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Hi and welcome to this September issue of the Parish News. I do hope you have all enjoyed the summer and your holidays. Now it's back to business with many events taking place this month. Most of course are fund- raising of one sort or another, but hey, that's what most of us are about!

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We have several **Coffee Mornings** this month from our usual not-to-be-missed one on the first Wednesday of every month to the fund raising not-to-be-missed ones for different Charities. There is the ever popular **Church Flower Festival** and the return of club events like **short mat bowls** and **Pett Nats**. Apart from regular quiz nights we also have a couple of fund raising quiz nights, one of which is to raise funds for the **Boat House Extension** for the Pett rescue boat. Details of all these events can be found within these pages or in the Parish Diary. Please give them all the support you can.

It was hoped that POPP's would be starting on the 6th September, but this start date will now have to be slightly postponed. More details can be found on page 34.

I am really pleased that we now have a Saturday bus service operating again in Pett. I have put in an updated basic schedule which, at this time, is hopefully correct but should you know differently, please let me know so that I may

amend it. Lastly I must remind you that there will be a public meeting of the Parish Council concerning the Exception Site Project in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 8th September**. More details on page 27.

Jackie (Editor)

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Fairlight Pantomime Group ~ Forthcoming pantomime

'Robin Hood and the Babes' is to be presented at the end of January 2012. Rehearsals commence end of November and carry on right through December and January. All are welcome to come along to the audition night on **Friday 23rd September** in the Fairlight Village Hall from 7 pm for children and 7.30 adults.

Wanted: Wardrobe Mistress

Fairlight Pantomime Group is in urgent need of a Wardrobe Mistress, following the retirement of the incumbent. If you have the skills

to sew, alter and fit costumes from our extensive wardrobe and even make new ones if applicable matching the costumes to the cast, you will be very welcome to join our friendly team.

The next production is at the end of January 2012, with rehearsals commencing end November 2011. We have a small group of ladies who regularly help with the sewing. If you would like further information on what is required, please give Liz a call on 01424 813989. Thank you.

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Coffee Morning ~ Pett Village Hall Committee



Our monthly Coffee Morning will be back again on **Wednesday 7th September** after our summer break.

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We open at 9.30 am (if we are up in time) and go on till 12 (which I am sure will be midday and not midnight!).

Do please come along and support us, and this very worthy cause. Likewise, if you have any cakes, plants or prizes that you can donate they would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Jo on 814829 or Jackie on 815224. Thank you

PETT FLOWER SHOW ~ Angela Hawksley 812705

What a wonderful afternoon it was! Very many thanks are due to the organizers. New visitors from the Battle area said what a surprise the variety of entertainment was. The band and the choir were much praised.

And thank you on behalf of the Friends of Pett Level Preservation Trust for allowing us to run our Treasure Hunt. Two of the winners of the buried treasure very kindly donated their prize money back to the Trust.

Where was the treasure buried? You will have noticed stickers all over the plan of the Trust land showing sheep and various other things. There were three flowers that were not copied anywhere else on the plan. These flowers marked the sites of the buried treasure (buried by the three pirates, Little Tom Batkins, Spike Pike and Burly Shirley). Our Chairman John Moon kept the secret to himself until the end of the Show.

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PETT LEVEL NATURALIST SOCIETY ~ John Taylor



Pett is very fortunate indeed to have a Naturalist Society that has been so successful since it was formed in 1972. We are privileged to live in an area of outstanding beauty, containing a very wide range of habitats for plant and animal life - much of it designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The well known naturalist and former warden of Mallydams, John Goodman is the president and chairman. He and the committee welcome new members and visitors to the Society meetings. These are suitable for folk of any age. Meetings are held in Pett Village Hall (small room) on the third Friday of each month between September and April, inclusive. The talks are always fascinating and well illustrated with slides or a power point presentation. There is always an opportunity for members to share their observations and each meeting is a happy occasion. The annual subscription is £5 and 50p paid at each meeting. Visitors pay £2 per meeting.

So if you are interested in what goes on around you; can spare a Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm once a month (for eight months of the year); like seeing some stunning photographs and having some fun in good company - do come and have a look at us. You will be made most welcome and encouraged to become a member. This is a very good month to try us out as the 2011/2012 season starts on Friday 16th September. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Avril Thurley, or me on 01424 814674.

Look forward to seeing you on the 16th - 7.30pm in the Village Hall - you will really enjoy the evening!

Pett Nats ~ Avril Thurley (Hon. Sec.)

Our new season starts on Friday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Alan Kenworthy who last year gave us that super presentation on Birds of New Zealand - remember the mind-boggling demonstration of the width of a Albatross's wings? This time the talk will be on Madagascar.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions will be due at this meeting. Visitors will be welcome at £2 each.

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- 500g skinless smoked haddock, cut into bite sized pieces
- 200g cooked, peeled prawns
- 1 small bunch parsley, roughly chopped



Cook the leek and onion in a large pot with a knob of butter for about 5 minutes until they start to soften. Add the potatoes, milk and vegetable stock. Bring to the boil then reduce to a simmer, cover and cook gently for about 10-15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

Drop in the haddock and prawns and simmer for a further 2-3 minutes to cook the haddock and heat the prawns. Season, add the chopped parsley and serve with crusty bread.

FLOWER SHOW ~ Diane Crouch - Chair

By the time you read this, the Flower Show will be a distant memory. I'm sure the day's event will be covered in full elsewhere in the Magazine, but I should just like to thank everyone for making this year's event such a success - even the weatherman was kind to us - a perfect day!

There are so many people that go to make this a success, too many to mention by name, but without all the helpers on the day and setting up beforehand there would be no Show. The stallholders, those who entered the classes in the Tent, the Dog Show Organiser - in fact everyone who contributed in any way - not least of all you who turned up on the day to make it a real Village Event. It was certainly one of our most successful shows; the takings were up, also attendances. The Committee work hard all through the year to get the Show on the road, and unfortunately we found out only two weeks beforehand that the Marquee Company had gone into liquidation, and without the quick thinking of our Treasurer we should have been left without a Marquee - she produced two more from another firm almost out of thin air - so all was well. Everyone involved plays their part, and without any single one we should be in trouble. Perhaps I could just make special mention of David Nicholls who spent most of the afternoon in the stocks and soaking wet - a really great effort.

We should like to thank Rush Witt and Wilson for their continued sponsorship and also a new one this year from Ashley Developments.

We look forward to next year's Show, and as it is Olympic Year and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there should be plenty of scope for original ideas.

Thank you all once again.

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Dear Editor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reverend David Wotton and the wonderful members of the choir and congregation at St Mary and St Peter on Sunday 7th August, for making the baptism of our daughters Margot and Lorelei such a lovely day.

Our little family now feels a whole lot bigger after the warmth and kindness shown to us on this memorable day.

Dean Biffin & Elly Scott

Dear Editor

I would like to say how pleased I was to see our Saturday bus service back after so many years without one.

I do hope as many people as possible will use the new service or it may, yet again, be lost to us and those of us who do not drive will be restricted to only getting out of the Village on weekdays.

Please, make use of our buses.

Danni Bourne

Dear Editor

I would like to say a thousand thank you's to everyone who come to tea, to help make the Tea Tent at the Flower Show such a success.

To our wonderful Village cake makers and W.B. Jury & Sons for the milk. Our appreciation and thanks cake-makers – all your wonderful cakes had gone by 4 o'clock.

To the Tea Tent team and the Pavilion team, many many thanks for all your hard work, all afternoon.

Julia, thank you for keeping us supplied with all the clean pots.

Paul, thank you for the water and electric supply to the tent.

Thank you gentlemen for bringing the tea tent tables on Friday evening.

Looking forward to next year. Keep free in your new Diary the last Saturday in July.

Norma Machin

Dear Editor

Last year there were complaints about the overgrown state of the public footpath that runs beside our home Watermill House. We cleared some ourselves and the council did the rest. The overhanging branches which have been left for a few years also needed cutting back.

Permission was given by the council and we agreed to take it back to the path edge which will keep it clear for a few years.

We were saddened on the Monday when the path was closed at the number of complaints and the attitude of some users, a few chose to ignore the signs and used it anyway, some even irresponsibly removed the safety tape. You know who you are and so do we.

Carol & Bob Daniels

p.s. There was insufficient time to give prior notice.

Dear Editor

Thanks are due to Alan Cooke for cutting down the brambles behind the Village Hall, and to David Darnell for allowing him access to do so.

Alan does a lot of maintenance work around the parish, much of it unpaid. Thank you Alan you are a star!

Thanks must also go to two of our Parish Councillors – Martin King and David Richards who also gave up their free time to paint the fencing at the start of Pett Level.

Avril Thurley



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Boffins Puzzle Corner

Can you sit somewhere in a room that someone else can't?

Answer on page 33

Flowerpots Play Group

~ Kate Woodbridge

The children had great fun decorating and eating cookies on the last session before the holidays as you can see from the picture.



We're sad to say good-bye to the older children who leave us to start school in

September, but hope that lots of new children will be coming along to take their places.

Flowerpots Play Group will resume after the summer holidays on Monday 12th September, 9.30am to 11.30am at the village hall. The toy library will also be there.

All pre-school children are welcome, along with their Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Child-Minders etc. We are a friendly group with plenty of room for the children to run around and enjoy themselves.

The first session you attend is free of charge, after that it's 50p for under 1's, £2.50 per child over 1 or £3 for a family. This all goes towards hall hire and equipment, the group is run by volunteers. Parents can have a cup of tea or coffee, and the children all share a snack and drink together.

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DO YOU KNOW ? ~ John Taylor



Do you know about the legend of the Brede Giant? Goddard Oxenbridge was born about 1478. He was the son of Sir Robert Oxenbridge the owner of a property then known as Forde, that was later known as Brede Place. Goddard was reputed to have been seven feet tall and very strong. He was created a knight by Henry VIII in 1509, was a devout man and a benefactor of the Church; yet the story about the Ogre of Brede has persisted for 400 years.



The legend is believed to have originated after several children went missing from the village. Sir Goddard was said to be a giant cannibal with superhuman strength and mystical powers who could not be slain by ordinary weapons. He had crow as a familiar and roamed around the countryside eating children. Due to his wealth and power plus his gifts to the church the people of Brede didn't believe the stories that were circulating in the area. Eventually all the children of Sussex got together (or just the children of his neighbours, depending which story you hear) and got him drunk on an enormous vat of beer. Then they took their revenge and sawed him in half with a wooden saw on a bridge called Groaning Bridge in Stubbs Lane. One story has it that the children of East Sussex were on one end of the wooden saw and those from West Sussex on the other end.

The stories about the Sussex Ogre or the Brede Giant continued to grow. One reason was that, at the time of Henry VIII, Goddard Oxenbridge was Catholic while most of Sussex supported the Reformation. A good way of 'getting at the Popery' was to make up malicious stories about them. Later the tale was added to by smugglers who were known to have used Brede Place to hide their cargo. So they told stories about the ghost of the Brede Giant appearing to folk in the locality of Brede Place, the Groaning Bridge and the Church. There are still some who remain convinced that Goddard still walks within the walls of Brede Place.

However, the fact remains that Sir Goddard Oxenbridge died in 1531 and his tomb lies in St. George's Church Brede. His daughter Elizabeth married well and also had close links with the Royal family. She was Lady in Waiting to Queen Catherine Parr and later to Princess Elizabeth.

It is strange that this mythical story about a very good and honest man has survived as a cautionary tale to children for several centuries. Yet they do say, over in Brede, that the child-eating ogre's ghost, in the form of a sawn tree trunk, still haunts Brede Park and the nearby Groaning Bridge.



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Stir Crazy Club ~ Wendy Burgess

The 'girls' in the Stir Crazy Club have now held two craft sales; the funds from both are enabling us to make a £300 donation to MacMillan Cancer Support.

As many of the items we are able to make are as a result of the donations of fabrics and haberdashery from the generous people of Pett, not to mention them also coming along to the sales and purchasing from us as well, we would like to thank all concerned.

By the time this goes to print we will have held another sale on Sunday 21st August at Pett Level, the proceeds from this sale will go towards the planned Pett Level Rescue Boat extension, another very worthwhile cause which will benefit our local community.

A Prayer for Pett

Lord, we give thanks for the
Summer holidays -
a break from routine,
different surroundings and
different people.

Pray for our children and
teachers as they return to
school for the start of
a new term.

Pray also for our young
people as they face the
challenge of leaving home
for a new life at university
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Lord, in your mercy,
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dictionary, how would we ever
know?

Why are they called "stands"
when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called "after dark"
when it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the
unexpected" make the unexpected
expected?

If work is so terrific, why do
they have to pay you to do it?

How come abbreviated is
such a long word?

Why do we wash bath
towels? Aren't we clean when we
use them?

Why doesn't glue stick to the
inside of the bottle?

Woodpeckers

~ By Mike Russell, Sussex Wildlife Trust ~ www.sussexwt.org.uk



Being a birdy sort of person, I'm often asked what my favourite bird is and, being a birdy sort of person, that's impossible to answer: I like them all. Nevertheless there is one family of birds in the UK I have an extra soft spot for and they are woodpeckers, two of which are doing well, one disastrously declining and the other, a former breeding species, now relegated to a very scarce migrant.

The ones you are more likely to encounter, as they are increasingly seen in gardens, are the great spotted and green woodpeckers. The good thing about both these species is that they are striking in appearance so given a good view they are not too difficult to identify.

Great spotted woodpeckers are indeed great: they are strikingly bold, they like to be seen and they often come into gardens to feed on peanuts and you might be lucky enough to have the adults bring their youngsters to your feeding station. They are a woodland species, one of the only ones that are doing well at the moment, and are perfectly adapted to that environment.

About the size of a blackbird, great spotted woodpeckers have built-in features that help them thrive in their woodland habitat. Many years ago while I was taking a school party around Woods Mill at Smallhale we were lucky enough to see a great spotted woodpecker 'drumming' at the top of a dead tree. 'Drumming' is the term used for the rapid beating of their beak against the tree, up to 14 beats per second, which acts as their song to try and entice a mate. One of the children asked the perfectly reasonable question 'Does the woodpecker ever get a headache?' to which the answer is no. They have a specially adapted muscle in their head which acts as a shock absorber; otherwise they would forever be reaching for the aspirin! Other adaptations include a very long, sticky, prehensile tongue used to search for grubs and other insects in crevices in the trees which, when not in use, they keep rolled up and

tucked away behind their brain. Unlike other birds, these woodpeckers have two claws pointing forward and two backwards to give them extra leverage when drumming while clinging to the side of a tree. One last special quality is that their short tail feathers are much stiffer than other birds, again helping them to be more stable when drumming. Just brilliant birds!

Many of you will remember from your childhood, or watching with your children, a programme called 'Bagpuss' in which there was a character called Professor Yaffle who was based on a green woodpecker. 'Yaffle' is an old country name for this bird on account of its laughter-like call. Green woodpeckers prefer woodland edges and open areas and are likely to be seen on your lawn feeding on the ground where they will be searching for ants. Bigger than great spotted woodpeckers, their bright green plumage with flashes of yellow makes them an exotic looking bird and they do seem to be becoming more comfortable in a semi-urban environment.

Sadly, the lesser spotted woodpecker is, in terms of numbers, going in the opposite direction to its larger cousin. Even more strikingly marked than the great spotted, this is a much smaller bird, not much bigger than a sparrow. It too is a bird of the woodlands, behaves in a similar way but for reasons not yet fully understood they are not doing well at all. There is some thought that the great spotted woodpeckers might be out competing the smaller birds for the diminishing habitat and nesting sites. Whatever the reason, they are now a rare sight in Sussex.

Finally we come to the wryneck, a really strange bird that is a woodpecker but looks nothing like one. It used to be a common breeding species in England but declined throughout the 20th century to the extent that it disappeared about 40 years ago and now turns up occasionally as a migrant on its way to northern

Europe where it still breeds. The size of a starling, this strange bird gets its name from the habit of moving its head slowly around to an almost alarming radius. Unlike the other three that are residents, it spends the winter in Africa but can turn up here if blown off course during its epic journey.

There you have it, four wonderful birds experiencing very mixed fortunes in this changing world. Keep a look out in your garden and local patch as if the great spotted or green woodpeckers are around, they are likely to make their presence known.

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Come along and enjoy the Festival and see the transformation of our lovely village church. You have two days to wonder at the beauty all around and your support will be welcomed most warmly.

Short Mat and Shortbread

~ Anne Heslop

Are you looking for a new activity this winter?

Pett Short Mat Bowls club is starting its winter season after the summer break on **Thursday 22nd September** in Pett Village Hall.

This year we have some vacancies for new members and we are inviting anyone interested to the "short mat and shortbread" sessions from 3pm ~ 5pm and 7.30pm ~ 9.30pm on our opening day. This will be a chance to meet the members socially, and try out the game to see if it is for you.

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Activate Youth Club ~ Wendy Hatch

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beach, at Pelham Plaza,
(basketball court in the Old Town),
Summerfield's Swimming Pool,
sliding down our water slide,
B.B.Q's and just having a good
time.

We have been very pleased
to be able to use the **Rye
Community Mini-bus**, which has
taken us to some of these places
and has been used on several
Tuesday evenings to get
youngsters from the surrounding
villages of Pett, Guestling and
Three Oaks to the club on a
Tuesday evening. We have been
successful in getting a small grant
to help with this and so will be able
to continue using the bus until
Christmas. Hopefully we will then
find another helpful grant from
somewhere. The children, who use
it, also pay towards the cost.

**Our Summer B.B.Q and
Bring and Buy Sale** went very
well. The Triathlon was great fun
and a real challenge for some.
Thank you to all who came,
enjoyed the sun and took part.

Our residential weekend to
a PGL activity centre took place in
July and was a brilliant weekend.
All of us were challenged to do
something beyond our comfort
zone. Aisling went down the zip
wire and then spent the next 10
minutes shaking like a jelly!
Charlotte also found it hard the first
time but then was off! Ollie had
trouble with the BMX bikes, but
didn't give up. Rebecca wasn't

happy about rifle shooting but
became quite a good shot, and
Freddie scored very highly at the
shooting. Me? I actually abseiled
down the tower, just the once, (that
was enough!) All got thoroughly wet
when raft building and we all had a
go at archery and aero ball! That
was fun!

Our car wash on Thursdays
has changed as Saturdays have
not been popular. Full wash and
valet = £5, wash only = £3. Have a
cuppa while you wait.

We are enjoying workshops
through the summer break,
including drama sessions on most
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm -
9pm. These will culminate in a
show at the Village hall on **Friday
and Saturday October 7th and 8th**.
Tickets will be sold and proceeds
will go towards Nicole Martin.
Nicole has been a member of both
Activate and the panto' group, but
sadly suffers from
neurofibromatosis, a painful and
debilitating illness. Please come
and support the Activate
youngsters and Nicole.

We reopen in September on
6th and 8th. Busyard will restart on
Monday September 12th - 4-30pm
as usual.

Quiz for all will be held at the
**Fairlight Village Hall on Friday
16th September at 7-30pm**. There
will be a supper and the cost will be
£6 per person and £4 per Activate
member and child. A bar will be
available.

PARISH DIARY – September 2011

VH Village Hall – RG Recreation Ground – NBC New Beach Club

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Thursday 1 st | Flicks | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 2 nd | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | MOPPs | Fairlight VH | 10.30 am |
| | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| Saturday 3 rd | Flower Festival | Church | 10 am |
| | Allotment Market | Two Sawyers | 11 am |
| Sunday 4 th | Flower Festival | Church | 10 am |
| Monday 5 th | Quiz Night | NBC | 8 pm |
| Tuesday 6 th | Yoga | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| | Pilates | VH | 6 pm |
| | British Legion | NBC | 7.30 pm |
| | Quiz Night | Two Sawyers | 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 7 th | Coffee Morning | VH | 10 am |
| | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | Mobile Library | Church | 10.10 am |
| | | Chick Hill | 10.50 am |
| | | Smuggler | 11.20 am |
| | Parish Council Public Meeting | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 9 th | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | MOPPs | Fairlight VH | 10.30 am |
| | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| Saturday 10 th | Sara Lee Trust Coffee Morning | VH | 10 am |
| | Allotment Market | Two Sawyers | 11 am |
| | Macmillan Quiz | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Sunday 11 th | Boathouse | VH | 10.30 am |
| Monday 12 th | Flowerpots Play Group | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Quiz Night | NBC | 8 pm |
| Tuesday 13 th | Yoga | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| | Pilates | VH | 6 pm |
| | Garden Club | Garden Visit | 6.30 VH |
| | Quiz Night | Two Sawyers | 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 14 th | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| Friday 16 th | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | MOPPs | Fairlight VH | 10.30 am |
| | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| | Women's Institute | VH | 2.30 pm |
| | Pett Nats | VH | 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 17 th | Allotment Market | Two Sawyers | 11 am |
| Sunday 18 th | Boathouse | VH | 10.30 am |
| Monday 19 th | Flowerpots Play Group | VH | 9.30 am |

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| | Quiz Night | NBC | 8 pm |
| Tuesday 20 th | Yoga | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| | Pilates | VH | 6 pm |
| | Parish Council | VH | 7.30 pm |
| | Quiz Night | Two Sawyers | 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 21 st | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | Mobile Library | Church | 10.10 am |
| | | Chick Hill | 10.50 am |
| | | Smuggler | 11.20 am |
| Thursday 22 nd | Short Mat Bowls | VH | 3 pm & 7.30 pm |
| | Quiz for Boathouse Extension | NBC | 8 pm |
| Friday 23 rd | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | MOPPs | Fairlight VH | 10.30 am |
| | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 pm |
| | Pantomime Rehearsals | Fairlight VH | 7 pm |
| Saturday 24 th | Allotment Market | Two Sawyers | 11 am |
| | Harvest Home Auction | NBC | 7 pm |
| Sunday 25 th | Boathouse | VH | 10.30 am |
| Monday 26 th | Flowerpots Play Group | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Quiz Night | NBC | 8 pm |
| Tuesday 27 th | Yoga | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Dance & Exercise Class | VH | 9.30 - 11.30 am |
| | Pilates | VH | 6 pm |
| | Quiz Night | Two Sawyers | 8.30 pm |
| Wednesday 28 th | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| Thursday 29 th | Short Mat Bowls | VH | 3 pm & 7.30 pm |
| Friday 30 th | Macmillan Coffee Morning | VH | 9.30 am |
| | Badminton | VH | 10 am |
| | MOPPs | Fairlight VH | 10.30 am |
| | Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | VH | 2 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:

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| Sunday 4 th Sep | Flower Festival – Short Songs of Praise 9.30am - St Mary & St Peter |
| Sunday 11 th Sep | 11.00am - Joint Worship with the Methodists, Methodist Chapel |
| Sunday 18 th Sep | 8.00am - Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Pett Level |
| Sunday 25 th Sep | 9.30am - Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter |

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24th September – Harvest Home Auction – 7pm

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August Garden Club Outing ~ Avril Thurley

On 9th August the Gardening Club outing comprised two very different visits. We started the afternoon at the Stables Theatre in the Old Town of Hastings. There is an attractive garden there, but the main purpose of the visit was a tour of the Theatre itself, both inside and out, with a commentary by Sue Dengate who is a long-term volunteer at the Stables. Sue is an absolute mine of information on the history, architecture and organisation of the Stables, and her obvious enthusiasm together with a fund of anecdotes made for a truly interesting talk. Did you know that the Stables is run entirely by unpaid volunteers? The only people who are paid are visiting professional actors and artists, some of whom are household names.

We then went on to Strawberry Cottage in Tackleway, whose owner Don Brandt used to live at Meadowsweet in Pett. The Cottage has a long, but very narrow garden, all of it sloping - the sort of garden of which many people would say "You can't do much with that". Well, Don has made it into the most delectable garden, full of interesting plants including cleverly positioned trees and shrubs, and the whole garden is a riot of colour. There are lots of sitting-out places, two ponds, a greenhouse and a summerhouse. It is clearly a labour of love, and I think we were all enchanted by it.

Thanks are due to Sue and Pauline for arranging both of these lovely visits, which I hope will be repeated at a future date.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th September for a visit to Fairlight End. We usually visit this garden in the Spring with the riot of bulbs so it will be good to see the

garden in a different season. Please gather at 6.30 p.m. outside the Village Hall.

RYE BAY COASTGUARD BIKE RIDE 2011 ~ Philippa Strickland

The annual ride took place on Sunday 12th June with a keen field of cyclists taking on the 30 mile course and several participants tackling the 15 mile one for softies.

Although the turnout was smaller than in the past, generous sponsorship raised over £500.00 which has been donated to three charities, St Michael's Hospice, Pett Level Rescue Boat and the Coastguard Association. Cheques were presented at the Rescue Boat Open Day on 21st Aug 2011.

Pett Level Rescue Boat is very grateful to all the volunteers who man the base station and the check points; also the Marshall's who guided the riders on their way. Special thanks go to the cyclists for raising such a magnificent sum.

Harvest Festival ~ Sunday 9th October 9.30 a.m.

The service will be shared with the Methodists at St. Mary and St. Peter Church.

Donations of produce can be left in the church porch.

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Please note that that there will be a Public Meeting on **Thursday 8th September** at Pett Village Hall at 7.30pm to allow for public consultation on the proposed Pett Exception Site Project. The meeting will be chaired by Councillor Mrs. Mary Varrall, Chairman of Etchingham Parish Council. The Panel will consist of Representatives of Rother District Council, Action in Rural Sussex, Hastoe Housing Association and the Chairman and Clerk of Pett Parish Council.

The written questions received by the Parish Council have been re-produced together with answers provided by the Members of the Panel and these will be published in a second supplement of the Parish News and distributed prior to the public meeting. The previous letters sent to the Council and all other representations will also be taken into account as part of the consultation process. Details will be provided on the evening of the procedure for dealing with any further or supplementary questions.

Information about the meeting will also be made available on the web site Pett on the Net (<http://www.pettnet.co.uk>)

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Nature Notes ~ Avril Thurley

Last winter's cold weather put paid to one of my lovely scented Daphnes, which was in the warmest and most sheltered part of my garden. Its offspring, north facing and unsheltered, shrugged off the cold and is flourishing. There were other bizarre outcomes too:- fuchsia Roesse Blackie, not even supposed to be frost-hardy, bounced back in the spring and is as happy as Larry. Meanwhile my aucuba, fully hardy and theoretically unkillable, died slowly and messily until I dispatched it to the Great Shrubbery in the Sky. All of which goes to show that we know a lot less about Mother Nature's children than we think we do!

My nuthatches spent a lot of time and energy last winter hiding peanuts in the cracks and crannies of my well. It has been fascinating during July and August watching them seek out and eat their hidden treasures, although there are plenty more in the nut feeders. Interestingly, there is a little mouse who lives somewhere in the thicket of cotoneaster which grows against the well, and who likes to eat the peanuts in the hanging feeders, but clearly he hasn't burgled the nuthatches' store of goodies.

I loved the picture of the white squirrel in the last issue of this magazine. It would be nice if more people would send in their unusual pictures so that we can all enjoy them.

Here is another handy hint from my little book of garden lore:
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PETT W.I. ~ Heather Godwin

Pett WI meetings fall exactly at the same time as the editor requires copy for the Parish News, so forgive me if you feel you have a sense of déjà vu sometimes when reading my reports. I need to tell you what happened last month, second-guess what will happen this month, and let you in on what we hope will happen next month!

So: July's meeting of Pett WI welcomed Mrs Sue Hollings with her talk on 'My Life as a Couture Dressmaker'. She explained the difference between dressmaking and tailoring as well as telling us about the famous couture 'Houses' such as Hardy Amies, Norman Hartnell and Worth which dominated the world of high fashion during the 1950's. Sue had clearly had an interesting career, coming into contact with many famous and interesting people, including members of the Royal family, and she continued as an outworker for one of

the houses when she later moved with her family around the country.

The meeting in August will have been a garden meeting at the home of Kay Jury, at Fields Barn, Peter James Lane. As well as Pett WI members, a number of others have been invited such as members of the local WI Group from St Helen's in Hastings and members from the East Sussex Federation of WI's, including the present Chairman, Shirley Kirby, and we will have crossed fingers for good weather.

At the meeting on Friday September 16th members will hear from Mr Swain who will talk on 'Old Rye Fishermen'.

If you are interested in coming along to any of our meetings at Pett Village Hall on the third Friday of every month, please contact Mrs Elliot, the President on 01424 813000, or email heathergodwin@lineone.net.

It's a great way to meet some new friends and enjoy a lovely tea.

PETT FLOWER SHOW ~ Rachael Crouch

Well another successful year and fun time was had by all.

Those of you who won prizes, many congratulations. It was fantastic to see many new names entering, in particular in the youngest children's section!!

While many of us found the hotter weeks that came a little earlier than expected very welcome, clearly this had an impact on the entries of vegetables and flowers shown, nevertheless a wonderful display of heavenly scented flowers, and superb vegetables adorned the marquee.

Were there a few more entries from the men folk this year? I think

there might have been, well done you.

I feel a well deserved mention should go to the winner of the junior cake maker "Pam's lemon cake", congratulations!

To those of you who could not make it, you were missed, but maybe we will see you next year.

Lastly, thank you to everyone for all the support given, which without your kind donations of prizes, cakes, bottles etc the show would not be the success it is.

A big thank you this year to the Helpers of the children's games and activities, it was much appreciated.

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September 2011 will be the start of our tenth year of screening films to audiences from Pett and the surrounding villages and we estimate that we are well on course of achieving our original aim of attracting 5000 attendees. However, some of us are in need of a break and are thinking of leaving. We therefore need to look for new helpers in the forthcoming 12 months; otherwise we seriously risk losing this popular local amenity. So if you are interested, or you know someone who is, to help either with the running of the box office, publicising events, or help with the projection equipment, please contact me and I will explain what is involved.

Turning now to our next three month programme, we have great pleasure in showing **The Ghost** on **September 1st**. This film is based on a novel by Robert Harris who also wrote the screenplay, concerns a public figure accused of being a war criminal, much of whose time is spent bunkered in a chalet working on an autobiography that he hopes will salvage what's left of his reputation.

The Ghost is a brooding thriller whose moods – a black spectrum ranging from cynical and conspiratorial to powerless and despairing – have come to dominate contemporary political drama. **Ewan McGregor** plays an unnamed ghostwriter who bags himself a commission to complete the memoirs of former PM Adam Lang (**Pierce Brosnan**), currently in freefall after being accused of giving the CIA free rein to kidnap and torture four Pakistani terror suspects.

Lang's wife Ruth is played by **Olivia Williams**. The latter, said to be styled after if not exactly modeled on Cherie Blair, staggers and seethes with the weary bitterness of an alcoholic who's exhausted her last bottle of the night. Her hold on power is slipping. What next? It's a question the ghost keeps asking, too. The memoir is full of holes and inconsistencies. He finds strange photographs. A potential source, a professor played with characteristically cruel avuncularity by **Tom Wilkinson**, proves to have his own dark agenda.

On **6 October** we will be showing **The Adjustment Bureau (12)**, a film written for the screen and directed by George Nolfi (writer of *Ocean's Twelve*, co-writer of *The Bourne Ultimatum*). It is based on a short story by Philip K. Dick (*Total Recall*, *Minority Report* and *Blade Runner*).

On the brink of winning a seat in the U.S. Senate, ambitious politician David Norris (**Matt Damon**) meets beautiful contemporary ballet dancer Elise Sellas (**Emily Blunt**) - a woman like none he's ever known. But just as he realizes he's falling for her, mysterious men conspire to keep the two apart. David learns he is up against the agents of Fate itself—the men of The Adjustment Bureau—who will do everything in their considerable power to prevent David and Elise from being together. In the face of overwhelming odds, he must either let her go and accept a predetermined path...or risk everything to defy Fate and be with her.

Please do not forget, all are welcome to join our Society and enjoy an 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 or wish to help, please email me on chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can always 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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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT ~ Cllr Robin Patten

Following on from my last month's report progress continues to be made with the Council's resetting programme. Currently the following areas of business are being scrutinised as priority targets for savings/additional income.

The Grounds Maintenance contract will be amalgamated with Hastings Borough Council who will manage the total contract on our behalf. The new contract will be performance based and Rother are looking to achieve savings of £200,000, mainly by looking carefully at where we can reduce the contract specification. The start date of the new contract will be October 2012.

Car Park operations are being reviewed, and with pricing and enforcement, income is to be increased by a further £60,000 per annum.

By March 2012 Rother will remove all their administration and costs of Allotment provision by transferring their management to Allotment Societies or devolve them to Town or Parish Councils for them to manage on their own behalf. This will find savings of some £40,000.

By relocating the offices and archive centre from Beeching Road to the Town Hall it will be possible to sell or let the property. Negotiations are currently at an advanced stage with a potential user and savings of £50,000 are expected.

We have also agreed formally with Wealden DC to look at areas where both Councils can work together to

improve services and reduce costs. So far discussions are well advanced with Internal Audit, Legal and Environmental Health with a view to operating a shared service between the two Councils.

Finally I would like to return to the ongoing debate about our possible Exception site. There have been several allegations ranging from Rother will pull the plug because they cannot afford it to Rother have already made up their mind to push the scheme through regardless of local opinions. Needless to say neither of these statements is remotely true.

The position remains entirely as before. The decision to go ahead rests with our Parish Council. If, after their full consultation with the village, using the process which they have outlined, they decide against the scheme it will not go ahead; if they decide in favour, having taken into account all the caveats, Rother will give total support to their decision and the scheme and its implementation.

HARVEST HOME AUCTION

**24TH September ~ 7 pm
New Beach Club**



**Boffins Answer
Yes, on his/her lap**

Opposite is a new basic time table of the 347 and 344 bus routes. For a more detailed version contact:
 eastsussex.gov.uk
 Coastal Coaches - 01797 253176 www.coastalcoaches.com
 Stagecoach - 08702 433711 www.stagecoachbus.com
 (This information was correct at the time of going to print (July 2011) but alterations can occur)

JEMPSON'S BUS - 'Hail & Ride' to the Superstore. Every Friday calling at Allards 09:15 and Chick Hill (top) 09:20 and departs Jempson's at 11:30. Nominal charge of £1 return. There is no need to walk to the stops as the bus will stop when hailed if it is safe to do so.

M.O.P.P. ~ MARSHAM OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT

CENTRE FOR OLDER RESIDENTS OF Fairlight, Pett, Guestling, Three Oaks & Winchelsea

Meeting at Fairlight Village Hall, Broadway, every Friday at 10.30 - 3.30 pm
 Lunch, transport, exercises, health information and advice, together with visits from Podiatry and other health services, visits from local Farm shop, clothing shops, and social activities.

Cost: £4.50 To include lunch and refreshments

For further information or to arrange a visit one Friday ring **Sheila Thomas** co-ordinator on **01304 219767** or sheilaspan@btinternet.com or **Sylvia Gutsell 812544**

Home nail cutting service available ~ contact Sheila Thomas

MOPPs TRANSPORT - a bus will be coming through Pett each Friday to pick up outside Pett POST OFFICE around 10 am, then outside the Royal Oak at about 10.10 am. If you are unable to get to either of these pick-up points and need to be picked up from your home then please ring Sheila on 01304 219767 or Sylvia on 01424 812544

POPP ~ PETT OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT

Recently it was announced that POPP's would be opening on Tuesday September 6th, but unfortunately there has been a delay in receiving the promised funding from some outside agencies and therefore the start date has had to be delayed, hopefully by only a matter of a few weeks.

Have no doubts, it will open and as soon as the date is confirmed the POPP's committee will make sure all residents of Pett and the surrounding villages who have registered their interest will be notified.

If you know of anyone who is interested but has not yet let us know, from any of the local villages i.e. Fairlight, Pett, Guestling, Three Oaks, Icklesham and Winchelsea, then please contact **Sheila** on **01304 219767** or any of the committee members.

Thank you to all who have so kindly made donations or who have donated equipment, it has been very much appreciated. Thank you too to Mary and Peggy Peterson for their generous contributions.

Committee: Ann Nicholls 813043 - Sally Williams 813101 - Chrissie Penfold - 813414

| 347 | Pett – Hastings | | Monday – Friday | | | | | | | Saturday | |
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| Pett (Chick Hill) | 0819 | 0826 | 1002 | 1102 | 1242 | 1342 | 1442 | 1542 | 0826 | 1245 | |
| Pett (Church) | 0822 | 0829 | 1005 | 1105 | 1245 | 1345 | 1445 | 1545 | 0829 | 1248 | |
| Guestling (School) | 0829 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guestling (White Hart) | 0834 | 0834 | 1010 | 1110 | 1250 | 1350 | 1450 | 1550 | 0834 | 1253 | |
| Ore (Kings Head) | 0838 | 0848 | 1014 | 1114 | 1254 | 1354 | 1454 | 1554 | 0838 | 1257 | |
| Ore (Christ Church) | 0840 | 0840 | 1016 | 1116 | 1256 | 1356 | 1456 | 1556 | 0840 | 1259 | |
| West Hill (Whitefriars) | | | 1021 | 1121 | 1301 | 1401 | 1501 | | | 1304 | |
| Hastings (Harold Place) | 0849 | 0849 | 1025 | 1125 | 1305 | 1405 | 1505 | | 0849 | 1308 | |
| Hastings (Rail Station) | 0851 | 0851 | 1027 | 1127 | 1307 | 1407 | 1507 | | 0851 | 1310 | |
| Hastings – Pett | Monday – Friday | | | | | | | Saturday | | | |
| Hastings (Rail Station) | 0930 | 1030 | 1210 | 1310 | 1410 | 1510 | 1510 | 1735 | 1213 | 1735 | |
| Hastings (Queens Road) | 0935 | 1035 | 1215 | 1315 | 1415 | 1515 | 1515 | 1740 | 1218 | 1740 | |
| West Hill (Whitefriars) | 0940 | 1040 | 1220 | 1320 | 1420 | | | | 1223 | | |
| Ore (Christ Church) | 0945 | 1045 | 1225 | 1325 | 1425 | 1525 | 1525 | 1750 | 1228 | 1750 | |
| Ore (Kings Head) | 0947 | 1047 | 1227 | 1327 | 1427 | 1527 | 1527 | 1752 | 1230 | 1752 | |
| Guestling (White Hart) | 0951 | 1051 | 1231 | 1331 | 1431 | 1531 | 1531 | 1756 | 1234 | 1756 | |
| Guestling (School) | | | | | | | 1534 | | | | |
| Pett (Church) | 0956 | 1056 | 1236 | 1336 | 1436 | 1536 | 1542 | 1801 | 1239 | 1801 | |
| Pett (Chick Hill) | 0959 | 1059 | 1239 | 1339 | 1439 | 1539 | 1545 | 1804 | 1242 | 1804 | |

| 344 | Bus Time-Table | Hastings - Rye |
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| Hastings (Stn Int'change) | 0750 0850 0950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1450 1550 1650 1750 1855 | |
| Hastings (Breeds Place) | 0752 0852 0952 1052 1152 1252 1352 1452 1552 1652 1752 1857 | |
| Ore (Christchurch) | 0800 0900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1905 | |
| Fairlight Glen | 0803 0903 1003 1103 1203 1303 1403 1503 1603 1703 1803 1908 | |
| Fairlight Cove (Hotel) | 0809 0909 1009 1109 1209 1309 1409 1509 1609 1709 1809 1914 | |
| Pett Level | 0815 0915 1015 1115 1215 1315 1415 1515 1615 1715 1815 1920 | |
| Winchelsea (Smugglers) | 0819 0919 1019 1119 1219 1319 1419 1519 1619 1719 1819 1924 | |
| Winchelsea Beach | 0821 0921 1021 1121 1221 1321 1421 1521 1621 1721 1821 1926 | |
| Winchelsea (Bridge End) | 0824 0924 1024 1124 1224 1324 1424 1524 1624 1724 1824 1929 | |
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| Rye (Rail Stn) depart | 0703 | 0758 | 0813 | 0843 | 0928 | 1028 | 1128 | 1228 | 1328 | 1428 | 1533 | 1633 | 1733 |
| Winchelsea (Bridge) | 0709 | 0804 | 0819 | 0849 | 0934 | 1034 | 1134 | 1234 | 1334 | 1434 | 1539 | 1639 | 1739 |
| Winchelsea Beach | 0712 | 0807 | 0822 | 0852 | 0937 | 1037 | 1137 | 1237 | 1337 | 1437 | 1542 | 1642 | 1742 |
| Winchelsea (Smuggler) | 0714 | 0809 | 0824 | 0854 | 0939 | 1039 | 1139 | 1239 | 1339 | 1439 | 1544 | 1644 | 1744 |
| Pett Level | 0718 | 0813 | 0828 | 0858 | 0943 | 1043 | 1143 | 1243 | 1343 | 1443 | 1548 | 1648 | 1748 |
| Fairlight Cove (Hotel) | 0724 | 0819 | 0834 | 0904 | 0949 | 1049 | 1149 | 1249 | 1349 | 1449 | 1554 | 1654 | 1754 |
| Fairlight Glen | 0730 | 0825 | 0840 | 0910 | 0955 | 1055 | 1155 | 1255 | 1355 | 1455 | 1600 | 1700 | 1800 |
| Ore (Post Office) | 0733 | 0843 | 0843 | 0913 | 0958 | 1058 | 1158 | 1258 | 1358 | 1458 | 1603 | 1703 | 1803 |
| Hastings (Harold Place) | 0741 | 0851 | 0851 | 0921 | 1006 | 1106 | 1206 | 1306 | 1406 | 1506 | 1611 | 1711 | 1811 |
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A Message from your local Community Safety Partnership

Cold Callers and Rogue Traders ...



We need your help. We are concerned about rogue-traders and cold callers touting for home improvement business, such as roof repairs, tarmac and gardening, in your local area. During the past month East Sussex County Council Trading Standards and Sussex Police have received several complaints from people who have dealt with roofers and tarmacers calling at their door, uninvited. In some cases residents, like your self, have paid large sums of money over for shoddy, substandard and over priced work.

East Sussex County Council Senior Trading Standards Officer, Roger Cohen has said; "The Police and Local Authority are working closely together to target these individuals and would ask all residents to follow the simple steps below and report any suspicious people in their area".

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| ✓ DO take your time when you hear someone at the door - a genuine caller will wait, and this gives you opportunity to look and see who is there, using a door viewer or a window. | ✗ Do NOT let the caller into your house until you have verified the caller's identification. |
| ✓ DO fit and use a security chain every time you open the door. | ✗ Do NOT agree for anyone to carry out work in your house until you get a second opinion as to whether you actually need the work done. |
| ✓ DO always ask for identification, that you can verify by ringing his/ her employer. Use the telephone number from your local telephone book. It is not a good idea to ring the telephone number the caller gives you, as this may not be a genuine number! | ✗ Do NOT agree to any work where the caller says "We are only in the area today". |
| ✓ DO keep a list of numbers of your credit cards and important documents in case of loss. | ✗ Do NOT keep large sums of money in the house and keep purses out of sight, not near the door. |
| ✓ DO consult with the East Sussex County Council 'Buy with Confidence' Scheme when you want any trade work done. | |

If you are considering having home improvement works done, East Sussex Trading Standards Service can provide a directory of approved businesses, with over 270 members, reviewed weekly, covering a diverse range of trades, from home improvements through to professional services.

Please contact the 'Buy with Confidence' team on 01323 418215, or visit; buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Rother Neighbourhood Police Inspector James Scott says; "If you look after someone who is elderly or vulnerable, or have neighbours that are elderly or vulnerable please could we ask you to do all you can to reinforce those messages. We would ask that everyone is vigilant and contacts the Police at the time if they have suspicious callers at their address, or see any suspicious people in their neighbourhoods."

If you have any doubts, DO NOT let them in. To report Cold Callers and Rogue Traders please call East Sussex County Council Trading Standards on 0345 60 80 197. If you are unsure about any caller or think there may be suspicious people in your area, please call the Police on 0845 60 70 999. In an EMERGENCY always dial 999.



SOME VERY USEFUL NUMBERS

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| Gas board, in case of leaks | 0800 111 999 (24hrs) |
| EDF energy, overhead power lines or loss of electricity | 0800 783 8866 (24hrs) |
| Water board, burst pipes in roads | 0800 028 3399 (24hrs) |
| South East Water (Office hours only) | 0845 602 1724 |
| Police (Non emergency calls) | 0845 6070 999 |
| Fire (Non emergency calls) | 0845 1308 855 |
| Ambulance (Non emergency calls) | 01622 747010 |
| Conquest Hospital | 01424 755255 |
| Eastbourne Hospital | 01323 417400 |
| Bexhill hospital (ask for Bexhill Hospital and department) | 01424 755255 |
| NHS Direct (24hr call back system) | 0845 4647 |

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| Harold Road Surgery | 01424 437962 |
| Enquiries | 01424 720878 |
| Pett appointments | 01424 728872 |
| Guestling Surgery, Chapel Lane | 01424 814332 |
| Roebuck Surgery, Old Town Hastings | 01424 420378 |
| Shankill Surgery, Fairlight road | 0844 4772488 |

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| Samaritans | 0845 909090 (24hrs) |
| RSPCA emergency animal welfare | 0300 1234 999 (24hr) |
| Victim Support | 0845 3030 900 |

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| East Sussex County Council 24hr help line | 0345 123600 |
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| Rother District Council Town Hall, Bexhill | 01424 787878 |
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| Pest Control | 787545 |
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| Bus passes | 787999 |
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| Age Concern Rother Office | 01424 775721 |
| Rye Office | 01797 270459 |
| Information line | 0800 009966 |
| UK Passport Services | 0870 521 0410 |
| Social services | 0845 601 0644 |
| Lifeline | 01424 781234 |
| St Michaels Hospice 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards | 01424 445177 |
| Bus Enquiries (Traveline) | 0870 608 2608 |
| Pett Post Office | 01424 812161 |
| White Rock Theatre | 0870 145 1133 |

All information supplied was correct at time of going to press, but changes in contact names and numbers sometimes occur.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall is available for private hire – rates on request

| Name | Telephone No ~ Email | Responsibility |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Tim Jury | 813620 | Committee Member |
| Philippa Strickland | 814384 patrick@waitrose.com | Committee Member |
| Sally Williams | 813181 | Committee Member |

CONTACT DETAILS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE

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| Dance & Exercise Class | Robin Hutt | 813182 |
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| Preservation Trust | | |
| Gardening Club | Pauline Barker | 812872 |
| Latin American & Ballroom Dancing | Mr & Mrs Hall | 813356 |
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| P.N Distribution co-ordinator | Brenda Kirkham | 815022 |
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| Pilates | Gaby Valenti | 442304 |
| Short Mat Bowls | Linda Jaconelli | 431814 lindajaconelli@btinternet.com |
| Tennis Club | Dennis Lanner | 812430 lanner4ex@btinternet.com |
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| Yoga | Victoria Eldon | 01797 225007 |

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

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PETT PARISH COUNCIL – 2011/2012

| Councillors | Address | Telephone No: |
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RESPONSIBILITIES

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| Pett Village Hall Management Committee | Cllr. Jillian Green |
| Pett Sports Association | Cllr. Martin King and Paul Stapley |
| Police Community Consultative Group | Cllr. Mark Hall |
| Rother Association of Local Councils Representative | Cllrs. Paul Stapley and David Richards |
| Sussex Association of Local Councils | Cllrs. Andrew Dunlop, Martin King |
| Flood Wardens | Cllrs. Andrew Dunlop, Co-opted members District Cllr. Robin Patten, Brian Roberts |
| | Cllr. David Richards |

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Rother District Council (Marshall Ward)

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