



PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER HIGH TIDES RYE HARBOUR APPROACHES

Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Monday	0047	3.2	1258	3.0
2	Tuesday	0113	3.1	1325	2.7
3	Wednesday	0141	3.0	1356	2.6
4	Thursday	0216	2.8	1436	2.4
5	Friday	0301	2.6	1530	2.2
6	Saturday	0400	2.4	1643	2.1
7	Sunday	0509	2.4	1758	2.2
8	Monday	0618	2.5	1901	2.5
9	Tuesday	0721	2.8	1959	2.7
10	Wednesday	0818	3.2	2051	3.1
11	Thursday	0911	3.4	2142	3.4
12	Friday	1003	3.7	2234	3.6
13	Saturday	1057	3.8	2325	3.8
14	Sunday	1148	3.8	-	-
15	Monday	0016	3.8	1240	3.7
16	Tuesday	0104	3.8	1330	3.4
17	Wednesday	0152	3.7	1422	3.2
18	Thursday	0242	3.4	1516	2.8
19	Friday	0334	3.2	1612	2.6
20	Saturday	0428	2.8	1712	2.4
21	Sunday	0528	2.6	1819	2.1
22	Monday	0638	2.5	1926	2.2
23	Tuesday	0748	2.5	2026	2.4
24	Wednesday	0849	2.6	2119	2.6
25	Thursday	0941	2.7	2205	2.8
26	Friday	1026	2.8	2247	3.1
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28	Sunday	1141	3.0	-	-
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EDITORIAL



Having now fully recovered from my bout of flu I am pleased to be back in full harness putting together the Parish News for you. My thanks to all those who expressed concern and offered assistance during my bedridden time – I was greatly moved by their kindness.

I would ask you to especially note that, due to popular demand, the 'Flicks in the Village' will be showing a **matinee performance** in addition to the usual evening performance (for further details refer to the 'Flicks' page). The film is **Mamma Mia** and I read recently that if you were feeling a 'little low' then you should see this film as it gives you a real 'feel good' feeling. If you are not feeling low go along anyway and have a thoroughly good time. Thanks must go to Chris and the Flicks team for arranging this extra viewing.

I will be spending Christmas with my family and with such a small granddaughter I imagine I will need a holiday after the event. I don't know about you but if you have small grandchildren you have probably noticed that Christmas starts around SEPTEMBER –at least in terms of what they want for Christmas. Bring back the days when Christmas actually was talked about no earlier than the 1st December onwards and not before. I am all Christmas'ed out by the time it actually arrives!

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our readers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas. Whatever you are doing over the festive season enjoy yourselves.

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

Denise Jordan (Ed)

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'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...

How to live in a world that's politically correct?

"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labour conditions at the north pole

Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,

Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear

That Santa had better not use just reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,

Were replaced with four pigs, and you know that looked stupid?

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;

The ruts were termed dangerous by the EPA.

And people had started to call for the cops

When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.

The smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened,

His fur-trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows;

Rudolph was suing over unauthorised use of his nose.

And had gone to his lawyer, in front of the nation,

Demanding millions in over-due compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,

Had declared that she'd had quite enough of this life.

She joined a self-help group, and left in a whiz,

Demanding from now on her title was 'Ms'.

And as for gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion

That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,

Which meant nothing for him and nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute,

Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.

Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.

Nothing that's war-like or non-pacific.

No candy or sweets.. they were bad for the tooth.

Nothing that seemed to embellish the truth.

And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,

Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.

For they raised the hackles of those psychological

Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No rugby, no football..someone could get hurt

Besides, playing sports exposed kids to some dirt.





Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passé;
 And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.
 So Santa just stood there, dishevelled, perplexed;
 He just could not figure out what to do next.
 He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
 But you've got to be careful with that word today.
 His sack was quite empty, fell limp to the ground;
 Nothing fully acceptable was there to be found.
 Something special was needed, a gift that he might
 Give to all without angering the left or the right.
 gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
 Each group of people, every religion;
 Every ethnicity, every hue,
 Everyone, everywhere – even you!
 So here is that gift, its price beyond worth...



"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on Earth."



[Sent to me by a friend – J.T.]

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have deposited their used postage stamps in the box provided at Pett Post Office.

I am sure there are many in the Village who have not yet contributed and hope this note will bring even more support and particularly over the Christmas season.

With many thanks and Happy Christmas.

Trevor Hindson



A HUGE Thank you to all the young people who turned out on the wet and windy afternoon of Wednesday 29th October to help paint the bus shelter by the recreation ground. It was a fantastic job.

Thank you to Philippa Haines who kindly provided a BBQ and all the food and drink for the young people that made the effort to help. Great Team effort. Well done all.

*PCSO Sharon Eldridge
Rye Police Station*

GARDENING CLUB NEWS NOVEMBER 2008 MEETING

We had a welcome return visit from the Horticulturalist Mr. Hilary Newman this month, talking to us this time about 'Winter Colour in the Garden'. Mr Newman has a wealth of knowledge and experience on every aspect of gardening and his talks are always most interesting and stimulating and this talk was no exception. He arrived with three boxes of plant material to show us - flowers, foliage, berries, branches showing different kinds of bark textures, he talked about late autumnal colour and plants that would give early spring interest in the garden. There were ideas for large gardens and recommendations for small flowering shrubs or bulbs for even the smallest of spaces. We enjoyed slides showing plants with abundant flowers and some with wonderful berries even the purple berried Callicarpa.

All too soon the evening came to a close though not before everyone's questions were answered and we were all given lists of the plants Mr. Newman had recommended, with their full names, the colour of fruits or flowers, what size they were likely to grow and even in some cases tips on how to grow them! We all enjoyed Mr Newmans talk and look forward to his next visit in 2009 !

Our December meeting is on Tuesday 9th December and is our Christmas Party and special Christmas raffle, and 'Fun' Quiz, we

look forward to seeing all our members and their partners there.

P.B.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, at Pett Church on 6th December from 10 – 12. There will be coffee and mince pies, a special Christmas raffle and goodies, such as cakes and bowls of bulbs for sale. Offers of mince pies and cakes to Doreen on 813664 and containers for bulbs to Jillian on 813841, please.

Jillian Green

PETT NATS

At our December meeting Dr. Arthur Hollman will be giving us a slide lecture on 'Trips to the USA'. Dr. Hollman is a very popular speaker and always has some lovely slides to show us. Visitors are welcome at £2.



*Avril Thurley
Hon Secretary*

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DO YOU KNOW ?



Do you know the history of the Christmas tree? I expect nearly all of us will be celebrating this Christmas and enjoying our Christmas trees. But what is the story behind them?

George III's wife Queen Charlotte introduced the Christmas tree into Britain. However some believe that references to it can be found in the Bible [Jeremiah 10: v 1-5 and others] and some think its origins can certainly be associated with European Pre-Christian cultures.

Tradition credits Saint Boniface with the invention of the Christmas tree with the old gods and local heathen tribes. A fir tree growing in the roots of the Oak was claimed by Boniface as a new symbol. "This humble tree's wood is used to build your homes: let Christ be at the centre of your households." Others say that it derived from Germanic pagan practices, including the Yule log, and throughout the ages evergreen plants were used for decoration in the winter, from laurel, mistletoe or conifer and trees had a cultural importance like the maypole, the Saturnalia or the Gerichtslinde.

The modern custom of erecting a Christmas tree can be traced to 16th century Germany. In 1539 the cathedral of Strasbourg had one and the guilds began erecting the trees in front of their guildhalls. Some were decorated with apples,

nuts, dates pretzels and paper flowers. By the early 18th century, the custom had become common in towns of the upper Rhineland, and in the early 19th century it was popular among the nobility as far apart as Russia, Austria and France. Then Queen Charlotte introduced the Christmas tree into England, though at that time the custom did not spread much beyond the royal family. It was the popular prints of Queen Victoria and her family showing obvious delight in sharing the joy of opening Christmas presents around the tree that helped popularise the Christmas tree in Britain.

Both setting up and taking down a Christmas tree are done on specific dates. In Europe, when the practice was linked with pagan rites it was associated with the Winter Solstice. Traditionally, Christmas trees were not brought in and decorated until Christmas Eve and then removed the day after twelfth night (6 January), to have a tree up before or after these dates was even considered bad luck. Modern commercialisation of Christmas has resulted in trees (real and artificial) being put up much earlier, in shops often as early as October. Though most in Britain do take the tree down by the 6th January some traditions suggest that Christmas trees may be kept up until no later than the 2nd of February, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas).

The most commonly used real species are fir (*Abies*), which have the benefit of retaining good foliage colour and scent, and are supposed not to shed their needles when dry. In the past, Christmas trees were often harvested from wild forests, but now almost all are commercially grown on tree farms. From seed to a tree 2 metres high, depending on the species and treatment in cultivation, takes between 8 and 12 years. And, of course, now there are innumerable variations of decorations you can buy to make your tree a delight for all the family.

So while you are sipping your Christmas drink, after a hearty lunch and opening all those presents, spare a thought for your Christmas tree. Starting as a small seed and being looked after for up to ten years or so this symbol of joy and celebration will, in a few days, be lying discarded on the bonfire patch at the bottom of your garden.



John Taylor



CAROL SINGING IN PETT

"On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me: eleven pipers piping!"

Christmas is coming, but you are unlikely to get eleven pipers playing outside your door. However, you will get more than eleven Carol Singers making an equally lovely sound outside your home on one of the days leading up to Christmas.

Yes, it's Carol time, and on **Monday the 15th of December** we shall once again meet in St. Mary & St. Peter's church, Pett Road, at **6.45pm** – wearing our warmest clothes and suitable boots, carrying torches and ready to go (whatever the weather!). We shall provide the Carol Sheets and leave the church at 7pm sharp to sing our way along Pett Road, Rectory Park, the Royal Oak, the Glebe and Oakfield, hoping that we will get a great welcome at each house we call upon. Please give generously, as you always do, and you can be sure that every penny will go straight away to the local Surviving

Christmas group to help some of those less fortunate than ourselves.

After our efforts we shall enjoy some refreshments at the 'Roundels', thanks to the extreme kindness of Pat and Trevor Hindson. They always make us so very welcome, it is a lovely way to round off the evening (no pun intended!). If there are any youngsters wishing to join us, and their parents cannot collect them at the end of the evening (soon after 9pm at the 'Roundels'), we shall make sure that they get home safely.

Do come and join us if you can. It is always a good evening and the more voices we have the better the sound carries. By joining in the singing or by digging deep into your pockets we will be bringing some extra Christmas cheer to some folk that have very little to celebrate at this festive season.

We look forward to seeing you at 6.45pm in the church on Monday the 15th of December, and thank you all so very much for your support.

J.T.

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NATURE NOTES

At the end of October a day of heavy showers provided the most beautiful rainbows. With the turning of the Earth, the rainbows appeared to move along the horizon, so that the Pot of Gold was first on the Wetland Trust land, then in the Windmill, and then somewhere in Winchelsea. At times there were double rainbows. They certainly brought joy to an otherwise somewhat unpleasant day.

A gardener in Watermill Lane noticed damage to his brassicas, but was unable to find the culprits. Then he saw a wasp land on a leaf, and closer inspection revealed that it had caught a minute green caterpillar. The caterpillar went rigid, and the wasp picked it up with its legs and flew away with it. There are lots of different sorts of wasps in our gardens, and whether or not we like them, they each have some function to perform in the natural scheme of things, and they are all part of a delicate balance with which we interfere at our peril.

So-called pest species, such as mink, grey squirrels, or Japanese knotweed, are only a nuisance because we stupid humans have taken them out of their natural ecosystems and brought them here where they have no natural predators. And we still haven't learned our lesson, as I understand we are now going to import exotic beetles to eat the knotweed, I wonder what they will eat then.

On exotic which is not likely to make it through the winter is a Crocodile Gecko, which was seen in a garden near the top of Chick Hill. Presumably this little alien is an escaped pet, or perhaps it hitched a lift to England in a returning traveller's baggage. I suppose if we have a mild enough winter it might survive; I remember a canary once spending the whole winter in the garden at Appletree Cottage, only to disappear in the spring.

If you leave some windfall apples on the ground they might attract redwings and fieldfares. In any case blackbirds and song thrushes will appreciate them.

Avril Thurley

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PETT CRICKET CLUB

Pett Cricket Club has enjoyed a spectacular season. The 1st Team was undoubtedly the most talented and successful that Pett C.C. has ever fielded.

This team was probably younger than just about any other side playing at this level in the country and certainly than any other in the East Sussex League.

Of the 22 players used in the 1st Team this season 18 were under the age of 24, with the majority coming from the village.

This success can be attributed to the wonderful team spirit, dedication and skill of the players who were superbly captained by Tim Hambridge, who at the age of 19 is the clubs most successful League Captain.

Equally, the work of the P.C.C. Committee over the last 4 years, and in particular Team Secretary – Mike Hambridge, Club Secretary – Paul Stapley and Colin Stanton.

Running a cricket club, particularly with so many young players, does not come cheap and the club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who generously sponsored 49 cricket matches throughout the season; together they donated £1,700.00. This money has been invaluable in the development of the Club and in particular the increasing numbers of

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Finally, I would like to thank our supporters, those that have made teas, umpired, scored and, in particular, Bob Lovejoy for mowing the outfield and Kevin Clifton for preparing the wicket.

Andrew Dunlop (Chairman)

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Dear Editor,

Some of your readers may remember the superb pantomimes which were put on at The Old Village Hall in the late 40's and early 50's. They were written and directed by Dorothy Law with Mrs Edna Banger at the piano and her husband Len used to do the lighting. I remember travelling from Fairlight to see them and then walking to Pett Level to get the last bus back home afterwards. Many of us kids used to sit in "The Gods" which were a set of chairs placed on top of trestle tables at the back of the hall. If we got very excited the tables would collapse and we would end up on the floor! (Health and Safety would not permit this these days!) The enclosed photos show the intrepid actors in those daring productions. A lot of the names I can recall but I wonder if any of your readers can see themselves or if anyone can name all the players shown. I am happy for them to contact me via my e-mail address. As it is coming up to Christmas I thought you might like some seasonal fare for your December issue.

With Best Wishes
Keith Cowper



PARISH DIARY – DECEMBER 2008

Monday 1st	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 2nd	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Pilates	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm
	Acoustic Night,	Royal Oak	
Wednesday 3rd	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
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Thursday 4th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Yoga	VH	1.15 pm
	Flicks in the Village Matinee Performance	VH	2.30 pm
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 5th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 6th	Coffee Morning	Parish Church	10 am
	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 – 12.30
Monday 8th	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 9th	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
	Bingo	Royal Oak	
Wednesday 10th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 11th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Friday 12th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 13th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 – 12.30
Monday 15th	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 16th	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm

	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
	Acoustic Night	Royal Oak	
Wednesday 17th	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 18th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.30 am
	Yoga	VH 1.15 pm	
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3pm & 7pm
Friday 19th	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30 pm
Saturday 20th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 am
Monday 22nd	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm
	Bingo	Royal Oak	
Wednesday 24th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Saturday 28th	Village Market	Royal Oak	10.30 am
Monday 29th	Yoga	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Tuesday 30th	Yoga	VH	9.45 am
	Yoga	VH	2 pm
	Pilates	VH	6.30 pm
Wednesday 31st	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm

You can have your regular meetings or special events included in the Parish Diary free of charge – but only if we know about them.

Avril Thurley

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- 350g onions
- 900g medium sized new potatoes
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp dried thyme

Pre-heat oven to gas mark 7, 425F (220C)

Measure 3 tbsp oil into a roasting tin, and place in the oven to heat through.
Grate rind of 2 lemons; place in food processor with the breadcrumbs and parsley, crushed garlic, 2 tbsp oil and seasoning. Add the remaining oil if the mixture seems dry. Process for 1 minute until well combined.
Lay the monkfish flat side up on a board. Sprinkle half breadcrumb mixture on one fillet; lay the other fillet on top. Repeat with remaining fish to make 2 parcels.
Wrap each parcel with parma ham making sure the fish is completely covered. Tie at 50mm intervals with fine string. If you have time, place in the fridge so the flavour can develop.
Thickly slice the onions. Scrub and quarter the potatoes (approximately 1/2" (1cm) in size) and remaining lemon. Remove the tin from the oven, place over direct heat - the oil needs to be very hot - then carefully slide potatoes and onion straight into the hot oil. Turn them around to get a good coating of oil, and add the lemon and thyme. Return the tin to the oven and roast for 30 - 40 minutes until golden brown and crisp. Season.
Place fish on top of the potatoes. Cover with foil and return to the oven for 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

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Much as been written and has appeared on TV and radio regarding the 90th Anniversary of the end of World War 1, focusing on, in particular, the tragic waste of life of a whole generation of young men.

Less has been mentioned of the huge loss of horses, who suffered an equally awful fate while hauling guns and ammunition.

Bad enough for those horses that were trained from an early age by the army; even worse for those drafted in to replace them.

Most of these were compulsorily taken, for very little compensation, from farms where they were living peaceful lives pulling a plough or wagon.

My grandfather had two of his young and fittest horses taken in this way, and had to make do with the remaining older horses and unbroken colts.

There must have been thousands of horses taken from farms throughout the country, never to return to their peaceful farms.

A. Dunlop



Thank You.
The village hall committee would like to thank everyone who came to

our QUIZ NIGHT. We raised £205

For the Village Hall Funds
Hope to see you all in March 2009.

Do you play a musical instrument?

If so, would you be interested in getting together with a few other people, say once a month or so, to make some music?

The main aim, hopefully, would be to play a variety of musical styles for fun and as a way of socializing, so age and ability (high or low in either case!) would not be a factor. What we may actually end up playing would depend on the range of instruments and styles out there.

So perhaps this is an opportunity to dust off a forgotten flute, re-string a lamented lute, tickle some ivories or simply blow your own trumpet.

If this strikes a chord with you, or someone you know, please contact me on 01424 815141 for a chat.

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HALLOWEEN



at Pett
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Pett Village Hall Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our "Halloween Night". It was the first time we have held this event inside the village hall, but think it was a great success. The children looked very scary in their great costumes, and it was a hard choice to pick a winner. We were short on *Scary Teenagers*. Which is strange as there are normally so many of them around !! The adults never let us down and were definatley the noisiest.

We tried new games this year and all the children seemed to enjoy them, we hope to add more for next year. The barbeque and mulled wine was very popular. *The Ghouls Cocktail* and *Scary Sweet Corner* were new additions and seemed to please.

Thank you to Paul Turner who organized the Bonfire, the weather held off and the fire looked spectacular. Next year we hope to locate the bonfire in the field behind the hall so it can be easily seen from inside.

Last, but definitely not least, we need to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteer helpers who made the games, help set up, man the stalls and clear away. Without them and Mr & Mrs Darnell allowing the Bonfire on their land, this event would not be possible.

Halloween Night is a NON-profit making evening, and anyone who came along will understand that this is a village event, primarily organized for the children and is not an expensive night out.

We hope to see you all again next year for an event which can only get better.

Pett Village Hall
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FLICKS FILM SOCIETY

DUE TO LOCAL DEMAND, WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL
AFTERNOON SHOW ON THE 4TH DECEMBER.

DOORS OPEN 2.00PM, FILM STARTS 2.30PM

Our 4th December film will be Mamma Mia, starring 20 year-old Sophie Amanda Seyfried) who is preparing to marry her boyfriend Sky (Dominic Cooper) at her mother's hotel on a Greek island. She seemingly has it all - a carefree life, a loving fiancé and many friends - but just one thing has been missing all her life: a father!

Her only wish now is to be given away by her dad at her wedding. By reading her mother's diary she discovers that she has three possible fathers. Sophie then secretly invites all three men to the wedding in a desperate bid to discover, which of them is her father, before the wedding bells start to chime! The film also stars Meryl Streep, Julie Walters, Colin Firth and Pierce Brosnan and features the music of Abba, which you may feel happy to sing along with, once you have enjoyed a complementary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

For the first time in our six year history we will not be open in January 09 as the first Thursday has inconveniently fallen on the 1st! However, normal service will resume on 5th February when we

hope to be screening either The Duchess or Brideshead Revisited, depending on availability. Keep an eye open for posters at the Village Hall and the Farm shop.

For those of you who are not aware, all are welcome to join the Society and, enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £4.00 per show for members and £4.50 for others, in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. To date we have been running for just over six years and screened 74 films to nearly 3500 local filmgoers. If you wish to know more about the Society, please email me at chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can pop into the Butchers Shop and grab an application form from Phil. All films start at 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.00pm.

If we do not see you on the 4th December, please have a very Merry Christmas and do make plans to join in the local fun with Flicks on the 5th February 2009.

Chris Saint and the Flicks Team

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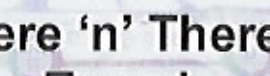
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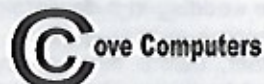

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Dear Lynn, Sinbad & Alex

Have a Great Christmas

With love from Danni, John, Jacqui,
John, Toni & Harrison xxx



To Kevin, Kathleen &
Family

Happy Xmas

With Love from Danni,
John, Jacqui & Family

All the best to everyone for 2009
from All of Us.

LOCAL HONEY BEES



Recent articles in the press and on television have highlighted the difficult times that honeybees are going through. People are concerned that we may be experiencing these here in Pett. There is no evidence in our colonies at the moment of any of these problems, but we remain vigilant and hope they come through the winter without major losses. There is now no longer any of this season's honey left, but those of you who bought it will be pleased to know that the quality was good enough to win two firsts locally in the Hastings and Rother Honey Show and another at County level (Sussex) in its class at The National Honey Show held at Weybridge in Surrey. All being well we shall be back at the Post Office again in the autumn. Happy Christmas

Robert and Rosemary Bond,
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JUBILEE FLOWER SHOW



I know it was all of 4 months ago now, but even at this time of the year the committee is still working. Ahhh!

Because of the advertising in the schedule and the generous donations from the Parish Council, sponsorship for the dog show and gift donations, it enabled the Flower Show to have extra attractions this year such as the Brass Band and the Memorabilia Tent, a Clown and Beer Bar. The extra donations also helped with the prizes on the different stalls, not to mention extra publicity and replacement bunting etc.

All this helped swell the number of people that attended the Show and as a result added to the coffers which pleased our Treasurer Philippa no end!



As a result, and taking into account the money that has been put aside for next year we are very happy to share our extra profits with a couple of local charities. Cheques have been made out in favour of St Michael's Hospice and our village church, St Mary and St Peter, for the sum of £100 to each.

So thank you everyone for making the 60th Pett Flower Show such a success and we hope to see you all next July.

Jackie Richards
Publicity Officer

If you would like to be an advertiser in the 2009 Flower Show Schedule then please contact Jackie Richards on richards.jackie@yahoo.co.uk or 815224 or note through the door at Ambleside, Pett Road as soon as possible. The schedule rates are a one-off fee of £10 for a small box and the schedule of course will go to every house in Pett and Pett Level and the local retail outlets and be around for about four months. Not bad eh!



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2 level tablespoons cocoa
1 tablespoon golden syrup
1 tablespoons caster sugar
3-4 ozs cooking chocolate for the top

Crush the biscuits. Put all other ingredients into a saucepan over a low heat and mix well. Add the crushed biscuits. Spread over a greased swiss roll tin – leave in fridge for about 30 minutes.

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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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