

June, 2008

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# PARISH NEWS

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# JUNE HIGH TIDES ..... RYE HARBOUR APPROACHES

Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Sunday	0827	3.0	2047	3.3
2	Monday	0918	3.2	2139	3.6
3	Tuesday	1011	3.4	2233	3.7
4	Wednesday	1102	3.6	2326	3.7
5	Thursday	1154	3.7	-	-
6	Friday	0018	3.7	1243	3.7
7	Saturday	0109	3.4	1331	3.6
8	Sunday	0200	3.2	1420	3.3
9	Monday	0252	3.0	1510	3.1
10	Tuesday	0347	2.6	1602	2.8
11	Wednesday	0444	2.4	1658	2.6
12	Thursday	0547	2.1	1800	2.5
13	Friday	0655	2.1	1911	2.4
14	Saturday	0756	2.2	2016	2.5
15	Sunday	0849	2.4	2110	2.6
16	Monday	0937	2.6	2158	2.7
17	Tuesday	1020	2.8	2240	2.8
18	Wednesday	1101	3.0	2319	2.8
19	Thursday	1137	3.1	2354	3.0
20	Friday	-	-	1212	3.1
21	Saturday	0025	2.8	1243	3.1
22	Sunday	0056	2.8	1312	3.1
23	Monday	0126	2.8	1345	3.1
24	Tuesday	0200	2.8	1422	3.1
25	Wednesday	0240	2.7	1506	3.0
26	Thursday	0328	2.6	1557	2.8
27	Friday	0424	2.5	1656	2.7
28	Saturday	0534	2.4	1803	2.7
29	Sunday	0650	2.5	1916	2.7
30	Monday	0801	2.6	2026	3.0

Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

## EDITORIAL



What wonderful weather we had in May. Let us just hope that we haven't just experienced Summer and that there is plenty more good weather to come. No doubt, like myself, many of you will have spent hours in the garden (working of course – not sun worshipping ☺) and are beginning to benefit from your labour by seeing your garden come to life.

It does seem however, from letters we have received (see letter page), that the good weather can create problems that spoil the pleasure of the day for some – if not many.

As mentioned in the May issue the back page is now devoted entirely to the contact details for the Parish, District, and County Councillors and PCSO. Regarding the contact details for the various sports and activities taking place in the village, now appearing on the inside back page, we have given contact details for those clubs/societies etc. that have supplied them. We await details from the remainder!

Copy for the July edition can be sent to me on email at [denise.jordan@virgin.net](mailto:denise.jordan@virgin.net) or delivered to me at 5 Glebe Cottages, Elms Lane (814187). The deadline for copy is the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

*Denise Jordan (Ed)*

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## CALLING ALL PETT VILLAGERS !

### Let's make a plan

The Government wants to give more power to local people to decide what's best for their community and supports the idea of local communities producing their own plan about priorities for their village or community.

Locally many villages in the Rother area are getting together to produce their local or village plan which provides information about their aims and priorities for the near future. These village or local action plans are produced after consulting with everyone in the village.

**A plan for Pett** would set out our priorities based on what everyone says, and how and when we are going to take action to achieve any change we would like to see happen.

**Why we need a plan** A plan can help us in discussion with others about services, new developments and in achieving changes to benefit the village. It can provide information which can help to influence others about policies and decisions affecting Pett and everyone living or working there. It could give us the information to start new projects ourselves.

Many villages who have produced their plan are now putting their ideas into action. Examples include projects to tackle traffic speed, developing plans for new local facilities.

**Taking action** The Parish Council has decided to start the ball rolling with support from Action in rural Sussex. This is part of a support programme for villages in rural Rother supported by the Rother LAP consortium including Rother District Council.

**Lets get started - We need your help** Getting together to make a plan is an opportunity for everyone in our village to make themselves heard so please get involved. Any help you can give will be useful.

As a first step we want to get a small working group together. We will be discussing the next steps at our next Parish meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May so please come along.

If you can help in any way please complete the form below or contact Bob Hodgson our parish clerk on 01424-716232 or e-mail bob\_pettpc@yahoo.co.uk

### I would like to help with the Pett Action Plan by:

- |  |        |
|--|--------|
| - Becoming a member of the Pett Action Plan Steering Group.  | Yes/No |
| - Being part of a group dealing with a particular issue (please state your interests)                        | Yes/No |
| - I would like to assist in other ways, e.g. delivering leaflets, clerical support, providing equipment etc. | Yes/No |

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Scallops are a popular type of shellfish in both Eastern and Western cooking. They are characterised by having two types of meat in one shell: the adductor muscle, called "scallop" which is white and meaty, and the roe, called "coral", which is red or white and soft.

The scallop shell is the traditional emblem of Saint James the Greater, and is popular with pilgrims on the 'Way of St James' to the apostle's shrine at Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Medieval Christians making the pilgrimage to his shrine often wore a scallop shell symbol on their hat or clothes. The pilgrim carried a scallop shell with him and would present himself at churches, castles and abbeys where he could expect to be given as much sustenance as he could pick up with one scoop. Probably he would be given oats, barley, and perhaps beer or wine. Thus even the poorest household could give charity without being overburdened. The scallop symbol identified the pilgrims as harmless and allowed them to move unmolested through wars and civil unrest. Another legend of the Way of St. James holds that the route was seen as a sort of fertility pilgrimage, undertaken when a young couple desired to bear offspring. The scallop shell is believed to have originally been carried therefore by pagans as a symbol of fertility. The shell symbol found its way into heraldry as a badge of those who had been on the pilgrimage to Compostela, although later it became a symbol of pilgrimage in general. Winston Churchill's family coat of arms includes a scallop, as does John Wesley's (the reason why the scallop shell is used as an emblem of Methodism).

The familiar world-wide symbol of the Shell Group (scallop) is called the "ecten". The pecten became the symbol of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group because co-founder Marcus Samuel made his earliest fortune importing knick-knacks made from exotic sea shells from the Far East. When Samuel's "Shell" Transport and Trading Company merged with Royal Dutch Petroleum Company in 1907, a shell was adopted as the company's symbol and trademark. If public recognition of a company's trademark is worth money, then the Shell Group should be prosperous for many years. A recent study indicated that with the exception of Santa Claus, the Shell pecten is the most recognized symbol in the world.

Recipe for Pan-grilled scallops with baby spinach and pine nut salad follows on the next page



### Pan-grilled scallops with baby spinach and pine nut salad

8 Scallops, with their corals  
1 tbsp Olive oil  
75g baby Spinach  
25g pine nuts, toasted until golden in a dry frying pan or in the oven  
1/2 tsp lemon zest, finely grated  
3 tbsp Olive oil  
1 tbsp lemon juice

Wash and dry the scallops and cut off the corals. Slice the scallops in half horizontally and add to the corals. Keep chilled until needed.

To make the dressing, mix the olive oil and lemon juice in a bowl and season. Heat a grill pan or frying pan, (non-stick if possible) until very hot. Drizzle the scallops with the olive oil and toss, then season with a small pinch of salt and pepper. Place on the hot grill pan or frying pan and cook until golden on each side, about 2 minutes.

Place the spinach in a bowl and drizzle with just enough dressing to coat lightly and place on serving plates.

Take the pan off the heat and transfer the scallops to sit on or beside the spinach. Sprinkle with the toasted pine nuts and the lemon zest, and serve straightaway.

Sarah E Adams (Seawinds, Pett Road)

### CHURCH SERVICES:

Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun.	9.30am – Parish Communion, St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	10.45am – Shared Service with the Methodists, Methodist Chapel.
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	8.00am – Holy Communion, St. Nicholas, Pett Level
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun.	9.30am – Parish Communion, St. Mary & St. Peter.
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	10.30am – Benefice Communion, St. Mary & St. Peter

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## JUBILEE FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm



Now we have reached the penultimate month before the show, I do hope you are all getting geared up for it. With the lovely weather we are experiencing at the time of writing, your little seeds should be reaching their arms to the sun and your flowers should be smiling at you with happy sunny faces! Ahhh!

Now PLEASE do not forget to keep to the rules when entering your exhibits (found on the inside cover of the schedule) Stick to the sizes requested and the amounts stated as we do not want to disqualify any entries.

Also, if you remember, the Entry Forms have to be filled in clearly to help the poor old dears trying to read the information on them and the entries themselves have to be staged no later than 10.15am on the morning of the show. Entries will not be admitted after this time as the Judges need to get in and do their bit.

Phew – sounds like a lecture, but it is important to point these things out for the newcomers to the village.

Another thing, please, please, let us have any cakes, vegetables, flowers, unwanted gifts, bottles (full of course, not your old recycle ones!) puzzles or books that we

could use on the day of the show. I will be only too happy to come and collect them or they can be given to any committee member. Also any helpers you can donate to help on the day or setting up or taking down either side of the show.

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In case you missed it last month, the Butter Cream for the Coffee & Walnut sponge cake is:

5oz(175g unsalted butter (softened)  
10oz(350g) icing sugar  
1 level tblspn instant coffee dissolved in hot water.

Mix butter and icing until light and fluffy, add coffee. Use to sandwich cake together and decorate the top adding walnut halves.

Lastly, do not forget the



### PETT CRICKET CLUB SUMMER DANCE



This should be such good fun with the Michael Hambridge disco, loads of food and a well stocked bar. Anyone over the age of 15 is welcome and it kicks off at eight till late! The perfect end to what will have been a beautiful sunny, successful day. Further details from Paul Stapley ~ o 814202

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## PETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION



### Annual General Meeting Report



At the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the Chairman, Brian Woodcock, reported on a very successful year thanks to the hard work and commitment of all the officers and Management Committee members. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their grant to fund essential maintenance work on the pavilion exterior. The interior kitchen refurbishment has also now been completed and was funded by a grant of £1,000 from the Sussex County Playing Fields Association, the Sports Association and donations from clubs who use the pavilion. Paul Stapley has given the walls and floor a coat of paint and the transformation is remarkable. Other work is planned and the Committee will be looking to produce a maintenance programme with funding plans for future years.

The issue of the wet patch on the Recreation Ground, which has proved so troublesome in the past, has now been taken on board by the Parish Council and remedial work is to be carried out shortly. Thanks were again expressed to the Parish Council for their support.

The election of officers and members took place with Brian Woodcock remaining as Chairman,

Heather Philpott, Secretary and Sarah Baker, Treasurer, for a further year. Reports from the sports clubs were presented and all the clubs are currently thriving and looking forward to their summer programmes. The financial position of the Sports Association remains stable.

This year the Management Committee will be addressing the renewal of the lease which expires in March 2009. The Sports Association will be seeking a further 20 year lease from the Parish Council in order that the excellent recreational facilities we have can be enjoyed for many years to come. The next meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

Heather Philpott  
Honorary Secretary

### Parkinson's Pub Crawl

Can I thank everyone for their support regarding the Parkinson's Pub Crawl on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

For the raffle prizes, the donations and all the support on the day, we raised a wonderful **£1,450**.

Once again thank you

Lynda Watson





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### NATURE NOTES

The nesting season is well under way and the Blue Tits are whizzing in and out with their beaks full of little green caterpillars. If there were no caterpillars there would be a shortage of Blue Tits. If there were no Blue Tits the garden would be eaten bare by caterpillars. Left alone, nature maintains a balance, but when we start spraying pesticide around we cause all sort of unexpected and unwanted results.



One very good piece of news is that Marsh Harriers have been seen down on the Level carrying nesting materials. Let's hope they are successful.

Foxes also are feeding their families, and they have taken several baby lambs. One took a lamb in broad daylight while the farmer was in the same field; he saw it happen but was too far away to prevent it. Foxes usually target ewes with twins. They separate the lambs and then grab one while the mother defends the other. Foxes are highly intelligent and very agile, which is why they are the most widespread carnivore in the world, thriving everywhere from the arctic to the tropics, in deserts, forests, grassland and cities. Their natural prey is rabbits and rodents, and no doubt they see lambs as a much easier option.

Since coming the Pett in 1975 I have kept a note of the first date each year when I heard the cuckoo. This is the first year when I have not heard one before the end of April.

It was lovely to see that the daffodils throughout the village were not vandalised this year. Keep a look out for marigolds ~ you might be surprised where they pop up!

Avril Thurley

### CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning was held at "Paxstead", Pett Road in the most glorious weather. The 10th of May was a lovely summery day and everyone enjoyed the happy atmosphere of the morning. The stallholders were kept busy with a constant stream of 'buyers' who made the morning a very successful one.

Thanks to the generosity of people we raised an incredible £363.60. This is made up from £96.50 worth of Traidcraft sale or return goods and £267.10 taken from the actual morning.

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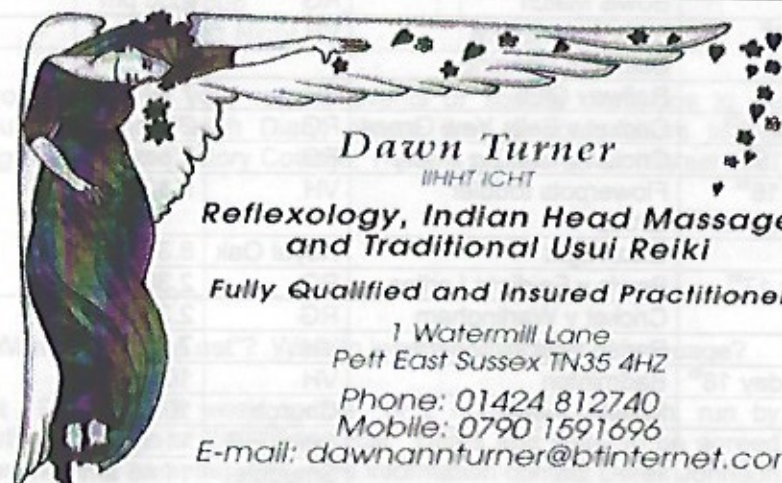
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# PARISH DIARY ~ JUNE 2008

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Self Defence Course	VH	2 pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flowerpots toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket v Buxted Park	RG	2 pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls v Herstmonceux	RG	2.30 pm
	Cricket v St Lukes	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flowerpots toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club outing		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
	Bowls Match	RG	2.30 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket v Bells Yew Green	RG	2 pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket v Hasting Priory	RG	2 pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flowerpots toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls v Fairlight Ladies	RG	2.30 pm
	Cricket v Warlingham	RG	2.30 pm
	Parish Council Meeting	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
	Bowls v Hastings	RG	2 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls v White Rock	RG	2.30 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Mini Tournament & Picnic	RG	10 am
	Cricket v Polegate & Stone Cross	RG	2 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls v Hollington	RG	2.30 pm
	Cricket v Eastbourne Martlets	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Flowerpots toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced dog training	VH	2 pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket v Chiddingly	RG	2 pm
	Bowls v Guestling	RG	2.30
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Self Defence Course	VH	2 pm
	Cricket v Winchelsea	RG	2.30 pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Flowerpots toddler Group	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm

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Avril Thurley

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Finally a reminder that our Fete will be held at Pett Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Offers of help or goods for the stalls are still needed.

For details of sponsorship or help with the Fete please contact Jillian on 813841.

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## THE GARDENING CLUB MEETING 13TH MAY 2008

The Gardening Club members met on a beautiful sunny evening this week to travel to Peasmarsh, to enjoy a tour of the fruit orchards belonging to our very popular speaker The Reverend Dickie Dengate. He gave us a little introductory potted history of the orchards, how long the land had been cultivated by his family and then we set off on a walk around the orchards of apples, some names we recognised and some very old varieties with wonderful names like Melrose and Egremont russet. There were plums and an area of Christmas trees, not forgetting the wonderful wind break Lombardy Poplars which are now being replaced naturally with self seeded Oak trees. We also saw newly planted apples in their first year of fruiting. We came back to Dickies home via the newly built Sussex barn (built to house the vehicles) actually built entirely by Dickies own hands of which he is very proud - and has every reason to be!

We got back to the house a little colder than when we started out, We got back to the house a little colder than when we started out, but Rene ( Mrs Dengate ) welcomed us in with hot cups of tea and coffee and home made scones, cream, raspberry jam and fresh raspberries, cakes and shortbread. It all felt a bit like a party and was a wonderful end to the evening!

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Our next meeting as members will know, is on Tuesday the 10th June and we go to Merriments Garden and have a tour with the Head Gardener and then repair to the tearooms after a browse around the plant centre and shop. If you have not already booked your place for this trip, please let me know. We travel in our own cars and meet at Merriments at 2pm for the tour at 2.30pm, anyone wanting a lift or just company on the journey please contact me and I will arrange a collection point for you.

I look forward to seeing you there.

P W B 14-05-2008

Happy Birthday  
Terry for 26<sup>th</sup>  
June  
(Need any  
assistance  
collecting the  
Pension?)



Dear Editor

May I take the opportunity through your pages to thank the very kind moron who selfishly decided on a hot afternoon in early May to have a bonfire. Thanks to their antisocial behaviour I, and all my neighbours who all had windows and doors open to let in the air, had homes full of smoke. Like a lot of people who work, the afternoon is often the first opportunity to put washing out and the last thing we want is for it to smell.



Is it too much to ask these very mindless people to engage brain and remember they have neighbours who don't want homes filled with their smoke, before they light up. We all have stuff to burn but most of us are mindful of others and have our fires in the evening when it's getting dark and windows are more likely to be closed or take it to the tip. Do us all a favour and remember smoke lingers and spreads far more than you think!

Name and address supplied



Dear Editor,

Please may I bring to the attention of the readers of the Spring/Summer pastime of BONFIRE lighting. Why is it that as soon as the first sunny dry days of spring arrive, when you can leave your windows open and hang washing out, people seem to think it is ok to light their bonfires any time of the day?

I understand the need to burn garden waste and have no objection to people having a bonfire, but please, if you have to have a bonfire just think about a few ways that you could make life easier for your neighbours.

1. Let your immediate neighbours know when you intend to 'light up'. Evening is the best time when windows are more likely to be closed and washing is not hanging out.
2. Check the wind direction. (Whenever possible light bonfires when the wind direction is heading away from neighbouring

properties. Some people suffer from asthma and older people might have breathing related illnesses.

3. Newly cut garden waste is more likely to produce more smoke, so let it rot down for a week or so before burning.

So please, just think before you light your next bonfire.

*Name and Address withheld*

### COMPUTER PROBLEM!!

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?'

He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

'I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that .... In case I need to fix it again?'

Eric grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?'

'No,' I replied.

'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

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### DO YOU KNOW ?

Do you know that the 'twitten' at Pett was consecrated for burials recently?

On St. George's day [23<sup>rd</sup> April] this year the Bishop of Lewes, the Rt. Rev. Wallace Benn, came to Pett to consecrate the piece of land adjacent to Pett church for the purpose of burials. This was quite an historic occasion as it is rare



these days to be able to witness such an event. The last time this occurred at St. Mary & St. Peter church was in 1907 [one hundred and one years ago] after William Lucas-Shadwell made a gift to the church of a piece of land to the south side of the building.

Since then, more than 300 folk have been buried in the churchyard and it was known, many years ago that the time would come when more land was needed. It was in 1950 that Mr Jones of Mill Cottage gave the twitten, on the east side of the existing churchyard as an additional place for burial when it was needed. That time has now arrived and the process of obtaining planning permission, clearing the area and making the necessary arrangements with the Diocese began more than a year ago.

So it was on a sunny spring afternoon, after earlier showers, that about thirty Pett people stood at the church-side entrance to the twitten. The blossom on the trees and the singing birds made for an enchanting setting. The Bishop, the Rural Dean [the Rev. Hugh Mosely], the Rector [the Rev. Bernard Crosby] and the Diocesan Registrar carried out the official reading and signing of the 'Instrument of Consecration' and then the Bishop led a short and moving service entitled "The Order for the Consecration of a Churchyard". This was followed by some very tasty refreshments enjoyed by everyone in the church, during which people had the



opportunity to chat about what they had witnessed and been a part of.

Pett Church has been a focus in the village for hundreds of years and more than one church has stood on the site. Burials have taken place there for more years than there are records for and the earliest recorded is around 1530. It is good to think that the good people of the village have been laid to rest in this quite magic place and it is equally good to realise that the church site will serve the village for many years to come.

John Taylor



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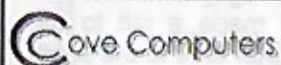
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## FLICKS FILM SOCIETY

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June our show will be the film titled : **And When Did You Last See Your Father?** **Rated as a 12A.** The storyline is about a writer seeking to bury the hatchet with his terminally ill dad. In this powerful drama both **Colin Firth**, and especially **Jim Broadbent**, enthral us with wonderfully vivid performances. As the teenage version of Firth's grumpy scribe, cheeky up-and-comer **Matthew Beard** is also one to watch. Past and present are skilfully entwined from the memoirs of Blake Morrison revealing a complex tangle of emotions. Visiting dad for what he knows is the final time, Blake tries to come to terms with their history. In flashbacks, Arthur is an exuberant but very tactless father. Humiliating the boy in front of prospective girlfriends is bad enough, but his affair with aunt Beaty (**Sarah Lancashire**) guarantees his son's diligent loathing. And yet with age comes wisdom.

It's easy to see why the offended parties, including Arthur's long-suffering wife (the brilliant **Juliet Stevenson**), couldn't stay angry with him for long. Broadbent strikes the perfect balance between infuriating old sod and endearing 'little boy lost'. He also benefits from a finely crafted script. Arthur's inbred reluctance to show any emotion means that even the

vaguest gesture of compassion has a devastating effect. Tucker's direction is similarly toned down, getting in close to the actors and conveying their unspoken feelings without becoming bogged down in syrupy sentiment. Arthur's blinkered approach to fatherhood raises a good few laughs as well, like forcing Blake to test out his self-made 'waterproof' tent on a compulsory camping trip. Clichés are in evidence (e.g. a driving lesson on the beach serves as one happy memory), but there can be no doubting the film's sincerity. And for all the heartbreak, you will be left with good memories.

In order to give you some advance information, the award winning film **La Vie En Rose** will be screened on **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** and as usual, 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](mailto: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.

Hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

*Chris Saint (Chairman)*



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staff who helped and planned this amazing week away and also thank the P.G.L staff for making it an enjoyable holiday for Guestling Bradshaw year 5 and 6 and all the adults.



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If we have not included your Club/Society etc. please let us know together with contact name and telephone number.



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