

AUGUST HIGH TIDESRYE HARBOUR APPROACHES

Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Friday	1100	3.4	2330	3.4
2	Saturday	1144	3.7	-	
3	Sunday	0014	3.6	1225	3.9
4	Monday	0051	3.6	1303	3.9
5	Tuesday	0127	3.4	1340	3.8
6	Wednesday	0201	3.3	1416	3.6
7	Thursday	0237	3.1	1452	3.3
8	Friday	0316	2.7	1532	2.8
9	Saturday	0402	2.2	1620	2.4
10	Sunday	0500	1.9	1722	2.0
11	Monday	0612	1.8	1840	1.8
12	Tuesday	0733	1.9	2004	1.9
13	Wednesday	080	2.1	2113	2.2
14	Thursday	0935	2.6	2157	2.6
15	Friday	1014	3.0	2232	3.0
16	Saturday	1048	3.2	2306	3.2
17	Sunday	1122	3.4	2339	3.3
18	Monday	1155	3.6		
19	Tuesday	0011	3.4	1228	3.7
20	Wednesday	0042	3.4	1301	3.8
21	Thursday	0114	3.6	1335	3.8
22	Friday	0150	3.4	1412	3.6
23	Saturday	0230	3.2	1457	3.2
24	Sunday	0321	2.7	1553	2.7
25	Monday	0432	2.1	1717	2.2
26	Tuesday	0619	1.9	1904	2.1
27	Wednesday	0753	2.1	2033	2.5
25	Thursday	0905	2.7	2142	3.0
29	Friday	1001	3.2	2235	3.3
30	Saturday	1046	3.6	2317	3.6
31	Sunday	1127	3.9	2354	3.7

Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

The Sea! The Sea! The open Sea! The blue, the fresh, the ever free!

EDITORIAL



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For my sins, I have been let loose to put the Parish News together this month whilst Denise has a well earned break.

There is nothing to report on the Flower Show at present as it will not have happened at the time of going to the printers, but September's issue should show some of the highlights in glorious colour. (Well it is a special show)

As ever the magazine is full of local events and happenings and in particular I would like to draw your attention to the Pett Parish Community Plan on page 23 which ultimately concerns all of us, and a Two Sawyers Exclusive on page 17.

Do let us have articles, observations, opinions (yes even those ones!) special dates and so on ~ it's your magazine and voice, use it!

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

Jackie Richards (Sub Ed)

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Pett Gardening Club meeting 8th July 2008

There are many lovely gardens in Pett and the Gardening Club were very lucky to be the guests of Chris and Robyn Hutt at Fairlight End for the meeting this month.

This is a relatively new garden, but it has already started to mature and has much to offer. The kitchen garden is awash with a wide range of wonderful fruits and vegetables. There is a new orchard, a large reed 'lake', a wild area with woods at the bottom and a terrific herbaceous border which has a most attractive brick path to set it off. There are also stunning views. Chris has many plans to develop the garden even more and make improvements to some of the areas of what is already a beautiful and well stocked garden.

All the club members were impressed by the work and planning put into this garden, and we were all able to find something 'special' which attracted us each individually as we meandered around with Chris. He explained what he had done with the existing garden, and how he had developed uncultivated areas and told us about plans for improvements that he is hoping to carry out in the future.

The weather was kind to us all, and we finished the evening with lots of discussion over a glass of wine and a promise of another visit next year to see how the garden is developing.

This month on Tuesday the 12th, we have an evening of "Three Gardens and 'a perfect pocket handkerchief garden' all within the Village, and we meet at the corner of Pannel Lane between 6.30pm and 7pm. We shall browse around the gardens on our list and walk gently towards the Royal Oak, finishing up in the last garden down Elm Lane where we will get our glass of wine or fruit punch. Again we hope the weather will be good, and look forward to seeing you there.

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AUGUST FISH RECIPE

In the past salmon was predominantly farmed in lochs. Now it is also farmed in the open sea under sustainable conditions. This method means the salmon are fed precisely what is required, thereby reducing over feeding which causes seabed pollution. Stock levels in open sea cages are much lower (typically 2% of the cage is occupied by fish – 98% for water) which allows more swimming and reduces infection rates and stress to the fish. When buying salmon, always look for those from sustainable farms and not the farmed fish flown from abroad. The cheaper end of the market uses a high quantity of fat in the feed rather than protein which is more expensive, resulting in a change to flavour and texture. This also reduces the nutritional value of the fish and causes the flesh to spoil very quickly. Good salmon has many beneficial nutritional qualities being high in protein, omega 3 fats and Vitamin D, and therefore is a valuable food in the prevention of many diseases including heart disease.

It is advisable to look for sustainably farmed Irish or Scottish salmon for guaranteed quality. Although most would prefer to eat wild fish, it has been in decline for many years. The best alternative is quality controlled sustainably farmed fish which has the welfare of the fish as its core. I hope you enjoy this months simple but satisfying recipe

Salmon and Rocket Pasta

Serves 2

1 tsp oil
2 fresh salmon fillets
200g tagliatelle
100g bag rocket
2 tbsp crème fraiche (the reduced fat also works)
Zest ½ lemon

Heat oil in a non-stick pan and cook the salmon, skin-side down, for 5 minutes. Turn over and continue to cook for 4 minutes more until the salmon is cooked through. Remove from the pan, leave to cool, then flake the fish into large chunks, discarding skin.

Cook tagliatelle according to pack instructions. Scoop out half a cup of cooking water, then drain and return to pan. Toss in the salmon and remaining ingredients, loosening with cooking water if the mixture is too thick. Serve immediately.

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese Yet the plural of moose should never be meese You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice

If the plural of man is always called men. Then shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, Yet hat in the plural would never be hose. And the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother and also the brethren. But though we say mother, we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him' But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on. And in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mothers not Mop?

Q: You are driving in a car at a constant speed.

On your left side is a 'drop off', the ground is 18-20 inches below the level you are travelling on, and on your right side is a fire engine travelling at the same speed as you.

In front of you is a galloping horse, which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it.

Behind you is a galloping zebra. Both the horse and the zebra are also travelling at the same speed as you.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

A: Get off the roundabout when it stops of course!!!

GUESTLING BRADSHAW CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs C. Weston, Headteacher, writes about the school year 2007 - 2008

As the end of the academic year draws near it seems hard to believe that another school year has gone. They tell me time passes quicker the older you get; well it is true. I suppose it is because you want to fit even more into the time that you have. Life at Guestling Bradshaw Church of England School is, as always, full to the brim. reception class have been great, slipping into life at school with minimum amount of fuss, parents as well as children. Every year new parents provide us with new ideas. The reception parent team were last seen donning wellies and jeans digging a garden for the children. I wonder if they would like to give my garden a make over too?

There have been many highlights proud special moments: Bishop's Commendation Celebration service in October, Year 4 singing at the joint service for schools at Rye (Not a dry eye in the Church!). angels with slipping halos, wise kings, shepherds, animals and of course Mary and Joseph made ' The Little Angel' infant nativity memorable, curriculum weeks, the making of a mural designed by our children with every child contributing. Rye RX parade with bees and flowers following bands, working with Christ Church CE Primary and enjoying a One World Carnival Day

together, cycling proficiency, swimming, sports, healthy school week, Crazy Club, successful drama club, Dancing Divas! Phew! I am sure that I have missed some events. Yes another action filled year. The PTA, parents and Governors continue to support us in all we do and help to make our school a family school. Great!

Sandra Bellhouse (Taylor) left us at the end of June. Sandra will be known for her excellent support and guidance given to many children and staff, and during her time at Guestling supported Peter Clare for many years on residential trips and has been a valuable member of the adult group accompanying the children. She has also been there to support many new teachers when they have joined our team. Sandra hopes to have more time to pursue her passions and promises to return and help with further trips. We hope that she will enjoy the next part of her learning journey. She will be in our thoughts too.

At the end of the year there are a number of staff changes. Nicki Barker is expecting her first baby in September. She will take maternity leave and plans to return in July 2009. The school is filled with excitement and anticipation. We will keep you posted with the news when

it comes, perhaps even with puffs of smoke from the school chimney! Naturally Nicki and Graham will be in out reflections and prayers.

Carol Shortman retires after many, many years of guiding children, and adults on their learning journey. In fact if I recall correctly it was Carol who created our school motto, 'Learning is a journey not a race'. During my short time at Guestling many parents have said to me quietly, Mrs Shortman was my teacher too. We will miss her passion, warmth, comforting hugs, singing and smiles, a mum to all! We hope that she will have a wonderful retirement. Our prayers will be with her.

Finally Liam East is leaving to see the world. He will taking up a post in Taiwan as a languages teacher. Those of you that know Liam will have heard that languages are his passion. Again we will miss his laughter, enthusiasm and strides down the corridor, a pencil tucked behind his ear!

After very successful Ofsted and Diocesan inspections all that remains of the busy year is Year 6 and Key Stage 2 performing the 'Pied Piper' at the end of this term. I am sure that this will be excellent. We are very lucky that we have a dedicated team of staff that are passionate about children's learning and making sure that the opportunities that they provide stimulate them.

Finally we will say farewell to all our year 6, knowing that they will go on to do well and make us proud. C.W.

PETT FLOWER FESTIVAL

Arrangements for the third Flower Festival, to be held at Pett Church, on 13th and 14th September, are progressing. The titles have been finalised and will start with Queen Victoria, 'Empress of India' and end with a celebration of The Queen Mother's 100th birthday. In between there will be 'Votes for Women', 'The Discovery of Penicillin', 'VE Day', 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Rock Around the Clock', 'England 4 – Germany 2' and many more; 45 arrangements in total.

You are reminded that arrangements may be sponsored for £10 or £15 and any dedication which you make, in remembrance of a friend or relative, or to celebrate a wedding or an anniversary etc, will appear with the floral arrangement. All sponsorships, unless anonymous, will be acknowledged in the programme.

As well as the flowers in the church, there will be refreshments, a tombola, guess the weight of the cake and stalls selling cakes, preserves, produce, plants, books, good quality bric a brac, books and toys. We still need goods for the stalls and offers of help, both at the event and before.

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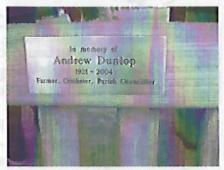
On a very blustery Sunday morning at least 40 people gathered at the Royal Oak for the dedication of the seat in memory of Andrew (Andy) Dunlop.



Andrew opened the proceedings by thanking everyone for coming and to Jaz for opening the Royal Oak an hour early in order that the gathered assembly could adjourn to the Royal Oak after the dedication to raise a glass in tribute to Andy. He then handed over to The Rev. Frank Rowson who said a few words about Andy before handing over to Alan Sheerer who spoke about Andys life and contribution to the village. It was a big tribute to Andy that young members of the Pett Cricket Team were at the dedication service.

The inscription on the bench reads "Farmer. Cricketer. Parish Councillor".

Reference was made by Alan Sheerer the various achievements Andy had made in each of these areas. In particular



his love of Cricket and the saving of the Royal Oak from demolition. It is therefore very appropriate that the bench is situated overlooking the cricket pitch and outside the Royal Oak.

The Rev Frank Rowson then gave a prayer of dedication and afterwards the assembled gathering adjourned to the Royal Oak to 'raise a glass' to Andy.

FLOWERPOTS TODDLER GROUP

The Flowerpots have had a good term. They held a Teddy Bears Picnic in aid of 'Paddington Bear & Action Research' raising a total of £40.00 for the charity.

At the end of term they had a fancy dress party where they said goodbye to 3 children who were going on to 'big' school.

am now retiring and the new Supervisor will be Keeley Gabriel who can be contacted on 812784.

Jenny

mew beach club me



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NATURE NOTES



My baby Nuthatches are not as quick as Blue Tits at learning to use the nut feeders. They sit on the roof of the well begging for food, while mum hangs on the feeder. She flatly refuses to feed them until one flutters across and lands on the feeder, then she gives him a piece of nut for himself. But he still goes on begging, making no attempt to tackle the nuts. Mum continues to feed him until, presumable, he's had enough, when he flutters off and one of his siblings takes his The process is then place. repeated. This behaviour is in complete contrast with that of the baby Blue and Great Tits, who land on the feeders and tuck in straight away. Even baby Sparrows make the effort, wings whirring like little helicopters.

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I have not had any young Great Spotted Woodpeckers this year, although they are patronising the nut feeders and Brambles just round the corner in Pannel Lane. Juvenile Great Spotties have red crowns, while the adult male is red on the nape of the neck. The adult female has no red on her head or neck.

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In Rectory Park there is a bird feeder attached to a window by means of rubber suction cups so that it is in the middle on the pane. In spite of this difficulty a field mouse still manages to feed from it. It launches itself from the frame, jumping several times its own body length, lands on the roof of the feeder and lowers itself inside. When it wants to leave it reaches out a paw and hauls itself back onto the roof of the feeder, whence it can leap back to the frame. I think it earns its meal!

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If you walk down Pannel Lane you can see a really big Robin's Pincushion. After you pass the drive to Inisfree look in the hedge on your left and you will see it just before you get to the footpath to lcklesham. Many plants produce galls of various kinds as a response to invasion by insects or fungus; much as a dog may get an interdigital cyst as a result of a grass seed penetrating the skin between its toes. The Robin's Pincushion is certainly on of the most spectacular of these growths.

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Adult Swans are attentive and aggressive parents, but the pair which I have been watching on the Level have already lost three of their five cygnets. Meanwhile Mrs Mallard, who is a single parent, still has six of her seven ducklings. This seems curious, as both ducks and swans face the same hazards.

Avril Thurley

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We all know that the property changed hands and we can already see there is a lot of activity taking place with the renovation and I am very happy to be able to give you a little information about Jason and his wife Karen who will be running the Two Sawvers.

Jason, Karen and 16 year old son Oliver will be moving in as soon as the current work has been undertaken and are very much looking forward to integrating into village life.

Currently living in Poole in Dorset, Jason has been a printer for some 23 years so this will be a major change of direction for him. His mother Margaret, formerly of Holmes House Restaurant (Sedlescombe) and Royal Oak (Whatlington) has bought the property and all the family will be taking a part in running the pub. Ollie will be starting an apprenticeship with them and doing day release at Hastings College.

We look forward to hearing more about the opening of the Two Sawyers in the near future, but for now would like to extend a warm welcome to the whole family and wish them every success with their new venture.

Jackie Richards

COMING SOON

MARSHAM OLDER PEOPLE'S PROJECT

In September there will be an 'Older Person's Centre' for Marsham Ward opening on Fridays in Fairlight Village Hall between 10.30am ~ 3pm.

The centre will offer Transport, Hot Food, Friendship, Support, Information and Advice and will be available to all Pett, Fairlight and Guestling eligible residents.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help on these Fridays, then please contact:

Sylvia Gutsell P 01424 812544

PARISH DIARY - AUGUST 2008

Friday 1 st	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
Saturday 2 nd	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30am
	Cricket v Glynde & Beddingham	RG	2pm
Aleman Salara	Bowls v Westfield	RG	2.30pm
Monday 4 th	Yoga	VH	7pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Yoga	VH	9.45am
and set	Yoga	VH	2pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30pm
Wednesday 6th	Badminton	VH	10am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2pm
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Thursday 7 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30am
	Yoga	VH	1.15pm
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30pm
Friday 8th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
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Saturday 9th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30am
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Wednesday 13th	Badminton	VH	10am
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		Chick Hill	11.10am
		Smuggler	11.45am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1pm

Wednesday 13th	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2pm
and the party of the	Bowls v Spartan	RG	2.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30am
and the second	Yoga	VH	1.15pm
Friday 15 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
Friday 15th	Women's Institute	VH	2.30pm
Saturday 16th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30am
or or wife her	Cricket v Mayfield	RG	2.30pm
	Bowles v Hastings VHBC	RG	2.30pm
Sunday 17 th	Bowls v Beckley	RG	2.30pm
Monday 18th	Yoga	VH	7pm
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	Yoga	VH	1.15pm
Friday 2nd	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
Saturday 23 rd	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30am
	Cricket v Maresfield	RG	2pm
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Monday 25th	Yoga	VH	7pm
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Tuesday 26th	Yoga	VH	9.45am
STEEL ST	Yoga	VH	2pm
property in the first	Bowls v Clive Vale	RG	2.30
	Pilates	VH	6.30pm
Wednesday 27th	Badminton	VH	10am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20am

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Wednesday 27th	Mobile Library	Chick Hill	11.10am
	2006	Smuggler	11.45am
(C)	Puppy Training Class	VH	1pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2pm
Thursday 28 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30am
	Yoga	VH	1.15pm
Friday 29th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2pm
Saturday 30th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30am
	Cricket v Crowborough	RG	2pm
Sunday 31st	Cricket Single Wicket Competition	RG	
	Bowls v Hamstreet	RG	2.30pm

Don't forget to let me have news of forthcoming events (in writing please) if you want them included in the Parish Diary.

Three of the best things in life: The smell of newly cut hay, the sound of a newborn lamb and a good day's work well done. What would your choice be?

Avril Thurley Rectory Cottage

VILLAGE MARKET

The village market got off to a great start on the 5th July.

The variety of produce available was varied and of excellent quality. Of course there was garden produce but also a fresh fish van, plants and home made savouries such as sausage rolls, cheese scones and more.

I hope the village market continues because not only did I buy fresh local produce but also had a cup of tea and a chat with friends and neighbours so shopping became something of a social event!

Roving Reporter

The High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally important landscape. It was designated by Government in 1983 to conserve and enhance its historic character of rolling hills draped with small irregular fields, abundant woods and hedges, scattered farmsteads and sunken lanes.

The High Weald covers parts of 4 counties – East Sussex, West Sussex, Kent and Surrey. With an area of 570 square miles (1,457 sq km) it is the 4th largest AONB in the UK. It is also the largest AONB in South East England.

The story of the High Weald's landscape is inseparably tied to the people who lived in it. The future conservation and evolution of this landscape is dependent upon safeguarding the traditional interactions between people and nature.

The Story of the High Weald's Routeways

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The High Weald has a unique, radiating network of ancient routeways - often deeply sunken in places. These routes were first formed when early settlers from the surrounding lands began to exploit the High Weald woods as a seasonal source of food for their animals: for, as well as timber and fuel, the woods held another important resource - acorns!

Domesticated pigs, being descended from wild boar, enjoyed acorns as a natural food. From as far back as the Neolithic period (c.4300 – 1400BC) or even earlier, farmers from the South Downs, North Downs and coastal plains would drive their pigs into the woods each year to fatten them on acorns and beech mast. This happened in late summer or early autumn and is known as pannage.

The Weald was the stronghold of pannage in Britain. In 1086 - when the practice was already past its peak - Domesday records indicate that around 150,000 pigs would have been driven to and from the woods of the High and Low Weald!

Farmers from a particular village returned with their pigs to the same woodland place year after year. These woodland pig pastures were called dens.

The frequent passage of pigs being driven to and from the dens formed tracks known as droves, connecting the dens to their parent villages – often 20 miles away. When the dens became settlements in their own right, the roughly north-south droving routes remained - and can be seen today in the pattern of lanes, bridleways and footpaths radiating away from the High Weald.

Centuries of use by many trotters, feet, hooves - and, later, cartwheels - have worn the soft ground away so that, today, many of the routes have deeply sunken sections.

In spring and summer, the High Weald's narrow, sunken lanes with their ancient, wooded banks are transformed into shady 'tree tunnels'. Many are lined in places with wildflower-rich verges, important wildlife refuges - some even designated as 'Roadside Nature Reserves'.

Text provided by the High Weald AONB Joint Advisory Committee's staff Unit. This is a specialist team that advises on the management of the AONB; furthers understanding of its special qualities and enables action to conserve it.

To find out more, please visit www.highweald.org

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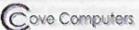
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PETT PARISH COMMUNITY PLAN

Some of you may recall that a couple of months ago the Parish council wrote an article in this magazine asking if there are any volunteers who would like to become involved in producing a plan for our Parish. I am pleased to report that in addition to myself, there are seven people who have expressed an interest and we will be holding an exploratory meeting on the 2nd August to discuss the way forward. If you would like to become involved and reside in our Parish, even if you are not able to attend this meeting please contact It is essential that we encompass a good cross section of our community which includes all business interests, local volunteer groups and most importantly, the youth of the Parish.

You may wonder why we need to produce a plan. The answer is simple. Whether we like it or not. our community is constantly changing and we need to influence these changes. We need to give "guidance" to the local authorities on matters relating to public sevices, policing, traffic, building controls and may other issues that affect our daily lives. However, this "quidance" MUST be based upon genuine wants which can be quantified, rather than just a "gut" feeling. It is envisaged therefore. that the plan will provide such essential data which I am assured will be taken seriously by both East

Sussex County and Rother District Councils.

I look forward to hearing from anyone, apart from those who have already volunteered, who wish to help.

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There is plenty of space for baskets, shopping trolleys etc. and the drivers are always most helpful. All this for the princely sum of £1 return! Why not give it a try?

Avril Thurley

Dear Editor

As a frequent visitor to Pett over the past ten years I felt compelled to comment on the changes that have taken place regarding the village pub.

I have been shocked on my last few visits to find loud music pumping out of the open doors and windows of the pub until well after midnight; residents tell me that this is not unusual.

Pett was always, and still is, a very beautiful village surrounded by countryside and I am sure that one of its greatest assets was the tranquil and friendly ambience offered by the village pub which has always been at the heat of this little community.

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DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know about the rebellion led by Jack Cade?

Village life in the 15th century was generally well ordered, but there was much turmoil in the country. In Sussex, murder, rape and robbery were commonplace. The French were continually raiding the Kent and Sussex coasts and the English herring fleets. The whole country was discontent with a king and authorities who were unable or unwilling to enforce the law and protect their people, and angry at the widespread corruption in the government. Jack Cade, who falsely claimed descent from the powerful Mortimer family, raised an army of insurgents dissatisfied with the political situation and living conditions. Unlike Wat Tyler's Peasant's Revolt some 70 years earlier, the rebels included men from all social classes.

Trouble began in July 1450, when during religious gatherings in Kent. Sheriff Cromer threatened to lay waste the whole county as punishment for the murder of Henry VI's long time servant, the Duke of Suffolk, William de Pole, whose headless body was found on Dover beach. Unrest soon became a fullscale rebellion and Jack Cade with thousands of armed men marched on London to put their grievances to King Henry VI. He responded by sending troops to crush the rebels. In Sussex the rising was treated in much the same way as an authorised levy. In many of the Hundreds the constables called out the musters and even though it was harvest time many East Sussex villages sent every able-bodied man. The Guestling Hundred was involved

and certainly men of Pett would been among the 'Gentlemen of Sussex' were also involved, including the Abbot of Oxenbridges Battle. Lunsfords.

Jack Cade, the leader had James Fiennes, Lord Say and Sele, and William Cromer executed and at Whitechapel ordered an old friend Thomas Bayly to be beheaded for fear that his own masquerade as a Mortimer might be revealed. Cade up his headquarters in Southwark and on the 5th July the rebels were routed after a bloody battle on London Bridge. On the following day 3,000 pardons were granted the rebels, among which were 18 squires, 74 self-appointed gentlemen. 500 yeomen and hundreds of tradesmen, brewers. innkeepers, butchers, tailors, sailors and agricultural workers. However, Cade and a small nucleus of loval supporters fled. He was mortally wounded near Heathfield and tradition has it that he was caught and killed at what is now Cade Street. His head was fixed upon London Bridge for all to see.

What happened to the men of the Guestling Hundred accompanied Cade unsuccessful rebellion is not known. If they managed to escape back to their villages they probably laid very low for a while, and grim tales would have been told in the dwellings in this locality.

And what did the rebellion achieve? It certainly had no immediate effect upon the lives of the people of Pett. who continued - as before - to struggle for a living

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Well folks why not shake off the doom and gloom of the economy and cheer yourself up and come and see the very funny film, St Trinians on the 7th August. Rated as a 12A ,you can also bring other members of the family!

The infamous school for 'young ladies', St Trinian's, is once again facing dire financial crisis. While unorthodox headmistress Camilla Fritton (Rupert Everett) struggles to deal with the new Education Minister Geoffrey Thwaites' tireless advances and his unvielding objective to transform her chaotic environs into a 'respectable' ladies college, the responsibility for saving St Trinian's from its creditors falls to the anarchic pupils. The fearless girls gather together a motley crew of teachers, associates, and the rest of the school's ungovernable and uninhibited pranksters, who, using their wit, sass, determination and ingenuity attempt to pull off the heist of the century and save the school from impending bankruptcy.

To some extent, the team behind the revival of St. Trinian's were on a bit of a hiding to nothing. The old films, contextualised by a far different age, were knockabout, energetic, yet innocent comedies about the antics of a boisterous girls' school and its inhabitants.

Surprisingly though, the remakeagain inspired by the Ronald Searle cartoons--manages to sidestep the bulk of the obstacles in its path, and proves itself as a likeable, entertaining comedy.

Leading the cast is Rupert Everett, in an entertaining dual role at St. Trinian's headmistress Miss Frinton and her brother, Carnaby. Joined by Colin Firth, he's clearly having a whale of a time, and his casting process a wise decision. St Trinian's is fun, and a hard film not to enjoy. It won't win Oscars, but it will put a grin on your face.

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 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.

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Whether the star attractions show at the allotted time depends on a number of factors but the biggest influence has to be the weather. A good example of this is the two nightjar evenings I ran at Ashdown Forest, just two evenings apart. The first evening was warm, sunny and still; woodcock performed their roding displays, Dartford warblers scolded from the gorse bushes and five nightiars 'churred' with an excellent view of one over our heads. The second night, at exactly the same spot, was cold grey and windy and not a single nightiar could be heard. A brief glimpse of a pair of woodcock at least salvaged something of the evening.

Sometimes things turn out far better than you can ever hope for at the beginning of the evening. My first attempt to run an 'Evening with Stag Beetles' in Henfield did not look at all promising, dull, windy, drizzling, all the elements needed to keep stag beetles under cover. Having extended the indoor session I hesitatingly led twenty people around the village and found six of these majestic insects including a flying male.

For the last few years, one performer that has never let me down is the nightingale,

or more accurately nightingales. Woods Mill has consistently hosted two and sometimes three pairs of these most beautiful of singers and during May we put on at least two, but usually more, 'Evenings with Nightingales' and every time they have put in a superb performance even in the most inclement of weather. Over the years, hundreds of people have been able to get within metres of this lovely songbird pouring out its heart to an enthralled audience.

One of the main aims of the Trust is to get people close to wildlife and this year we have introduced very successfully a series of 'Evenings with Badgers' at a private wood in North Sussex and people have had the enthralling experience of being within metres of up to eight at a time, including this years cubs.

Getting people close to nature, learning about the subject their looking at and just enjoying the experience is one of the main aims of the Trust. We hope that as a consequence of enjoying such an experience, people will then join us in ensuring that in the future there is a place where these creatures can still thrive.

If you are interested in finding about these Trust events and would like to go on an e-mail or postal list, please contact Sarah Atherton on 01273 497563 or e-mail at sarahatherton@sussexwt.org.uk

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