

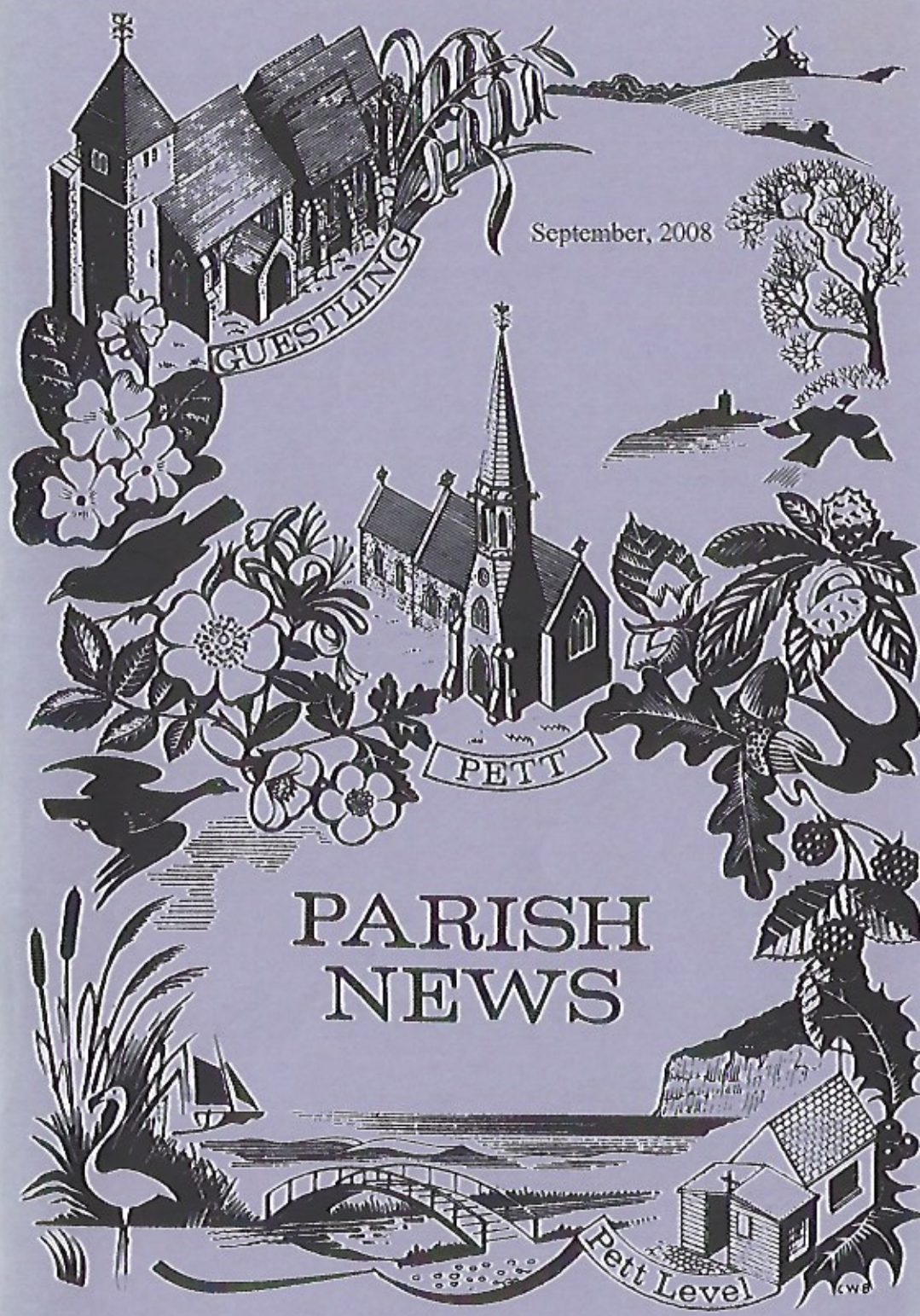
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1	Monday	-	-	1204	3.9
2	Tuesday	0026	3.7	1239	3.9
3	Wednesday	0058	3.6	1312	3.8
4	Thursday	0130	3.4	1345	3.6
5	Friday	0201	3.2	1415	3.2
6	Saturday	0232	2.8	1447	2.8
7	Sunday	0309	2.4	1530	2.2
8	Monday	0411	1.9	1643	1.8
9	Tuesday	0532	1.6	1804	1.6
10	Wednesday	0653	1.8	1928	1.8
11	Thursday	0806	2.1	2037	2.2
12	Friday	0859	2.6	2121	2.7
13	Saturday	0938	3.0	2158	3.1
14	Sunday	1014	3.3	2233	3.3
15	Monday	1048	3.7	2307	3.6
16	Tuesday	1124	3.8	2341	3.7
17	Wednesday	1159	3.9	-	-
18	Thursday	0015	3.8	1234	4.0
19	Friday	0050	3.8	1311	3.9
20	Saturday	0129	3.6	1350	3.7
21	Sunday	0212	3.2	1438	3.1
22	Monday	0308	2.6	1544	2.5
23	Tuesday	0431	2.1	1723	2.1
24	Wednesday	0611	2.0	1906	2.1
25	Thursday	0742	2.2	2030	2.5
26	Friday	0851	2.8	2131	3.0
27	Saturday	0942	3.3	2216	3.3
28	Sunday	1023	3.7	2254	3.6
29	Monday	1101	3.9	2326	3.7
30	Tuesday	1137	3.9	2358	3.7

Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

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EDITORIAL



So, here we are – our first colour edition of the Parish News! OK so it is not the whole magazine in colour just a few pages but I do hope you like it.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS OF COPY/ADS TO THE PARISH NEWS

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Yes we now have a dedicated email address just for the Parish News – pettparish.news@tesco.net. Would anyone sending articles or advertisements for the parish news please use this new address as from 1st September. By having a dedicated email address for the magazine it can be accessed by both myself and Jackie should either one of us experience problems with our computer.

Whilst on the subject of items for the parish news it would be very useful to both Jackie and myself if all contributions could be sent as 'word' documents. Other programmes for instance Adobe/Publisher are not always compatible as various versions exist and we do not always have the same version as that being sent to us.

Copy for the October edition can be sent to me on email at pettparish.news@tesco.net or delivered to me at 5 Glebe Cottages, Elms Lane (814187). The deadline for copy is the 15th September. Any copy you can get to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

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PARISH DIARY – SEPTEMBER 2008

Monday 1 st	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Badminton	VH	10 am
Thursday 4 th	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 5 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 6 th	Bowls Finals Day	RG	10 am
	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 am
Sunday 7 th	Bowls Finals Day	RG	10 am
	Cricket v Bexhill Athletic	RG	2 pm
Monday 8 th	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 9 th	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm
	Garden Club Outing – see article		
Wednesday 10 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library,	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 11 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Yoga	VH	1.15 pm
Friday 12 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 13 th	Flower Festival	Parish Church	10 am – 4 pm
Sunday 14 th	Flower Festival	Parish Church	10 am – 4 pm
Monday 15 th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
Thursday 18 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
Friday 19 th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 20 th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 am
Sunday 21 st	Cricket v Newenden	RG	1.30 pm
Monday 22 nd	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm

	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm
Wednesday 24 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library,	Church	10.20 am
		Chick Hill	11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.45 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 25 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Yoga	VH 1.15 pm	
Friday 26 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning	VH	9 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 27 th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 am
Sunday 28 th	Cricket v Etchingam	RG	1.30 pm
Monday 29 th	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 30 th	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm

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:

9.30am Sun. 7th Sep. – Parish Communion, St. Mary & St. Peter.
 4.40pm Sun. 14th Sep. – Songs of Praise [after the Flower Festival], St. Mary & St. Peter
 8.00am Sun. 21st Sep. – Holy Communion, St. Nicholas, Pett Level
 9.30am Sun. 28th Sep. – Parish Communion, St. Mary & St. Peter

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SEA SUNDAY IN JULY:



The day was bright and sunny for what has now become an annual service at Pett Level Rescue Boathouse.

This year's theme was 'Noah's Ark'. The Rescue Boat Crew lent us the boat to be used as the Ark and Muriel Turner lent us her collection of woolly animals to put in it!

We used a short drama, written by Carol Shortman, telling the story of Noah and we made a rainbow of prayers using paper of the colours of the rainbow.

The Rescue Boat was blessed and a thanksgiving was said for the work of the crew.

A record collection of £120.63 has been donated to the 'Mission for Seafarers'.

Meriel Deasy, Pett Level



TABLE AND BOOT SALE IN AID OF THE NSPCC 27TH September 2008 Pett Village Hall

Please come and support a Table and Boot sale in aid of the NSPCC full stop campaign, it will be held at the Pett village hall on 27th September from 12-4pm. I am trying to raise funds for children less fortunate than myself and hope to involve children in the village who would like to help. Tables and Booters are £5.00, there will also be a kids corner with face painting, guess the name of the teddy, lucky dip, wet sponge throw, there will be homemade cakes tea, coffee, candy floss and a hot dog stall!

To book a stall please call 01424-813101, be quick to book your inside stall, all stalls wanted so why not make money for yourself while helping to raise funds as well, I am sure your children will be keen to help.

There will be free parking in the field next to the village hall,

Please support us and come on the day even if you don't have a stall

If you are a fab cook and would like to donate homemade cakes please contact us! thank you.

Thank you
Amy Williams.

GARDENING CLUB NEWS – AUGUST 2008

The club meeting this month was visiting Pett gardens and even though we did have rather 'chilly' weather it proved a great success! We started at 'Brambles' in Pannel Lane which is set in what had been a very old garden. The huge rhododendrons, camellias, the wonderful cornus kousa and the orchard of apples and victoria plums, were all happily retained when the rest of the garden was replanned. The 'new' part of the garden has been beautifully laid out with some hard landscaping around the house and patio, to provide raised beds for shrubs with perfumed flowers and foliage and arches to enable clematis and jasmine to twine to give framed views of the garden and ornamental pond. The vegetable plot was one to behold and we were all most impressed by the amount and variety of vegetables growing there, and needless to say very envious! Malcolm was very keen to show us a gadget which collects rain water into two large water butts from the down pipe of the roof instead of it just pouring down into the soakaway and being 'lost'. What do they say? "Recycle, the possibilities are endless!"

We then visited 'Ambleside' we peeped at this garden last year when it was a 'garden in progress', this year although there are still some more projects to be tackled it is looking wonderful. A garden full of interest and though comparatively small in 'acreage' but

because of the paths leading to different 'rooms' of vegetables, shrubs, ornamental and structural plants it seems to be enormous and you are always sure that you must have missed something! Jackie provided us with a little quiz to see how many 'ornaments/things' we could find in the garden.....dogs, otters, crabs - and many more hidden amongst the different pools, lily ponds and 'rhyls'.

Then followed a short detour into Brigitte's drive way to look over the low hedge into Avril's little jewel of a garden, 'small but beautifully formed'. I always think of the tiny courtyard gardens they have at Chelsea flower show when I go into Avril's garden. Everything is there, the well kept well trimmed lawn the patio at the back with the old well, wonderful pots of flowering plants, apple trees, peach trees, a lovely greenhouse with vegetables and flowering cacti, paths amongst the beds of flowering shrubs, a place to sit and think or have a cup of tea and enjoy the view. Everything all in miniature!

The last garden was at the bottom of the Oakfield. Quite a new garden, but skillfully designed with all the components, paths to take you into the garden with interesting shrubs and plants, a lovely pond with marginal planting and an area to sit away from the main garden in a place for quiet contemplation. Then your eye is taken to one

corner where the clematis is making a low arch and you wander over and into a tunnel which opens out into a sheltered vegetable plot with rows of lovely things to eat! - with impressive compost bins again to "recycle" all the waste from the house and garden.

We all enjoyed the evening, it's true it was cold and windy, but it didn't rain. We are most grateful to all our hosts for their hospitality and the time and trouble they took to make us all feel welcome in their delightful gardens.

Next month is our planned visit to Godinton Hall in Ashford on the 9th September, Jackie and Avril are in charge of this visit - so if anyone wants a map to find it, or a lift to get there speak to one of them. There will be a short tour of the House and the Gardener will take us around the garden and then we repair to the Tea-rooms where there will be cream teas and cakes. The House is not open on Tuesdays, but is opening for us so we will be the only visitors there....how lovely! We arrive at the Hall around 2p.m. and the tour will start at 2.30pm. Do travel to Tenterden then go on the A28 to Ashford as this way you come in to the edge of Ashford and turn away to the north thus missing Ashford town centre and so called 'by pass' which can be a nightmare! Hope you all have a great time!

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NOTICEBOARD

This will be the third year running that Pett will be staging a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Please come and join us in the Village Hall on **Friday 26th September at 9am till 12 noon** where not only can you enjoy a coffee or tea but also buy home made cakes, grab a bargain on the white elephant stall, fill a gap in your border with a plant and enter a competition.

If you would like to help out or make a donation to any of the stalls or to Macmillan, then please contact Jo Johnson ~ 814829 or on johnspett@tiscali.co.uk



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NATURE NOTES

I was very pleased to find a Lime Hawk Moth in my garden at the end of July. It was sitting on the brick path, very still and rather well camouflaged, so it was lucky I didn't tread on it. I picked it up and put it on a nearby shrub where it waited patiently while I went and got my moth book to confirm its identity.

Another welcome little creature which I came across while gardening was a Common Lizard. It sat on my hand quite calmly and apparently unafraid. Lizards – which include slowworms – are able to break off their tails if caught by that appendage. The tail then continues to lash about in the jaws or claws of the predator, distracting it while the lizard escapes.



Because there has been plenty of rain this year the hedges are full of berries, which is good news both for wildlife and for those of us who enjoy collecting 'food for free'. Blackberries freeze well, or can be made into jam or as jelly, crab apples and rosehips. The latter also makes delicious syrup. Wine can be made from elderberries or sloes, and in Guestling Wood you can pick up sweet chestnuts. Personally, I get



nearly as much pleasure from gathering wild fruit as I do from eating it.

The birds have finished raising their families and are moulting their scruffy plumage, during which time they tend to stay out of sight. So don't worry if you haven't seen your blackbird or robin for a bit; they will soon be back with smart new feathers, demanding an increase in rations as the weather gets colder.

There are – at least in my garden – more wasps about than in recent years, so it's a good idea to keep your wits about you while picking fruit. Wasps particularly enjoy plums and it's all too easy to catch hold of one, with inevitably painful results.



Avril Thurley

HARVEST HOME AUCTION

7.30 PM on September the 6th at
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FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

Since installing our new projection equipment and a larger screen, our viewing numbers have increased when compared with previous years. Much of this new support are residents from Pett, so why not come and see one of the following films where you may meet a new friend and or your neighbour.

On **September 4th** we will be showing **"The Other Boleyn Girl"** starring: Eric Bana, Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson, Kristin Scott Thomas and Rue McClanahan. This production is a sumptuous and sensual tale of intrigue, romance and betrayal set against the backdrop of a defining moment in European history: two beautiful sisters, Anne and Mary Boleyn, driven by their family's blind ambition, compete for the love of the handsome and passionate King Henry VIII.

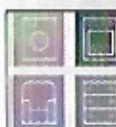
The film **"Juno"** will, subject to availability, be screened on **October 2nd**. This is a film about a cool, confident teenager who takes a nine-month detour into adulthood when she's faced with an unplanned pregnancy - and sets out to find the perfect parents for her baby. With the help of her charmingly unassuming boyfriend (Michael Cera - *Superbad*) supportive dad (J.K. Simmons) and no-nonsense stepmom (Allison Janney) Juno sets her sights on an

affluent couple (Jennifer Garner - *Elektra* and Jason Bateman - *The*

Kingdom) longing to adopt their first child. A quirky film in a similar category to *Little Miss Sunshine*.

Please 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 on the first Thursday in the month with refreshments served from 7.00pm.

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I think you must agree with me that our 'special' show was a great success. Just looking at the photos tells us what super weather we had and just how well it was supported.

All the hard work really paid off and I think the stalls all looked their best with everyone taking that bit more effort in displaying them.

The standard of entries in the marquee was also really excellent and a lot of hard work was put in producing and preparing them. Likewise, the customers of the Pimms bar and beer tent, not to be outdone worked hard to drink them both dry, for the second year running.



Our thanks go out to Alan Parks for opening the show and to Gail Freeman for distributing the Trophies and Prizes. Also a thank you to Leslie Morris who organised the Dog Show this year and also found time to take 54 pictures of this memorable event for our achieves allowing future generations a peep at us enjoying ourselves, just as we had in the memorabilia tent of shows that took place years ago.

I must mention our Chairman Philip Wood who put in a lot of work for the show but regrettably

was unable to be there due to ill health.

We missed you Phil and hope to have you back with us for the next show.

A special thank you to all those who put in the extra effort to cover Phil's duties and to Arthur Farnes for his invaluable input.



As a Committee we do hope you all enjoyed the 'added' attractions this year. The Band was brilliant and I think they will be invited to return in 2009. The Memorabilia tent was a big hit and also the display of Bygone Gardening Tools.

I must also mention the ladies in the tea tent who worked non stop quenching our thirst and supplying us with yummy cakes and of course the washer-uppers who didn't see the light of day.

In fact a big THANK YOU to everyone who had input into the show as without you it could never happen.

If you feel that you have something to offer in time or expertise for the next show, then we will be pleased to see you at the AGM in March 2009. A reminder of this date will be published next year.

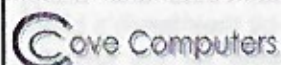
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Gay Bailey	Charles & Anne Cooke Challenge Cup Flowers Most Points 26-43
Mrs. O. Young.....	Tom & Kath Wells Trophy Sweet Peas 26
Norman King.....	Jimmy Young Cup Sweet Peas 27
Irven Taylor	Cecil Webb Challenge Bowl Roses Most Points 48-53
Monika Betson.....	Cecil Aldred Cup Roses Best Single rose 48-53
Arthur Farnes.....	Mabel & Leonard Cooke Challenge Trophy Dahlia Most Points 44-46
Gay Bailey	Fred Griffen Challenge Cup Flowers 47
Irven Taylor & A. Murphy..	Two Sayers Cup Floral Most Points 54-58
Helen Clifford.....	Albert Standen Trophy Floral Best Exhibit 54-58
.....	Albert Luck Cup Floral Class 58
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Despite discouraging weather and far fewer visitors than normal, an amount in excess of £1,500 was raised. May we take this opportunity to thank local businesses and Friends of the Rescue Boat for their support and hard work.



Well done everybody.

PLRB

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If you can help with the refreshments contact Doreen on 813664.

If you have produce (flowers, fruit or vegetables) that we could sell contact Val on 812293 or Cathy on 8121129.

There is still time to sponsor a flower arrangement. For this and all other offers of help contact Jillian on 813841 or Phyllis on 812699.

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The W.I. was founded in 1915 to develop the quality of rural life for women by holding monthly meetings and having talks on a wide range of subjects. So, ok, things have moved on a smidge



since then but if petrol becomes more of a luxury and the bus service is reduced even more in the village, we will need an organisation like the W.I. just to

keep in touch with each other. Alright - and the pub.

Jam and Jerusalem and the Calendar girls have highlighted the W.I. in recent years, not always in the best light I think but the truth of the matter is it is quite a life-line in some rural communities and even towns where you can be such a stranger in a crowd.

Now the point of me telling you all this, is that OUR W.I. is in danger of closing down if membership dwindles any more. Our fourteen ladies just about manage to pay for



the hire of the hall each month and could really do with some new blood to swell the numbers (and the coffers) You could contribute so much and learn a lot more too. You could possibly get to know potential baby sitters, cake makers for special occasions, knitters for the new baby, advisers on just about everything (just because some of the ladies might be more senior

than you they have all lived a full life and done all the things you're doing now!!) and much, much more.

So if you are interested and would like to know more about the meetings, please contact: Joyce Elliott on 813000.



The next meeting is on **Friday September 19th at 2.30** in the Village Hall when the speaker will be Charlotte Zeepvaat talking about a Royal Family.

In October the new committee is elected and November has a talk about Iceland - a land of ice and fire.

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LONDON TIMES OBITUARY OF THE LATE MR COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun

lotion or an Elastoplast to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.'

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--- Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project

"There is no likelihood that man can ever tap the power of the atom."

--- Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923"

Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

--- Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949"

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

--- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943"

I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year"

--- The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

--- Western Union internal memo, 1876

"We don't like their sound, and guitar

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--- Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

--- Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895

"Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy!"

--- Drillers whom Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."

--- Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre, France

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

--- Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

Do You Know Any More ?

J.T.

PETT NATS

We start our new season with a talk by Melvin Smith on 'Old Country Skills'. This should prove nostalgic for the oldies and fascinating for the kids! Members subscriptions will be due on the night, and visitors will be welcome at £2.

Avril Thurley
Hon. Secretary

DO YOU KNOW ?

Do you know the name of our village church?

Of course you do. It bears the well-loved title of St. Mary & St. Peter. Or does it?

There is a mystery surrounding the name of our village church that is little known. The authenticity of ancient church dedications can often be traced through the last will and testament of the parishioners. This is because so few people knew how to write in days gone by and there are very few parish records available much before the early 1600s. This is certainly true of many of the local churches and the Sussex Record Society gives the following dates of the earliest wills that can establish dedications.

Rye - St. Mary 1473 - 74

Winchelsea - St Thomas the Martyr 1397 - 98

Ore - St. Ellen (Helen) 21 December 1421

In the Guestling Hundred:
Guestling - St. Laurence 12 February 1503 - 04

Icklesham - All Saints 12 April 1497

Fairlight - St. Andrew of Fareleigh 15 November 1515

Pett - St. Stevyn of Pett 7 March 1545 - 46

Late in the reign of King Henry VIII Elizabeth Firlow stated in her will, "My body to be buried in the church yard of St. Stevyn of Pett". There is certainly no sign of any other church in the village, and Pett at that time was a very small hamlet. So, was Pett Church dedicated to St. Stephen?

When Henry VIII came to the throne in 1509 England was still very much a Roman Catholic country. Then came the Reformation as Henry manipulated things to sort out his matrimonial affairs. This was not a natural fulfilment of what had gone on before but rather an act of state. Reform was precipitated by papal procrastination concerning the divorce between Henry and his queen, Catherine of Aragon. In 1531 Royal Supremacy was imposed on the clergy by the King and many suffered death for refusing to accept it. The Act led to the birth of the Church of England and Miles Coverdale produced the first complete English Bible for the king. In 1541 a royal proclamation was made ordering that the Bible, in English, should be placed in all churches in the land. Many church dedications changed around this time and many priests were replaced. At Pett, in 1544 a John Foster replaced Richard Duckett (rector for 20 years) as the priest in the village. It may be that the name

of Pett church changed around that time, though there is no written evidence of this. John Foster stayed as Rector for only 6 years and there were three other Rectors at Pett before Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558. Two of these gentlemen were Rector during the reign of Mary, when Roman Catholicism spread once more. This was a turbulent time for the church and it is likely that the name was changed from St. Stephen to St. Mary & St. Peter during this period. The earliest parish records date from 1607 (King James 1) and the church was named St. Mary & St Peter then.

One thing is certain, and that is that there is only one other church in the Diocese of Chichester dedicated to St. Mary & St. Peter and that is at Wilmington. There are, however two churches dedicated to St. Peter and St. Mary - at Fishbourne and at Southwick.

Perhaps we should make special recognition of St. Stephen on the 26th of December each year.

John Taylor

THE COMING OF MOPP

The Marsham Older People's Project will start on Friday 3rd October, at Fairlight Village Hall at 10.30. This will provide a once a week center for 20-30 isolated older people living in Fairlight, Guestling, Pett and Winchelsea Beach.

We need volunteers to help at the hall and to act as drivers. If you are interested in volunteering or using the center why not come to our open day on Friday 19th September 10.30-12.00, when there will be free refreshments and an opportunity to see what it is all about.

For further information contact Jillian Green on 813841 or Sylvia Gutsell on 812544.

FROM YOUR LOCAL PCSO

I had the pleasure of visiting the flower show on Saturday 26th July. Thank you for inviting me, it was a lovely day.

A few days prior to 19/07 the cricket pavilion was spray painted with graffiti. A name was given to the police and this person has now admitted the offence and is being prosecuted.

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MAGICAL NIGHTS AT THE MILL

It was just one of those perfect evenings when the gods conspire to make everything work out so well. The weather for once couldn't have been better, warm and windless while Woods Mill looked at its best, particularly as the sun was settling casting a golden glow over our new meadow.

I'm talking about our Musical Magic at the Mill - an event we hold annually towards the end of July and this year the quality of the musicians was absolutely wonderful and mixed with the lovely setting of the reserve it provided a superb experience for the full audience. There is something quite magical about listening to music in the open air and there are often surprises as some members of the natural world like to participate in the event as well. Perhaps it's something to do with the unfamiliar sounds of the performers that stimulate them to join in, but I have noticed over the years that these evenings provide a good opportunity to observe wildlife.

Last year the audience had the great pleasure of listening to a performance in the meadow while behind them two of our barn owls were quartering the field for food, seemingly unperturbed by the presence of a large number of humans in their hunting area. This year one did put in a brief appearance as well but only a few people were lucky enough to see it, but other birds were really active during some of the performances.

Youngsters of both green and great spotted woodpeckers provided noisy accompaniment when they flew over Little Meadow during a spirited performance of 'Fever' while behind the singer, Hannah Tristram, a newly fledged party of long-tailed tits were foraging through the hedgerow. Also behind her at the top of a willow tree, male purple hairstreak

butterflies were performing their ritual dances, oblivious to what was going on below them.

One wildlife encounter that the audience could have done without was having to contend with swarming ants while the Brighton-based choir Amandla were performing wonderful African rhythm songs, but the ants did add some authenticity to the idea that the meadow was actually part of the African savannah.

Towards the end of the evening the audience were guided through the beautiful candle lit wood to end up at the final performance near the buildings. This year we had a wonderful pair of operatic singers, Diva Divo, to close the show, which they did in superb fashion. They sang so lustily that they were in danger of swallowing the little pipestrelle bats flying above them taking advantage of the plentiful insects attracted by the candles surrounding the singers.

In fact the artificial lighting provided by the candles was supplemented by the natural glow of some glow worms, delighting many people in the audience who said that they hadn't seen these mysterious insects for years.

So the glow worms and these two superb singers brought the evening to a memorable conclusion. Talent, weather, landscape, wildlife and a hugely appreciative audience all combined to make it one of the great Woods Mill nights, hopefully to be repeated again next year.

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PETT FLOWER SHOW

One of the nicest things about the Flower Show is to sit in the sun with a cup of tea and a piece of home made cake, chatting to friends and soaking up the atmosphere. Many thanks are therefore due to all the ladies who helped in the tea tent, provided the food, and did the washing up; and especially to Julie Glenn who spent the whole afternoon ferrying used crockery to the washers-up in the pavilion, and clean crockery back to the tea tent. Thankyou, Julie, we couldn't have managed without you.

Avril Thurley

CONGRATULATIONS

The 26th July was a special day for the village. The weather was perfect. The afternoon Flower Show and the evening Cricket Club dance in the marquee were well supported and very pleasant events.

I would especially like to thank all those who contributed food for the evening, providing a wonderful spread. The dance was enjoyed by over 100 people who were a nice mixture of locals from different generations. The music finished at 1.15am. We apologise to any villagers who were disturbed by the volume but feel sure they will appreciate that this is a community event to which all are welcome.

Pauline Stapley

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How to dress a crab

1. You will need a chopping board, two bowls (one for the white meat and one for the dark meat), a small sharp knife, a teaspoon, a metal skewer (preferably flat), and either a small hammer or a pair of nutcrackers (Peter uses knife steel).
2. Put the crab on its back on the chopping board, so that the claws and softer body section face upwards, then simply twist off the legs and claws – they'll come away very easily – and put them to one side.
3. Now put your thumbs against the hard shell close to the crab's tail, and push and prise the body section out and away from the shell.
4. From the shell remove and discard the small greyish-white stomach sac, situated just behind the mouth.
5. Remove the long white pointed 'dead man's fingers' (the gills) from the body section. These can be easily distinguished and it is a quick and easy job to remove them.
6. The body section (and in particular the parts where the legs and claws joined the body) is a mass of tiny crevices, all harbouring delicious meat. Scrape and pick the meat out, dividing it between the bowls according to the colour of the meat. Remove the meat from the shell in the same way.
7. Crack the claws and legs with your hammer or nutcracker then, with a skewer, poke out all the white meat into the appropriate bowl.
8. If you want to serve the crab in the shell, break off the jagged, overlapping rim from all round the edge of the shell, then wash and dry it well, and smear oil inside.
9. Shred the white meat if necessary and mix the brown meat with a fork. Fill the centre of the shell with white meat on one side and brown on the other. Alternatively, place brown meat down the centre of the shell, and white on either side. Finally decorate the crab with finely chopped parsley and serve with a fresh crisp salad, fresh mayonnaise and crusty bread.

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Cricket Club	Andrew Dunlop	813368
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Yoga	Christine Jagger	812671
Yoga	Victoria Eldon	01797 225607
Flowerpots Toddler Group	Keeley Gabriel	812784

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

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