VH	7.30 pm
Monday 29 th	Flowerpots toddler group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 31 st	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7 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. 7 th Oct.	Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 14 th Oct.	Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level
	Joint Worship with the Methodists, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 21 st Oct.	Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 28 th Oct.	Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level
	Morning Praise, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter

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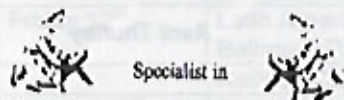
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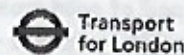
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The final was a high-scoring match between Peter Harris and George Richardson, which Peter won by 29 runs to 24, thus becoming Single Wicket Champion for 2007. Thanks are due to Colin Stanton for running the Barbecue, Penny Waters for providing the delicious salads, and Paul Stapley for umpiring all the matches.

Avril Thurley

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Avril Thurley (Hon. Sec)

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If you enjoy working with others, meeting people, making things and being creative, why not join me during the winter. We could pool our ideas and resources and have fun - even if you don't sew etc..... You could collect material and or help in putting things together - it's all part of the creative process. We may discover we have skills we never knew we had.

So if you feel inspired call me on 01424 812487. I look forward to meeting you.

See you soon.

Jo.

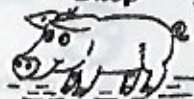
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Do you know that a retired naval lieutenant was one of the earliest people to come to Pett to live out his life in this village? In other words, one of the first 'outlanders'.

Choyce Moyes owed his strange name to his mother Sarah, whose maiden name had been Choyce. He was baptised at Southwark in March 1787 and entered the navy when he was a boy. At the age of 16 he was a midshipman on the sixty-four gun 'Utrecht' which had a compliment of four hundred and ninety men. Soon after he served on the frigate 'Pomone' off the coast of Spain. It was while taking passage back to Pomone from Portsmouth on the 'Blanche' he was shipwrecked in a violent storm off the island of Ushant. Forty five men were drowned but Choyce Moyes was rescued and taken prisoner by the French. He spent most of his imprisonment in the fortress of Verdun and was eventually released after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

We know nothing of his life after the war until 1828, when he was described as a 'Keeper of a Receptacle for Lunatics at Tooting Graveney' [the mind boggles, doesn't it?]. Moyes was brought before the justices at Wandsworth accused of being the father of an illegitimate child. The three month old baby, William, was a charge on the parish and Moyes was ordered to pay four shillings and sixpence (22 ½ p) weekly towards the child's maintenance. By 1837 Moyes was living in Bloomsbury, but by the time he

married in 1845 his address was in Westminster. His wife, Elizabeth was a widow with two daughters and was fourteen years younger than her second husband.

Soon after their marriage Choyce and Elizabeth Moyes came to Sussex and moved into Pett Lodge. Sadly their time together was short as Moyes died on the 15th October 1853, aged sixty six. Elizabeth spent the next 30 years as a widow in Pett, living with her servant Cecilia Bartholomew (of Battle). She was quite well provided as Choyce had left her £768 and a pension of £50 a year as a lieutenant's widow. Cecilia too was left interest on £200 for life, provided she was still employed by Mrs Moyes at the time of her death. The two ladies did much to help the sick and the poor in the village. One of Elizabeth's daughters, Louisa Christie died at Eastbourne in 1886 and is buried in Pett churchyard with the Moyes. Elizabeth died at the age of eighty-three in 1885.

Though Choyce was a bit of a rogue in the years after the war with the French, both he and his wife were admired and respected in Pett. They were an early example of folk coming to live in the village at a time when most of the residents were either farmers or agricultural labourers. On the south wall of St. Mary & St. Peter church there is a white marble tablet affixed to the wall in memory of the Choyces'. Underneath it are the words 'Universally respected'. You can't ask much more than that, can you? *John Taylor*

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FLICKS FILM SOCIETY

Our fifth birthday in September was support by over 80 folks joining the Flicks team and watching the superb film, Miss Potter. A special thanks was given by the Chairman to those who have helped over the years in preparing the posters, promoting the events, providing refreshments, erecting the screen and above all, the members and their guests who regularly turn out irrespective of the weather conditions to support our monthly film show. The champagne treat was enjoyed by all and a promise was made that we will do the same in 5 years' time!

It was also confirmed that our film for the 4th October will be **NOTES ON A SCANDAL**. Rated at 15 and starring Judi Dench and Cate Blanchette, this is a taut psychological thriller based on Zoe Heller's novel that gets more insidiously twisted as it unfolds. Oscar-nominated for her chilling performance, Dame Judi Dench gives a master class as schoolteacher Barbara Covett, a frumpy, friendless, and flinty spinster who lives with her cat. A formidable presence, Barbara is standoffish with colleagues and not one for students to trifle with (not that they'd dare). Cate Blanchett, also an Oscar nominee and winner of several critics society awards for her impassioned performance, co stars as Sheba Hart, the new, overwhelmed art teacher who first becomes in thrall to Barbara after she steps in to help

Sheba discipline unruly students. When Barbara discovers Sheba's affair with a pupil, it provides her with the hook to reel in this exotic creature and cage her in so-called friendship.

The film: **AMAZING GRACE** the story of 18th-century abolitionist William Wilberforce, charting the long battle to end Britain's slave trade with spirit and wit, will be our feature film on the 8th November. Full details will be published near the viewing date. Both shows will commence at 7.30pm with refreshments available from 7.00pm at Pett Village Hall.

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