



January, 2011

PARISH NEWS

JANUARY HIGH TIDES AT RYE HARBOUR APPROACHES

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1	Saturday	0819	2.7	2056	2.7
2	Sunday	0923	3.0	2152	3.0
3	Monday	1019	3.1	2240	3.2
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5	Wednesday	1146	3.3	-	-
6	Thursday	0002	3.6	1222	3.3
7	Friday	0038	3.6	1257	3.2
8	Saturday	0113	3.6	1331	3.1
9	Sunday	0145	3.3	1402	2.8
10	Monday	0213	3.2	1431	2.7
11	Tuesday	0242	3.0	1502	2.4
12	Wednesday	0315	2.6	1542	2.1
13	Thursday	0403	2.4	1647	1.9
14	Friday	0513	2.0	1816	1.8
15	Saturday	0635	2.0	1926	2.0
16	Sunday	0746	2.2	2025	2.4
17	Monday	0843	2.6	2116	2.7
18	Tuesday	0935	3.0	2204	3.2
19	Wednesday	1023	3.3	2249	3.6
20	Thursday	1109	3.6	2334	3.8
21	Friday	1154	3.8	-	-
22	Saturday	0017	4.0	1236	3.8
23	Sunday	0058	4.2	1317	3.8
24	Monday	0141	4.0	1400	3.7
25	Tuesday	0225	3.9	1446	3.3
26	Wednesday	0312	3.6	1538	3.0
27	Thursday	0406	3.1	1640	2.5
28	Friday	0510	2.5	1756	2.1
29	Saturday	0634	2.2	1927	2.0
30	Sunday	0809	2.2	2046	2.2
31	Monday	0925	2.6	2145	2.7

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Happy New Year

and welcome to the first edition of Pett Parish

News in 2011!

Jackie is having a well deserved rest this month, so the responsibility for compiling January's edition falls on me. Although I thought I was aware of the amount of time Jackie dedicates to editing the news, just how much effort it takes is astounding! Thank you Jackie for doing this each month.

Winter has come early this year, catching most of us by surprise in November. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to photograph local scenes for next years calendar. The calendar for 2011 has proved to be very popular with 240 being sold in total. As I write, copies are winging their way around the world to family and friends for Christmas.

Long range weather forecasts are predicting more snow. If these turn out to be correct, could those of you with vehicles that can cope with the snow please think about neighbours and friends close by who cannot get out in the conditions, and may need to attend appointments or have other urgent journeys.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the News.

Sarah

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or delivered to Jackie Richards at Ambleside (815224), or Sarah Adams at Seawinds (812323), both on Pett Road. The deadline for copy is **MID-DAY the 15th January** and anything you can get to us before that date is greatly appreciated. Any copy after this time will be entered in the following month's issue.

Seasonal Thank You ~ Jackie (Ed)

Firstly, I would like to thank all our twenty plus *distributors* who, in all weathers, give up their time each month to deliver the Parish News, and to **Avril Thurley** who organises them all.

Secondly, I would like to extend my thanks to the *contributors* to the Parish News who give up *their* time each month to write or forward copy which is the backbone of the magazine. Without all of you guys there wouldn't be a Pett Parish News.

Thirdly, and by no means least, on a slightly different note I would like to send a huge thank you to **Tony** our Post Master and **Phil** our Butcher who have so kindly sold the first Calendars for the Parish without any profit to themselves and also copies of the Parish News, collecting all the money for us. I do so appreciate it and I think we are a very lucky Village indeed to have such caring and public spirited 'shop-keepers'.

To all of you Sarah and I extend our sincere wishes for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Nature Notes ~ Avril Thurley

I have always been interested in the curiosities of life, and recently two in particular have intrigued me. Why do some flames have straight edges? Most flames flicker and dance, wander around, go fuzzy round the edges and eventually disintegrate. But a few – even in the same fire – have a perfect teardrop shape with sharply defined edges and gradually diminish in size without ever losing their outline.

Secondly, why did the plastic dish of water which I put out for the birds on Sunday 28th November remain unfrozen overnight, with snow all around it and the birdbath a few feet away frozen solid? If anyone could explain either of these phenomena I would be genuinely pleased to hear from them. Or send the explanation(s) to the Parish News so that we can all share it. Nature is very wonderful in the literal sense of the word.

One of the joys of winter is the number of different species of birds which come into the garden to feed. The sight of nine Long-tailed Tits together on the nutbag, like a ball of pink, black and white fluff with long tails sticking out at all angles, absolutely made my day for me. The two Nuthatches are collecting seeds and stashing them away in the crevices of my well, where they will very likely be plundered by field mice. Meanwhile the sparrows, who always punch above their weight,



have just won a tussle with the starlings over priority rights to the suet block. Everybody scatters when the Wood Pigeon lands, though he is totally harmless and usually just stands around looking goofy before taking off again on wings which sound as though they need oiling.

If you have children or grandchildren, why not get a bird book – the Observers Book of Birds is as good as any – and let them see how many species they can identify in an hour. Surely much more fun than computer games and you might spark off a lifelong interest in the wonders of nature.

PETT NATS ~ Avril Thurley (Hon. Secretary)

Dr Arthur Holman is one of our most popular speakers and has been sharing his extensive knowledge with us for more than 20 years.

On January 21st he will be lecturing on "South America", and I have no hesitation in predicting that we shall have a really interesting and enjoyable evening.

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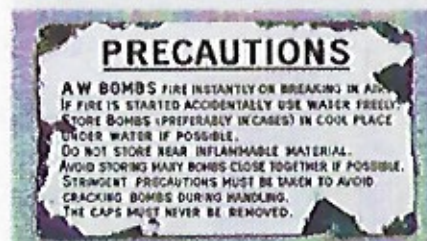
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AW Bombs found in Pett!

~ Alan Kenworthy



While digging the foundations for a small extension to the house, our builders found the plaque pictured above. We were intrigued to know what 'A W Bombs' were and whether or not the builders were in any danger. A little internet research revealed that A W bombs were made by Albright & Wilson and the warning plaque was attached to the lid of the box that they came in. They were also known as No. 76 Special Incendiary grenades or SIP (Self-igniting Phosphorous) grenades.

Basically, the bomb was not an explosive device, rather a glorified petrol bomb. They consisted of a half pint glass bottle filled with a mixture of benzene and water with a phosphorous 'fuse' and a strip of rubber. The strip of rubber dissolved during storage and had the purpose of making the liquid slightly sticky. They were designed to be thrown by hand or launched in a Northover projector (a simple mortar). When the bottle smashed against their intended target, the phosphorous ignited on contact with the air and in turn ignited the benzene. This released phosphorous pentoxide and sulphur

dioxide as well as a good deal of heat. They were intended for use as an anti-tank weapon and were issued in large numbers to the Home Guard. (More than 6 million were manufactured) Unfortunately they were of questionable effectiveness - Wikipedia records the following account -

'Weapon designer Stuart Macrae witnessed a trial of the SIP grenade at Farnborough: "There was some concern that, if the tank drivers could not pull up quickly enough and hop out, they were likely to be frizzled to death, but after looking at the bottles they said they would be happy to take a chance." The drivers were proved right, trials on modern British tanks confirmed that Molotov and SIP grenades caused the occupants of the tanks "no inconvenience whatsoever"

Digging of the foundations continued and revealed no boxes or bottles so there was no need to call out the bomb disposal people. As our house was built after the war there are unlikely to have been any Home Guard caches in the immediate area. It is more likely that the plaque or maybe the box that it was attached to was discarded and buried when the house foundations were originally dug.

It would be interesting to know if any readers have more specific information about Home Guard units in the area, or about any other wartime relics that they may have found.

Alan Kenworthy, 5 Glebe Cottages

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Pett on the Net ~ Peter Wiggins
After its launch in October the village



website PettNet.co.uk is growing in size and popularity. In the last few weeks we've added a new FreeCycle initiative for locals (more on this in a minute) and several galleries of photos have been submitted.

Don't forget, if your local group or organisation would like to have your own web page on PettNet or if you are a local artist and would like to have your work featured, please do get in touch with Peter on 813922 or email peter@pettnet.co.uk.

PettNet FreeCycling

We've all become proficient at recycling the household rubbish we generate but what we may not be so familiar with is the increasing popularity of FreeCycling.

Quite simply FreeCycling is finding a new home for unwanted items that are still usable and that you are willing to give away free of charge rather than sending them to landfill.

More and more communities are establishing ways of advertising FreeCycle items and now the village website www.PettNet.co.uk has launched its own FreeCycling Forum where anyone can advertise their unwanted items.

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Benefits of Honey and Cinnamon - allegedly?



Honey is the only food on the planet that will not spoil or rot. In reality honey is always honey, but never boil honey or put it in a microwave as to do so will kill the enzymes in the honey.

CINNAMON AND HONEY

It is found that a mixture of honey and Cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Scientists of today also accept honey as a 'Ram Ban' (very effective) medicine for all kinds of diseases. Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases.

Today's science says that even though honey is sweet, if taken in the right dosage as a medicine, it does not harm diabetic patients.

HEART DISEASES

Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack. Also, those who have already had an attack, if they do this process daily, they are kept miles away from the next attack. Regular use of the above process relieves loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat. In America and Canada, various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as you age, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and get clogged; honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and veins.

ARTHRITIS

Arthritis patients may take daily, morning and night, one cup of hot water with two spoons of honey and one small teaspoon of cinnamon powder. If taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured. In a recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon of Honey and half teaspoon Cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week, out of the 200 people so treated, practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain, and within a month, mostly all the patients who could not walk or move around because of arthritis started walking without pain.

BLADDER INFECTIONS

Take two tablespoons of cinnamon powder and one teaspoon of honey in a glass of lukewarm water and drink it. It destroys the germs in the bladder.

CHOLESTEROL

Two tablespoons of honey and three teaspoons of Cinnamon Powder mixed in 16 ounces of water, given to a cholesterol patient, were found to reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood by 10 percent within two hours. As mentioned for arthritic patients, if taken three times a day, any chronic cholesterol is cured. According to information received in the said Journal, pure honey taken with food daily relieves complaints of cholesterol.

COLDS

Those suffering from common or severe colds should take one tablespoon lukewarm honey with 1/4

spoon cinnamon powder daily for three days. This process will cure most chronic cough, cold, and clear the sinuses.

IMMUNE SYSTEM

Daily use of honey and cinnamon powder strengthens the immune system and protects the body from bacterial and viral attacks. Scientists have found that honey has various vitamins and iron in large amounts. Constant use of Honey strengthens the white blood corpuscles to fight bacterial and viral diseases.

INDIGESTION

Cinnamon powder sprinkled on two tablespoons of honey taken before food relieves acidity and digests the heaviest of meals.

INFLUENZA

A scientist in Spain has proved that honey contains a natural 'ingredient' which kills the influenza germs and saves the patient from flu.

LONGEVITY

Tea made with honey and cinnamon powder, when taken regularly, arrests the ravages of old age. Take four spoons of honey, one spoon of cinnamon powder, and three cups of water and boil to make like tea. Drink 1/4 cup, three to four times a day. It keeps the skin fresh and soft and arrests old age.

PIMPLES

Three tablespoons of honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder paste. Apply this paste on the pimples before sleeping and wash it next morning with warm water. If done daily for two weeks, it removes pimples from the root.

WEIGHT LOSS

Daily in the morning one half hour before breakfast on an empty stomach, and at night before sleeping, drink honey and cinnamon powder boiled in one cup of water. If taken regularly, it reduces the weight of even the most obese person. Also, drinking this mixture regularly does not allow the fat to accumulate in the body even though the person may eat a high calorie diet.

FATIGUE

Recent studies have shown that the sugar content of honey is more helpful rather than being detrimental to the strength of the body. Senior citizens, who take honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts, are more alert and flexible. Dr. Milton, who has done research, says that a half tablespoon of honey taken in a glass of water and sprinkled with cinnamon powder, taken daily after brushing and in the afternoon at about 3:00 P.M. when the vitality of the body starts to decrease, increases the vitality of the body within a week.

Do let me know if you try any of these remedies and they make a difference. Who knows, we could be a Village of very fit people before long!

Editor

Flowerpots ~ Kate Woodbridge

We are re-opening on 10th January and every Monday during term time from 0930 - 1130h in the village hall. Cost £2.50 per child or £3.00 for a family.

More details available from Kate Woodbridge at pettflowerpots@hotmail.co.uk



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Boathouse - 16th January ~ Kim Barry

More details of this project are available in the December issue of Pett Parish News.

'Boathouse is a performing arts project for young adults (16+) who are supported in education/training, in Hastings and Rye areas of East Sussex. It has been set up by people who recognise the need for young adults to participate in community based performance arts.'

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Sunday mornings 10.30 -12.30.
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First ever session - January 16th, then
January 23rd and 30th
February 6th and 13th
Half-term break
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
April 3rd and 10th

Just a reminder that the project is for young adults (16+) who are in supported education. The theme for the first term is 'Carnival' and there will be a performance before Easter at the Village Hall. It is envisaged there will be a nominal cost to participants of £3.00 per week
For further details contact
Kim Barry
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Scallops with leek and chestnut

serves 6 as a starter or 4 as a main course

3 tbsp olive oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
2 leeks, white part only, rinsed and sliced
2 spring onions, sliced
25g/1oz fresh ginger, peeled and chopped finely
200ml/7fl oz white wine
400g/14oz pre-cooked and peeled chestnuts
200ml/7fl oz whipping cream or creme fraiche
18 scallops in the shell, cleaned, roes removed
salt and freshly ground black pepper



Heat half of the olive oil in a saucepan, add the garlic, leek, spring onion and ginger, lower the heat and fry for ten minutes. Add the wine and chestnuts and cook for another five minutes. Add the reserved roe and cream and cook for a further five minutes, then season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan and fry the scallops over a high heat for two minutes on each side.
To serve, pile the chestnuts onto each plate and top with three scallops per serving. Serve with warm crusty bread.

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Back to Nature at Woods Mill

by Mike Russell

The Sussex Wildlife Trust ~
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For over twenty-five years now Woods Mill has been my spiritual home, indeed for the first eight of those it was my actual home. So for a quarter of a century I have seen the reserve evolve and develop, species disappear and new species arrive and thousands of people visit and enjoy what, in the past, we understatedly called 'an ordinary piece of countryside'. Three years ago the Trust purchased additional land next to Woods Mill almost doubling the size of the reserve to 48 acres and transforming the nature of the reserve - for the better it has to be said. Since then we have been working on a project to re-instate the natural course of the river that flowed across our new meadow and last month that work was completed. While the work was going on it has to be said it looked a bit of a mess and was quite a shock to witness. But, given a year to recuperate, it will look like it's been there for decades. One of the main benefits is that the meadow will be restored as a naturally functioning flood plain, the banks will be allowed to vegetate and change as the river takes in a natural course and in times of high rainfall the meadow will flood. As well as creating a better habitat for wildlife it should help alleviate flooding downstream which will mean that the road alongside Woods Mill is less likely to flood.

Periodic winter flooding will then create a wet grazing marsh which will add to the diversity of plants, in turn attracting dragonflies and other insects

which will then attract birds to eat them. Since the work has been completed I have already seen a lapwing on what is essentially still a mud plain - the first time this bird has actually landed on the reserve, where usually they are noted flying over. Other wading birds that should be attracted to inspect the new habitat are green sandpiper and snipe, while the one bird we really hope to encourage back as a breeding species is kingfisher, last known to have nested on the reserve in 1990. Sea trout have also been noted making their way back upstream to their spawning grounds. Just off our land, but part of the same project, a fish pass has been constructed to ease their passage up river. We will continue to graze the meadow at low level to increase the variety of plants and who knows, perhaps once the new habitat has become established we may well get otters back on the reserve. In February 1971, an otter was recorded at Woods Mill when a set of tracks were clearly visible in the snow, and with otters now re-colonising Sussex, the possibility of seeing them back here is not such a fanciful dream.



PARISH DIARY – January 2011

VH Village Hall – RG Recreation Ground

Monday 3 rd	Quiz Night	New Beach Club	8 pm
Tuesday 4 th	Yoga	VH	9.30 am
	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	11.30 am - 1.15 pm
	Pilates	VH	6 pm
	British Legion	New Beach Club	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 5 th	Coffee Morning	VH	10 am
	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 6 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7 pm
Friday 7 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Monday 10 th	Flowerpots	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	New Beach Club	8 pm
Tuesday 11 th	Yoga	VH	9.30 am
	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	11.30 am - 1.15 pm
	Pilates	VH	6 pm
	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.10 am
		Chick Hill	TBA
		Smuggler	TBA
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 13 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7 pm
Friday 14 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Sunday 16 th	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 17 th	Flowerpots	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	New Beach Club	8 pm
Tuesday 18 th	Yoga	VH	9.30 am
	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	11.30 am - 1.15 pm
	Pilates	VH	6 pm
	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm

	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 19 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Dog Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 20 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7 pm
Friday 21 st	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
	Women's Institute	VH	2.30 pm
	Pett Nats	VH	7.30 pm
Sunday 23 rd	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 24 th	Flowerpots	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	New Beach Club	8 pm
Tuesday 25 th	Yoga	VH	9.30 am
	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	11.30 am - 1.15 pm
	Pilates	VH	6 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 26 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.10 am
		Chick Hill	TBA
		Smuggler	TBA
	Puppy Training Class	VH	1 pm
	Advanced Training	VH	2 pm
Thursday 27 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7 pm
Friday 28 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Sunday 30 th	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 31 st	Flowerpots	VH	9.30 am
	Quiz Night	New Beach Club	8 pm

If you want your special events or regular meetings included in the Parish Diary, please notify me in writing or the Editor by email ~ a programme or fixture list is fine.

Avril Thurley
Rectory Cottage

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sun 2nd Jan 9.30am – Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter
 Sun 9th Jan 10.45am – Covenant Service, Methodist Chapel
 Sun 16th Jan 8.00am – Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Pett Level
 Sun 23rd Jan 9.30am – Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter
 Sun 30th Jan 10.30am – United Benefice Communion, St Laurence Guestling

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DO YOU KNOW? ~ John Taylor

Do you know the history of the Tudor Ruff? It started around the 1530s as a modest ruffle on the neckband of a high-necked smock. It was made of linen and often box-pleated and later made of the finest lace. It was said to have originated from Spain or Portugal and there are pictures of Isabella of Portugal wearing one in 1535. In the 1550s, the ruff started to grow in size and by the 1590s there were some that were truly gigantic. The 1560s saw an expansion in the height of the ruff and though still quite small and box-pleated, there were layers of ruffling stacked on each other for a thicker, fuller ruff.



1574 French



1585 Queen Elizabeth



1594 Closed Double Ruff

These wider ruffs, despite strong starching, required more support than the ruffs of the 1570s. Some doublets had pickadil collars which held out a

ruff. Others wore smaller ruffs underneath the large one in a graduated fashion – most were supported in some way or another. As the years went by so did the fashions change. Men too wore ruffs and pictures of the era show some remarkable types of apparel worn by the gentlemen of the time. The style for men was generally higher in the back than the front and followed the line of the jaw, framing the face (as can be seen in the ruff worn by Sir Walter Raleigh).

Maintaining the appearance of the ruff was hard work. There were 'starching houses' where ruffs were washed, starched and set into shape with "putting sticks", conical irons heated in coals and applied to the ruff. Hundreds of pins were used to create the elaborate designs fashion dictated. Pins were an essential part of Tudor fashion and were used in great quantities which lead to a lucrative pin making industry.

At their most extreme, ruffs were a foot or more wide. These were called 'cartwheel ruffs' which could not be worn without support. Philip IV of Spain banned the wearing of ruffs and by the end of the sixteenth century they were falling out of fashion in Western Europe. They lingered longest in Holland and can be seen worn in portraits well into the seventeenth century.

However the most interesting fact that I learnt recently in a National Trust Property was this:

The reason why people wore ruffs originally was to prevent the fleas,

which most people suffered from, getting onto the face and into the hair. Of course, the question arises – what did they do at night? Ruffs were not worn in bed – the mind boggles, doesn't it!



Sir Walter Raleigh



Unwelcome guest!!



1630 Dutch Woman

John Taylor

Pett Short Mat Bowls

~ Linda Jaconelli



For your New Years Resolution, come along and join us for a game of Short Mat Bowls at Pett Village Hall, Pett. on Thursdays at 3 - 5pm, or 7 - 9pm, and

once a month on a Wednesday. New players welcome. Very informal, good fun and keeps you fit. Phone Linda Jaconelli on 01424 431814 for more details.

Royal British Legion ~

Brian Green

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the RBL Poppy appeal this year. I am sure when we have the grand total it will be a record for the branch. Our thanks also go out to the house-to-house collectors, pubs and shops etc. that kindly displayed our trays.

Have you thought of becoming a member - why not pop down to The New Beach Club on the 1st Tuesday of any month at 7-30 pm or give me a ring on 81245. We are a small happy branch - don't forget you don't need to be ex-service to join.

Thank you all once again, I look forward to seeing you.



Fairlight Pantomime

~ Sylvia Gladman

This year our production is



Puss In Boots

It will be performed in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th January at 7.30 pm and the Saturday Matinee will be at 2.30 pm.

Tickets will be on sale at Fairlight Post Office.

Pett Parish Council

~ Mary Saint - Village Voice

The Parish Council hold their meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The deadline for the Parish News is the 15th of each month which means that any proceedings from the council meeting will always be up to six weeks old, when printed in the News. However, for those who are unable to attend the Parish Council meeting but are interested in what is discussed, the following is an account sent by Mary Saint, editor of 'Pett Village Voice' in the Rye Observer.



1) Parish Council

At the meeting of Pett Parish Council held on 16th November among the items discussed, the Council heard that a Bus Review had been carried out in the area and the Chairman has responded to the Review on the basis of the responses received on this issue in the recent Pett Village Plan.

Councillor Roger Bird told the Council that as a result of the Comprehensive Spending

Review, Rother District Council would have to reduce its spending from £28.5bn to £22.9bn over the next four years and further details would be available during the first week of December. Local councils which had 0% increases in Council Tax would receive a 2.5% increase in their grants from central government. Both East Sussex County Council and Rother District Council intended to have 0% increases in Council Tax.

With regard to the Pett Village allotments, the Parish Council agreed to authorise the necessary expenditure for the new path, subject to the cost being less than £1000. The Parish Council also heard that the Royal Oak had been sold at auction to a village consortium and the Queens Head, Icklesham.

There was also an update on the 'Exception Site' policy for affordable housing. A sub group of the Council had met to consider possible sites outside the village envelope (Exception Sites). 14 potential sites had been assessed against 10 criteria and a shortlist had been drawn up. These will now be visited and considered but before any decision is made, the matter will be brought before the

Council and the public. It is a condition of such schemes that they must have the support of the community.

About half the funding for the proposed bmx/skate area has been realised and as a result a revised proposal with cheaper equipment is to be put forward.

2) Dangerous dogs

In August this year Village Voice reported on a distressing incident in Guestling Wood where a dog and its owner were attacked by two Rottweilers. This was linked to an earlier incident and the owner of the Rottweilers was charged with offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act. The case recently came to court and Village Voice understands that the person concerned pleaded Guilty to one charge and Not Guilty to others. As a result, there will now be a trial on the 13th January 2011 at Hastings Magistrates Court.



Boffins Puzzle Corner

Aunt Tabitha was extremely touchy about her age. When an impudent nephew was brave enough to ask her, she cunningly replied that she was 35 years old, not counting Saturdays or Sundays.

So how old was she?

Answer on page: 23

GARDENING CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

~ Sue Dengate and Pauline Barker

A very cold evening, but not inside Pett Village Hall. Jackie and her helpers had organised a wonderful hot punch, food and a quiz to get us all into the seasonal spirit. The raffle had numerous prizes and it was a chance for us all to mix and mingle together after an eventful year. What a lovely way to start the Festive season!

We must say a big Thank You to all the cooks who brought an amazing variety of wonderful delicacies and especially to Jackie and David Richards for all their hard work on our behalf, we all had a lovely evening.



Our first meeting of 2011 will be on **Tuesday, 11th January**

(weather permitting of course).

This meeting will include our AGM, membership renewals, Sutton Seed orders, programme/forthcoming events and Chris Hutt who will talk to us about his plans for the year. A lot going on to get us all together for the coming year so do not miss the opportunity to join in for 2011. New members are always welcome! Happy Christmas and 'Happy Growing' in 2011!

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FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

~ Chris Saint

As many of you will know our December show was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, the good news is that we have decided to reschedule the original programme to **January 6th** complete with serving free, our traditional mince pies and mulled wine to all those who come and see the film, **It's Complicated**. This film



MERYL STREEP
STEVE MARTIN
ALEC BALDWIN
It's Complicated
Directed by Nancy Meyers
Something's Gotta Give

will provided us with a light-hearted start to the new year and stars **Meryl Streep**, who has very much come into her own as a romantic comedian in recent years. Streep plays Jane, a contented, affluent divorcee with excellent taste in furnishings; happily about to preside over an empty nest and feeling just fine about it, especially as she also has a new romance (**Steve Martin**). Then who should bump into her and ruin this perfect solitude but her ex, Jake, played by **Alec Baldwin**, who decides he'll stop at nothing to win her back. This is a hilarious look at marriage, divorce and everything in between. The beauty of *It's Complicated* is that it really isn't all that complicated-its chemistry depends on the wonderful actors (including the supporting cast) and the oft-forgotten reality that people over 25

can have great sex, and fall head over heels.

Get set for wild action and sizzling chemistry on the **3rd February** with the film **Knight and Day**. Big screen superstars **Tom Cruise** (Mission Impossible, Tropic Thunder) and **Cameron Diaz** (Charlie's Angels, Something about Mary) come together in this thrilling action-adventure. When June meets a mysterious stranger on a routine flight, she thinks she's met the man who'll add some excitement to her life. But she soon discovers he's a fugitive super-spy, who thrusts her into a globe-trotting cat-and-mouse chase. As the bullets and sparks fly, June must decide if she can really trust this Knight in shining armour.

Please do not forget, all are welcome to join our Society and enjoy and evening watch a film for as little as £4.00 per show with like-minded people in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. If you care to know more, please email me on chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 01424 813047. All films start at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday in the month with refreshments served from 7.00 pm.

Happy New Year

Chris Saint and the Flicks Team.



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Christmas Coffee Morning ~ Sally Williams

The snow lay thick on the ground and poor Phil (the butcher!) got the lovely job of clearing a pathway for us down to the village hall.

The tables were dressed with crackers and the Christmas table sale was all set up with gifts for all, the sound of Christmas carols cheered us as we laid out plates of homemade mince pies and cakes. The Christmas sweet treats looked irresistible in their Christmas bags and Phil's delicious homemade sausage rolls were stacked high.



The doors opened and it was fantastic to see so many people still make the effort to join us, the main conversation being the weather!!!!!!



The raffle was called at 11.00am and the lucky winners collected their prizes.



We were lucky to have more new faces due to people not being able to get to work and of course the schools were closed so our extra helpers turned up in force!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year, see you on 5th January 2011!



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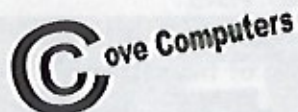


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Pett (Church)	0822	0829	1002	1102	1202	1302	1442	1552
Guestling (School)	0829							
Guestling (White Hart)	0834	0834	1007	1107	1207	1307	1447	1557
Ore (Kings Head)	0838	0848	1011	1111	1211	1311	1451	1601
Ore (Christ Church)	0840	0840	1013	1113	1213	1313	1453	1603
West Hill (Whitefriars)	0845	0845	1018	1118	1218	1318	1458	1608
Hastings (Harold Place)	0849	0849	1022	1122	1222	1322	1502	1612
Hastings (Rail Station)	0851	0851	1024	1124	1224	1324	1504	-

Hastings - Ore - Pett

Hastings (Rail Station)	0928	1028	1128	1228	1408	1510	1510	1735
Hastings (Queens Road)	0930	1030	1130	1230	1410	1515	1515	1740
West Hill (Whitefriars)	0935	1035	1135	1235	1415	1520	1520	1745
Ore (Christ Church)	0940	1040	1140	1240	1420	1525	1525	1750
Ore (Kings Head)	0942	1042	1142	1242	1422	1527	1527	1752
Guestling (White Hart)	0946	1046	1146	1246	1426	1531	1531	1756
Guestling (School)								1534
Pett (Church)	0951	1051	1151	1251	1431	1536	1542	1801
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