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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the April edition of the Parish News. I do hope you had a wonderful Easter – I certainly did. My Granddaughter loved the 'egg hunt' I organised for her and I enjoyed watching her charging about the house and garden looking for the hidden eggs. In truth I don't really approve of giving children chocolate (or sweets) but we all have to bend the rules sometimes – don't we?

We have so many different and varied topics in this edition of the News that I hope you have your cup of tea (coffee) in hand with your feet up and feel relaxed so that you can enjoy what I hope you will find a 'good read'.

Barbara Martin ('Life on the Level') feels she has exhausted all that a 'newcomer' can say and I would like to thank her for the wonderful insight she has given us into Pett Level. However we hope to receive any news she may have from the 'Level' as and when it arises.

There are some new contributors this month and I am sure you will find their articles as interesting as I did.

If you feel you have something to say/write about then please do let us know. The magazine stays fresh by having many different topics/opinions/observations covered.

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

Denise Jordan (Ed)

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TUNA

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Fish are cold blooded animals and as a result their body temperatures are generally close to that of the surrounding water. Tuna however are warm blooded, and maintain their swimming muscles at temperatures of around 30C in water as cold as 7C. By keeping their swimming muscles warm, tuna are able to sustain high swimming speeds for long periods and to recover quickly after prolonged exertion. It also enables them to delve into colder deep waters that would otherwise be inaccessible.

Fresh tuna is a valuable source of omega-3 oils and as such offers all the health benefits associated with these (lower risk of heart and blood vessel disease, maintenance of healthy joints, healthy development of baby during pregnancy). However, the canning process can remove these beneficial oils so remember to check labels. Both forms are rich sources of protein.

TERIYAKI TUNA WITH ROAST GARLIC NOODLES

3 tbsp reduced-salt light soy sauce
3 tbsp mirin or dry sherry
1 tbsp soft brown sugar
1 tbsp grated fresh root ginger
1 bulb garlic plus 2 garlic cloves
4 tuna steaks, about 2.5 cm (1in) thick
2 tbsp olive oil
4 spring onions, finely chopped
1 tsp chopped thyme
275g (10oz) dried egg noodles
75g (3oz) baby spinach leaves
Freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 190C/ 375F/ gas mark 5.

In a shallow dish combine the soy sauce, mirin or dry sherry, sugar and ginger. Add the 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped. Add the tuna and cover. Refrigerate for 2 hours, turning from time to time.

Cut 5mm (1/4 in) from the top of the garlic bulb, revealing the cut edges of the garlic cloves. Drizzle with 1 tsp olive oil, wrap in foil and roast in the oven for about 30 mins, or until the garlic is soft and allow to cool slightly. Squeeze the softened garlic from each clove into a frying pan, add the remaining oil, spring onions and thyme and cook over a moderate heat until the onions are softened but not coloured.

Cook the noodles in boiling water according to the packet instructions. Drain and tip in the garlic and onion mixture, toss to combine and fold in the spinach leaves. Toss until the spinach has wilted and season with black pepper to taste.

Preheat the grill. Cook the tuna for 2 minutes on each side, depending on how rare you like your fish, basting with the marinade several times during cooking. Serve immediately on the noodles.

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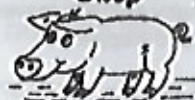
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ON PETT BEACH

Sadly, Barbara Martin has decided to hand over her column about Pett Level. She says that it is difficult to find anything new to say each month! We all enjoyed reading all she had to say and very many thanks are due to her. We have not yet found anyone to replace her and so I think some of us are going to take it in turns to make a contribution.

Is Pett Level separate and different from Pett? I remember Mrs. Leaver who was Secretary to our Residents' Association for many years trying to dissuade a friend of mine from buying a house in Pett: "You don't want to move up to Pett. That's where the snobs live!"

I first came to stay in Pett Level with my parents in 1955 (until 1981 I was only a weekender). This means that anything I write is, I am afraid, going to be more looking back than looking forward. I think the most striking difference then was the beach which seemed full of obstructions such as dragons teeth and barbed wire. (As you may know the coastline was occupied by the army during the war). The varied obstructions meant that you had to be very familiar with the beach to know where to swim and few people ventured into the bay. There was far less shingle on the beach and far more rocks.

Storms often brought planks of wood on to the beach and our family used to collect it. On one

occasion we realised we were being filmed. It turned out that a Russian visitor from Seacocks in Filmwell was making a film to show English peasants gathering what he called a winter harvest.

Another memory I have is of Mrs Seaton's grand piano being brought down the cliff path not long before her house went over the cliff. Another much later memory of the beach is the filming of King Canute failing to keep the waves back in the Hamlet cigar advertisement. The beach was very rocky in those days but the film crew brought with them plywood rocks. The beach has been used for other films over the years. One of the film crews suffered from the Canute syndrome and was very annoyed because the tide did not stay still.

Our beach continues to provide such a changing landscape. The sea defences are now, of course, in place and the groynes have been replaced. There will be great changes resulting from the flooding of the marshland between here and Winchelsea Beach which is planned to take place during the next 50 years.

Another change over the years has been the number of services at St.Nicholas. This building was originally a Coastguard rocket hut and became a church in the 1930's. There used to be a service every Wednesday morning and every Sunday at 9.30 am. There is now

only one service each month on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 8 am in which the Book of Common Prayer is used.

In the late 1960's the Pett Level Residents' Association was formed largely at the instigation of Mr. Wassey who owned Catherine Cottage. Later on, when the Gostick estate was to be sold and after the County Council published their Pett Level Village Plan the Residents' Association Committee formed the Pett Level Preservation Trust. The 1972 Pett Level Village Plan envisaged all sorts of recreation facilities in Pett Level such as holiday chalets and a camp site and boating on the canal and a café/restaurant and car parking at the side of the canal and also a filling station. This threat proved to be a catalyst to the formation of the Trust and all the fund raising which followed. The Trust bought 18 acres and has bought additional land over the years. It was formed to preserve the wild life and the amenity for the use of the public for ever. Until her death Cicely Perring was the Chairman of the Trustees and the new Chairman is John Moon who was a founding Trustee.

The AGM of the Friends of the PLPT will take place at Winchelsea Beach Village Hall on 25th April at 7 pm. John Goodman will be giving his very popular slide show showing old photographs of Pett Level and all are welcome to attend.

In the end the important memories are of the people of Pett Level. In particular, I remember Mr. and Mrs. Carter who lived in Primrose Bank. He had been coachman to a private family and she a lady's maid and he had travelled all over Europe in the days of Queen Victoria. He carved candlesticks from wood off the beach as a wedding present for me. If I get the chance to write this column again I will indulge my nostalgia by naming others who have been part of the life of Pett Level. There have been so many people who have come to visit and then to stay for a holiday and then become weekenders and finally move or retire here. Many (just like Barbara Martin) play a full part in the life of Pett Level (and even of Pett).

Angela Hawksley

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GARDENING CLUB MEETING MARCH 2008

Our Speaker this evening was Simon Hobbs and he came to talk to us about 'How not to Garden', an odd subject for a group of people who are very keen gardeners, and his only 'prop' was a broomstick!

Simon is a
Chiropractor and has
had a practice in
Hastings for many
years, in fact some
of our members
already make use of
his expertise.



Simon started by explaining the difference between a Chiropractor, an Osteopath and a Physiotherapist, something he is often asked, he then went on to talk about back pain which most of us had suffered at one time or another. Learning how our backs work and how we stretch them mercilessly when we garden and how we should not collapse into a comfy chair after a hard days gardening, was really an eyeopener. Simon demonstrated (With the broomhandle!) how we should bend and use our knees and hips more to prevent over stretching the back muscles, also how to spread out the work load and only spend short bursts of time doing a particular task and not the whole day digging over the vegetable plot!

There were a lot of questions about posture and aids i.e. special beds, chairs and types of gardening tools which help us do the job and help us not to overstretch our muscles. This was an excellent evening, Simon Hobbs is a most accomplished speaker and involved everybody in his presentation. Who would have thought backs could be so interesting!

Don't forget April is our plant sale which attracts great interest and support. Those of you who may have spare plants, please contact me on 812872 (Pauline Barker) so that we can get them in and priced for the night - do come and support the evening, you never know what might be for sale - you will be sure to find a bargain.

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PETT LEVEL PRESERVATION TRUST

The Friends' AGM will be held on Friday 25th April at 7pm at Winchelsea Beach Village Hall. After the AGM Mr. John Goodman will give one of his popular slide lectures about Pett Level over the last century. You do not have to be a member to attend, although of course we hope that you will want to join the Friends and thereby help to preserve the unique area of Pett Level.

Avril Thurley (Hon. Secretary)



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1. Emergency

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2. Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be

hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

3. Hidden Battery Power

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4. How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: *#06#

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen (I needed a magnifying glass!) This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

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DO YOU KNOW ?

Do you know about 'Hocktide'?

This year, the second Tuesday after Easter is the 1st of April. Now, I am not going to dwell on the joys associated with April Fool's Day but ask what do you know about 'Hocktide'?

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the Spring Equinox full moon, which fell this year on the 21st March, making Easter Sunday the 23rd March (almost as early as it can be). Hocktide is a very old term used to denote the Monday or Tuesday in the week following the second Tuesday after Easter – hence the link with April Fool's Day this year.

From the 13th to the 19th century a strange Hock Day custom took place when women went into the streets and crossroads, accosting men and binding them up until they paid for their release. The money was said to have been used for 'parochial purposes'. Naturally a 'hocking ale' was brewed for this occasion, which commemorated the death of the Anglo-Saxon king Hardicanut in 1042. Hungerford is now the only place in the country still to maintain the annual Hocktide festival that dates back to the 14th century. However, the name goes back much further to the Saxon times when the English drove out the Danes. The Morris tradition still celebrates Hocktide on the second Tuesday after Easter and their dances include a special appearance of the 'Cake Bearer'

who appears as a distributor of luck and fertility.

In Hungerford John of Gaunt gave the rights of free grazing and fishing to local 'commoners'. To celebrate the town's patronage from the Prince, the town crier blew his horn and called together the Hocktide Court in the town hall. Here, all commoners paid a 'fine' to ensure their rights of fishing and grazing.

The celebration begins with a watercress supper followed by black broth, Welsh rarebit, macaroni and salad, and the wonderful horn (the town's most treasured possession) is kept at the venue – the 'John o' Gaunt'. Next morning the town crier blows his horn and after the Hocktide Court assembles the jury is sworn and the names of freeman called. The tything or tuttl men receive from the Constable a pole on top of which is a tuttl or posy. They then go round the town collecting pennies from the men and kisses from the women. This results in a lot of fun as the women try to make themselves scarce. The town crier is only allowed to collect pennies: kisses are forbidden to him. Later the Constable gives another banquet at which his worship sits beneath the famous John o' Gaunt horn, suspended from two tuttl poles. Then comes the principal feature of the banquet, which is a toast "To the memory of John o'

Gaunt.' This is drunk in solemn silence as the clock strikes the midnight hour – and Hocktide is over for another year.

Wouldn't it be great if we could revive some ancient ceremony here in Pett. Perhaps someone could think of a tradition long gone that could make a feature of our village life. Send any ideas to the editor. In the meantime we can but revel in some of the peculiar customs that are recorded in our old documents. And – please note that this is not an April Fool wind-up; it really is true!

John Taylor

VILLAGE VOICE

Do you have an event you would like to let everyone know about? If you do then why not contact Sylvia Gutsell on 812544 who will be happy to talk to you about your event and include it in the Rye Observer 'Village Voice' section

CONSECRATION OF THE EXTENSION TO PETT CHURCHYARD

DON'T FORGET; that everybody is invited to the consecration of the extension to Pett churchyard, on 23rd April, at 3.00 pm. There will be refreshments in the church after the service.

Jillian Green (01424 813841)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

For the first time in quite a few years, we had good weather for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St.Mary and St.Peter in Pett on Friday 7th March 2008. Unfortunately, only thirty-seven ladies attended, which was down on the attendance in Fairlight in other years.

However, those who made it, enjoyed a beautiful Service prepared by the ladies of Guyana. The theme was 'God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding' and this was brought out in the readings from Job and Luke. Sixteen ladies took part and the Service was lead by Margaret Barnet. The beautiful music was lead by Helen Patten (poached from Westfield!) and the speaker was the Rev. Maureen Hinkley. Maureen not only guided us through the theme of Gods Wisdom, but also sang like an angel!

It never ceases to amaze me that this same Service is being conducted in over 170 countries and in our country alone, over 6000 Services were held on the same day. It was a privilege to be part of it.

Next year, the service will be prepared by the ladies of Papua, New Guinea and will be held at St.Peter's Church, Fairlight. Please do come along, you will be made most welcome and be part of an amazing event.

Mrs. Jill Streeter

Dear Editor

As a fairly new resident of the village I read the Parish News with great interest each month and would like to say how much I enjoyed the latest fish recipe "Haddock Parcels". It was quick and simple to prepare and delicious to eat. Thank you.

Keep up the good work.

I.B.

Dear Editor

A Host of Golden Daffodils

On behalf of everyone who lives in Pett Village, may I thank all those who gave their free time to plant hundreds of bulbs during the dark days of winter.

How glorious they look now – a harbinger of spring. Thank you.

Evelyn Darnell

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.....that it is the job of a host to make his guests feel at home – and the guest's business to remember that he isn't!

PARISH DIARY - APRIL 2008

VH = Village Hall RG = Recreation Ground

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| Wednesday 2 nd | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | Puppy Training Class | VH | 1 pm |
| | Advanced dog training | VH | 2 pm |
| | Short Mat Bowls | VH | 3pm & 7pm |
| Thursday 3 rd | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Flicks in the Village | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 4 th | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| Saturday 5 th | Village Quiz Night | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Sunday 6 th | Self Defence Course | VH | 2pm - 5pm |
| Monday 7 th | Quiz Night | Royal Oak | 8.30 pm |
| Tuesday 8 th | Garden Club Plant Sale | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday 9 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 10 th | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Short Mat Bowls | VH | 3pm & 7 pm |
| Friday 11 th | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| | Railway Club | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Monday 14 th | Quiz Night | Royal Oak | 8.30 pm |
| Tuesday 15 th | Parish Council | VH | 7.00 pm |
| Wednesday 16 th | Badminton, | VH | 10 am |
| | Puppy Training Class | VH | 1 pm |
| | Advanced dog training | VH | 2 pm |
| Thursday 17 th | Short Mat Bowls | VH | 3pm & 7 pm |
| Friday 18 th | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| | Women's Institute | VH | 2.30 pm |
| | Naturalist Society | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 19 th | Bowls Club Open Day | RG | 10 am |
| Monday 21 st | Flowerpots toddler group | VH | 9.30 am |

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| Friday 25 th | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| Monday 28 th | Flowerpots toddler group | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Quiz Night | Royal Oak | 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 30 th | Badminton | VH | 10 am |

If you would like your special events or regular meetings to be included in the Parish Diary, please drop a note, fixture list or programme in to Rectory Cottage. There is no charge for this service

Avril Thurley

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 2008

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| Sun. 6 th Apr. | Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter |
| Sun. 13 th Apr. | Shared Service with the Methodists, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter |
| Sun. 20 th Apr. | Holy Communion, 8am - St. Nicholas, Pett Level |
| Sun. 27 th Apr. | Parish Communion, 9.30am - St. Mary & St. Peter |

PETT NATS

The meeting on April 18th will be the last of the season, and will be a slide lecture on 'British Wildlife' given by Melvin Smith, who is well known to our members. Visitors will be welcome at £2 each.

Avril Thurley
(Hon Secretary)



FLICK FILM SOCIETY

Last month's attendance to view the film *Atonement* was the largest since September, when we screened *Miss Potter*. Several new members joined plus there was a queue for renewals. Our plans to update and replace the projector and screen facilities were announced with work planned to commence on Sunday 30th March. For those who have asked, the final image size will be 4.27 metres by 3.17 metres or in old money, 14ft by 10ft 5 inches and we will, in future, be able to cater for an audience size of 125 folks. So come along and see!

Moving on to our planned film programme, our April 3rd show will be a film titled, *STARTER FOR TEN* which is rated as a 12A. It is a very funny film and it is about a Freshers' year at university. It is as much about skirt chasing as it is about the pursuit of knowledge. Adapting his best-selling novel, David Nicholls tells a conventional rites-of-passage story but lifts it with a generous dose of 80s nostalgia, plenty of quick-fire wit and an uncompromising sense of Britishness. For director Tom Vaughan, these are all the ingredients of a winning big screen debut. Casting James McAvoy in the lead scores him extra points.

McAvoy's gawky, self-effacing charm instantly endears his character Brian, a working-class swot who dreams of appearing on University Challenge. The prospect is made more appealing at the tryout when he encounters posh blonde Alice (Alice Eve). It's clear, however, that he's better suited to the feisty Rebecca (Rebecca Hall) who devotes her spare time to protest marching.

A thread of social commentary runs through the story, but it's hardly enough to make Ken Loach quake. Brian gets wise to the ways of the world through a spat with blue-collar pal Spencer (Dominic Cooper) and an uncomfortable meet-the-parents scenario at Alice's house. Benedict Cumberbatch does a wickedly funny turn as the upper-class twit who heads the team on University Challenge.

In the final stretch, Vaughan's recreation of the BBC game show is a treat, brimming with laughs and bittersweet whimsy. An 80s soundtrack that flits from The Cure to Kate Bush completes the ambience. A little more of the punk spirit wouldn't have gone amiss (on the class issue), but *Starter for Ten* comfortably makes the grade for rib-tickling entertainment.

Our May 1st film will be *Michael Clayton* starring George Clooney. Yet another Oscar winning film here at Pett.

Do not forget, all are welcome to join the Society and enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £4.00 per show with like-minded people in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. If you wish to know more about the Society, please email me on chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can pop into the Butchers Shop in Pett and grab an application form. All films start at 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.00pm.

Chris Saint and the Flicks Team.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO LUE AND RICHARD COOKE



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your marriage.
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Love from Mandy &
Colin



Cheers Lue &
Richard on your
Silver Wedding
Anniversary Love
Danni & John

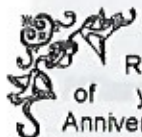
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on your Silver Wedding
Anniversary. With love from
Yvonne
& Mike



CONGRATULATIONS
Lue & Richard - 25 behind
you many more ahead. Love and
Best Wishes Jacqui, John, Toni
Louise & Harrison xx



Dear Richard and Lue
"Cooke",
Congratulations on
your Silver Anniversary.
I can remember how
we all enjoyed your wedding day.
With very fond memories. With
love - Phillip & Mary & Family.



Congratulations Lue &
Richard on the occasion
of your Silver Wedding
Anniversary. With love from
Denise, Paula, Steven &
Hannah.



To Rich & Lue,
Congratulations on
your 25th Wedding
Anniversary. Wishing you many
more happy years together. Brian,
Melissa, Joe & Lian.

HASTINGS RNLI 150TH APRIL 5TH - 13TH 2008

In April, the crew and staff of Hastings Lifeboat Station are looking forward to celebrating 150 years, saving lives at sea. Residents of Pett and Pett level, through the New Beach Club have supported us for more than 50 of those years, for which we are extremely appreciative and thankful. The celebrations take place over the course of a week, beginning with a naming ceremony for the new in-shore lifeboat 'Daphne May' on Saturday April 5th and presentation of a velum to commemorate the 150 years. During the following week there is a full programme of events, many of which are open to the public.

| | | | |
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| Saturday 5th | In-shore lifeboat naming ceremony | Lifeboat station | 1400h |
| Sunday 6th | Open day including Train One - save Many simulator | Lifeboat house | 1000 - 1600h |
| Monday 7th | The Mary Stanford Disaster - lecture by Geoff Hutchinson | Lifeboat house Ticket £7.00 inc. drink | 1900 - 1930h |
| Wednesday 9th | Lantern slides - Memories of Hastings lifeboats | Lifeboat house Ticket £5.00 | 1900 - 1930h |
| Saturday 12th | Live band night and hog roast | Lifeboat house Donations on door | 1400 - 2000h |
| Sunday 13th | Lifeboat parade from Rock-a-Nore to Bo Peep Firework display | Featuring Hastings Lifeboat 'Sealink Endeavour' and 'Victoria' - The historic sail and rowing lifeboat. Lifeboat house | 1100 - 1600h 2000h |

For more information contact Hastings Lifeboat station 01424 720828

We look forward to seeing you,

Peter Adams
Hastings Lifeboat Operations Manager
(Seawinds, Pett)

GUESTLING BRADSHAW CEP SCHOOL WRITES ABOUT HAMLET:

Year 6 (10 year olds) have been working on Shakespeare's dramatic play Hamlet, and:-

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DENMARK

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.
The cries of mourning bring shivers up my spine.
Whispers echo down the extended, damp corridor.
Something musty and sour darkens the room.

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.
Evil is like a mosquito, very small but deadly.
The haunting spirits sinuously search each room for something we don't know.

The foul smell of murder lurks where King Hamlet was killed.

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.
King Claudius is the revolting maggot
Eating away at the juicy apple which is Elsinore.
Something atrocious lurks in the grounds of the castle.

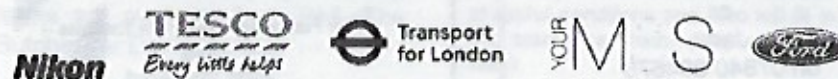
Lucy East

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This year the Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride will take place on **Sunday 18th May, 2008**. This is a 30-mile round trip, starting and finishing at The Coastguard Station, Rye Harbour. The starting time is from 8.30am until 9.30am.

Organised by the Rye Bay Coastguard Company to raise money for the local branch of the Coastguard Association, St. Michael's Hospice and other Local Charities.

The entry fee is *only* £5 per person and children under 16 go *Free* but must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are served, free of charge, en-route. The coastguards will even make you a cup of tea when you get back!

If you would like to join the ride without having to raise sponsorship then this is perfectly acceptable. You just need to pay the £5 entry fee.

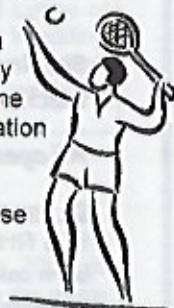
Further details of this event can be obtained from David Dunlop on 01424 813018. Entry/Sponsorship forms are available from Phil (The Butcher) or David Dunlop.

Lets have a really good turn-out for this event and make it a fun family/village day.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Please come along to a meeting on Wednesday 30th April at 7pm at the pavilion in the recreation field.

All tennis enquiries please call 812011



Rye Bay Coastguards

We are looking to take on two new recruits to the company.

Essential criteria are:

- A reasonable level of physical fitness.
- A full and valid driving licence
- An ability to communicate effectively with members of the public and other agencies.
- To be able to work as a team member, but also to have the potential to take the initiative and work independently.

We are looking in the age range 21 to 55. No previous experience is necessary as full training will be given. However, some maritime or emergency services experience would be useful. Whoever we take on will be someone who can work effectively under sometimes difficult and stressful conditions and who will fit in with the established team (they aren't all that bad!).

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Diamond Flower Show

Unfortunately I am writing this before the Horticultural Society has its AGM, so I still cannot tell you who is new and who is cool.



However, I can mention the generosity of some of the villagers who are offering to help or coming up with donations. In particular I would like to thank Mrs V Snowdon who kindly donated some money even though she no longer lives in Pett. Thank you to you all.

I would also like to thank all those folk who have loaned us photos etc for our memorabilia tent. Please have a look though your old albums or keepsake boxes and see if you can find anything connected to those early shows. We will take great care of them and return them soon after the show or perhaps take some copies.



With your April Parish News you should also have received the Schedule for the flower show along with an entry form. (If you have a photocopier attached to your printer you could always run off spare copies!) We hope this will inspire you all to enter something to this special show no matter how much of a novice you may think you are. Don't forget, without your entries there would not be a show!

J.R.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mike and Lynne of The Smuggler on their Ruby Wedding and for their generosity in sharing their celebration with friends and locals on Sunday 9th March.

PETT W.I.

Our total membership for 2008 is down to 15 - quality counts far more than quantity obviously - and we will keep going for as long as finances permit.

The March speaker was very interesting and we were amused by his fund of stories from behind the scenes in his restaurant. On April 18th at 2.30 we are expecting Mrs G Bridge to tell us about Natural Wonders of Western Australia.

The Pett W.I. meets every third Friday in Pett Village Hall.

Evelyn Darnell

Old age is golden, I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I get out of bed

With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup

My eyes on a table for when I wake up
'ere sleep comes to me I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on a shelf?

I get up each morning and dust off my wits

Pick up the paper and read the Obits
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead

So I get a good breakfast and go back to bed!

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friends to the nearest
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*(Sent to me by a 'friend' - and I
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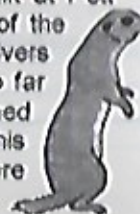
NATURE NOTES

There was an interesting report this month of an unidentified flying object! This was a bird about the size of a pigeon which sat on a fence long enough for the observer to get a good view of it. It was dark brown on its back and wings, but its breast and throat were bright yellow. Any ideas? I can only think it must have escaped from a cage or aviary. Do please let me know if you have any information about this strange visitor.

Other visitors which you may have seen include siskins. These attractive little green and yellow finches could at first glance be mistaken for greenfinches. You may see them on the peanuts, or on hanging seed feeders. After a frustrating fortnight when they were regular visitors to a house near the Church, they eventually favoured me with a visit on 2nd March.

In mid February there were a couple of days when the meadows at Lunsford Farm were awash with fieldfares. Like the siskins these are winter visitors and will have gone to their summer quarters by the time you read this.

We had an interesting talk at Pett Nats by Fran Southgate of the Sussex Otters and Rivers Project. She said that so far there are no confirmed sightings of otters in this parish, although they are



just over the border in Kent so we can keep our fingers crossed. Otters are big animals, perhaps thirty inches long, while mink are not much bigger than stoats, but of course if you just get a glimpse of one and are longing to see an otter, it is easy to be misled. Fran said that 90% of all 'otter' sightings turn out to be mink. Unlike



mink, otters are not a threat to water voles, with whom they have co-existed for millennia.

With Palm Sunday being so early this year I thought there would be no pussy willow, but in fact it is already abundant. When I was a child in London we used to take armfuls of pussy willow to Church on Palm Sunday, gathered from the local bomb sites. Nature quickly covers man-made scars, and willow is one of her most efficient colonisers.

Avril Thurley

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The committee would like to thank all those people who supported the jumble sale on 1st March. We had over 90 customers through the door and took £443; a wonderful effort.

Jillian Green

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