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Hello

Once again Jackie is taking a well-earned rest this month. I know it is not protocol, but I will begin by apologizing for any editorial omissions, errors or mistakes - one month I may be able to emulate Jackie's high standard!

As part of the millennium celebrations, our new Village Hall was built. Eleven years later, the programme of upkeep and maintenance to prevent it falling into disrepair is becoming a major issue. Please see the Chairman's article on page 9 outlining the current situation. Contact any member of the committee (details are on page 43) if you feel you can help. Why not begin by entering a team in the village hall quiz on the 27th October?

After the events of summer and autumn, this seems to be a relatively quiet month, so enjoy reading this magazine at your leisure!

Information is also available at www.pettnet.co.uk

Please continue to send any articles, letters and features you wish to share, to any of the addresses below. Remember the deadline is the 15th of each month, although the sooner information is sent, the easier it is for the editor!

Sarah

Copy for the December edition can be sent to us by email on

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or delivered to me, Jackie Richards at Ambleside (815224), or Sarah Adams at Seawinds (812323), both on Pett Road. **The deadline for copy is MID-DAY the 15th September 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.

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NATURE NOTES

~ Avril Thurley

Cleaning up my greenhouse cacti is a pleasant job for a wet day. I use tweezers to pick off insects which the plants have "caught", and I am always intrigued that different types on cactus catch different insects, and that they do so even when not in flower. A cactus with long, sharp spines is relatively easy to handle, and if you do get spiked it's like being pricked with a needle. Some of the "furry" cacti are much more difficult, because each strand of fur has a tiny hook on the end, and woe betide you if you get one under your skin. They are almost impossible to remove, and are highly irritant. It is the latter type which catches most insects.

I don't feed the birds during the summer, as I like to think they might spend more time eating garden nasties such as aphids, so when I put out a nice selection of goodies in September it is always a pleasure to welcome back the different species. Doing without them for while serves to make them more welcome when they return – a bit like eating only fruit which is in season. Anyway, I have now been offering a good range of food for six weeks, and have welcomed back most of my regulars, but I have yet to see a starling. I know they are on the RSPB's list of birds at risk, but surely they are not going the same way as the bullfinches, tree sparrows, house martins and spotted flycatchers, all of which once bred in my garden here in Pett, but none of which apart from the occasional martin I even see

now. True, Pett is not the rural village it once was, but starlings are supposed to be widespread in suburbia, so where have they gone?

Whatever the weather there are always winners and losers, and the winners this year have been the slugs and snails – and rhubarb. I was still pulling sweet tender rhubarb until the beginning of September, when the stalks started to get stringy. The plants are now more than five feet across and still growing. The other huge success story was my cucumbers; I ended up with more than 60 from three plants and in the end I was stopping unsuspecting strangers in the street and begging them to take some off my hands.

NB note from Ed.

Dear Avril,
The starlings of Pett have been nesting in our roof, and others are thriving in the majority of south coast marinas!

PETT NATS

~ Avril Thurley

On November 16th one of our regular speakers, Melvin Smith, will be giving an illustrated lecture on "Bird Life".

If you are at all interested in birds – and who isn't – this will be a lovely evening with some superb photography.

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Coffee Morning

~ Sally Williams



A wet and windy morning and not quite as busy as usual but still lots of smiling faces turned up to the village hall coffee morning. It has been a busy month for coffee and cakes with the Macmillan coffee morning and the lovely display of cakes at Pett Church fair and how wonderful were all the fantastic scarecrows. Well done to everyone who made them I really wanted to take them home for my garden! We look forward to seeing you all on the 7th November at 1000h.

Friends of Pett Church

~ Jillian Green



The Friends of Pett Churches will be hosting a Christmas coffee morning, at the village hall, on **Saturday 8th December from 10 - 12**

There will be seasonal refreshments and raffle. The village choir will be singing Christmas songs. A local nursery will be selling plants and gifts and there will be stalls with a variety of goods, including homemade cakes and sweets.

All proceeds will go to the maintenance of the Church building and churchyard. We would be grateful for offers of help or goods to sell.

If you are able to help, please contact Jillian on 813841

Macmillan Coffee Morning

~ WWWWWW!



Jo and the Wibbly Wobbly Women Wot Walk Wednesdays would like to thank all those people who donated raffle prizes, goods to sell, cakes, plants etc. and gave up their time to help on the 28th September. We were able to send **£538** to Macmillan for their funds. Well done Pett villagers!

Can Anyone help?

~ Sarah Willoughby

Dear Clerks,
We are putting together some display boards showing what Parish and Town Councils have been up to. These display boards will be shown at the Action In Rural Sussex and Sussex Associations of Local Councils AGMs, taking place on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at the South of England Showground, Ardingly. I would be grateful if you could send in any up to date pictures, press releases, articles, newsletters etc. for us to use on these displays. Please let me have any items you can provide by **Friday 2nd November 2012**.

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Help!

Pett Village Hall Needs You

~ Ray Barden

The Village Hall is a huge asset for Pett since being built in 2001. Most people that use it, or attend functions or clubs held in the hall, are probably unaware of the amount of money needed to maintain and keep the hall to a high standard.

In the past, revenue has kept pace with the running costs needed, but the hall is now 11 years old and some of the fixtures and fittings need to be replaced. The highest cost for the near future involves replacement of the wooden floor in the main hall. Over the last couple of years there has been a leak in the under floor heating system which cannot be located and this has resulted in the floor lifting. Once the leak has been isolated we can think about replacing the floor, but the quote has come in at £13,000.00 + VAT.

Also other substantial costs have been paid were for:

- Sewage pumps £475.00
- 2 new central heating boilers £2188.00
- Replacement gas pipe to upgrade the heating system £1145.00
- Sanding and polishing of floor £3110.00

- Outside decoration £2452.00
- Lowering main hall lights £1703.00

We are also looking to replace the urn/water boiler which will cost £400.00 and that is on top of the cost of the utilities which, as we all know, seem to be more expensive each year.

At the moment the hall accounts are in the black **BUT** some of the work which needs to be done would wipe it out completely as we are looking at needing to raise at least £20,000.00 plus VAT.

Please can you help keep the Village Hall solvent otherwise there is a grave concern it might have to be closed.

The management committee would like to hear from you with any ideas you may have for fundraising events etc.

The committee meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and we are looking for fresh ideas and faces to come along and take part in the worthwhile job of running Pett Village Hall.

And if you would just like to make a donation to the Village Hall all money received will make a difference as to whether Pett has a Village Hall or not.

Pett Village Hall Committee

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Serves 4

400 g cubed fish such as salmon and cod	200 g prawns
1 large onion, very finely sliced	1 leek, shredded
3 garlic cloves, crushed	150 ml white wine
12 dried or fresh lasagne sheets	Spinach, wilted
2 hard boiled eggs, sliced	2 tbsp tarragon, chopped
50 g parmesan cheese, grated	50 g unsalted butter
50 g plain flour	700 ml milk
Salt and pepper	

Preheat the oven to 200C/Gas 6.

Cook the onion, leek and garlic in some oil for 5 minutes until softened, add the wine and cook for a further 2 minutes. Place the spinach in a large pan with a splash of water, place a lid on and cook for 1-2 minutes, squeeze out any excess water and season.

Meanwhile to make the béchamel sauce, melt the butter over a medium heat, then whisk in the flour, cook for 1-2 minutes, gradually pour in the warmed milk and continue whisking until you have a smooth sauce, reduce heat, then add the onion mixture, tarragon and season.

Assemble the lasagne in a greased oven dish by layering the béchamel, pasta, fish, spinach and eggs alternatively, finishing with the béchamel, add the grated parmesan and cook in the oven for 40 minutes.

Serve with the rocket salad and some ciabatta bread.

Courgette and red onion cakes with avocado salsa ~ makes 12

plain flour 200g	egg 1
milk 200ml	courgettes 2, grated
red onion 1 halved and thinly sliced	olive oil
avocado 1 large, chopped	lemon juice 1 tbsp
coriander a small bunch, chopped	spring onions 4, sliced
soured cream to serve	

To make the batter, put the flour in a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Beat the egg with the milk and then pour into the well in the flour and whisk to make a thick, smooth batter. Add the courgette and red onion. Add some seasoning and stir.

Heat the oven 120C/fan 100C/gas 1/2. Heat a little oil in a wide non-stick frying pan. Add a large spoonful of the batter and fry for 3 minutes on each side or until golden and cooked through. Cook 3-4 cakes at a time (keep the cooked ones warm on a baking sheet in the oven while you cook the rest).

Mix the avocado with the lemon juice, coriander, spring onions and some seasoning. Serve the cakes with the salsa and some soured cream on the side.

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Committee Members: Sheila - 01304 219767 Ann - 813043 Chrissie - 813414

POPP FUTURE CALENDAR

Tuesday	6 th November	Hat Day (Stories of our hats)
Tuesday	13 th November	Keith Osborne - Music for Health
Tuesday	20 th November	Regency Singers
Tuesday	27 th November	Tai Chi - Annie Crier

FOUR WEEK NOVEMBER MENU

Tuesday	6 th November	Sausage & Onions - Apple Crumble
Tuesday	13 th November	Ham, Egg, Chips & Peas - Bread & Butter Pudding
Tuesday	20 th November	Roast of the day, Roast Potatoes, Veg - Ice Cream Sundae
Tuesday	27 th November	Steak and Ale Pie - Cheesecake

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POPP's FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Pett Older Peoples Project celebrated the first year of opening on Tuesday 2nd October. Members enjoyed country dancing, with Dennis Langley narrating the dances. This was followed by a cold Buffet lunch, and music and sing along with Brian Howard on the keyboard. The Party ended with birthday cake and the hokey cokey. POPP members will continue to celebrate by participating on an outing to Lathe Barn at Romney Marsh on 23rd October, more details of that next month.

Thanks to all who help in this project to make it so successful.

Our request last month for some new dessert spoons was answered, so thank you to those of you that donated some. It really was appreciated.

Also, a very big thank you to all our new volunteers, you guys are great. We now have enough to cover our weekly meetings on a rota basis which makes life a lot easier.

Don't forget that if you know someone that would benefit from coming to POPP for a very social and informative day with a hot lunch and transport to get them there, then please call. They can live in any local location and would be made most welcome.

For more information ring: Sheila, Ann or Chrissie

Do you know? ~ John Taylor

Do you know about 'Selling Wives'?

After being married for 56 plus years, I have no intention of 'getting rid' of my wife: We've got used to each other all this time, and marrying her was the wisest thing I have ever done!

However the practice of selling wives was quite common at one time. In the late 17th century wife selling was a way of ending an unsatisfactory marriage by mutual agreement, when divorce was a practical impossibility for all but the very wealthy. There is an account from 1302 of someone 'who granted his wife to another man', and until the passing of the Marriage Act of 1753, a formal ceremony of marriage was not a legal requirement as marriages were unregistered (though recorded in Parish registers). All that was required was for both parties to agree to the union, as long as they had reached the legal age of consent, which was 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Women were completely subordinate to their husbands after marriage. Married women could not own property in their own right and were themselves the property of their husbands. For many women, their sale was the only way out of an unhappy marriage. Some of these sales embodied a deed of separation and in many cases the purchaser was the wife's lover. After parading his wife with a halter round her neck, arm or waist, a husband publicly auction her to the highest bidder (quite often at the local

market or tavern). This had no basis in law but became fairly common from the end of the 17th century right through to the early 20th century. One of the last recorded cases is that of a wife being sold to her husband's workmate for £1 in 1913.

Prices paid for wives varied enormously, from a high of £100 plus £25 for each of her two children in 1865 (equal to about £11,000 now) to a glass of ale. The lowest amount of money exchanged seems to have been three farthings (five eighths of one penny today). However, the usual price was between 2s. 6d. and 5 shillings (12 ½ and 25p). Money seemed to be a secondary consideration. More importantly was that the sale was seen by many as legally binding despite it having no true basis in law. Clergy and magistrates knew of the custom but seemed uncertain of its legitimacy and chose to turn a blind eye to it.



Local papers often reported the sale of wives and the following are recorded in the Sussex Weekly Advertiser. In November 1790 a man sold his wife one evening for half a pint of gin, duly handed her over next morning in a halter, but changed his mind and bought her back 'at an advanced price'. At Lewes in July 1797 a blacksmith sold his wife to one of his journeymen 'agreeably to an engagement drawn up by an attorney for that purpose'. In Brighton in February 1799 a man named Staines 'sold his wife by private contract, for 5s and eight pots of beer, to one James Marten of the same place'. In about 1820 a woman named Smart was sold at Horsham for 3s. 6d. to a man named Steere, and lived with him at Billingshurst. Steere afterwards discovered that Smart had sold her because she had 'qualities which he could

no longer endure', and Steere, discovering the same qualities himself, sold her to another man named Greenfield. This man put up with her (and her qualities) till he died.

So if you feel that it is about time you thought about 'selling' your wife, I'm afraid you are living in the wrong century. More's the pity! I think not!!



WAS SHE A



OR A



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Matilda Spagget turned out to be a nun – and if you took part in the Treasure Hunt in and around the church at the Michaelmas Extravaganza at the end of September you will know that her middle name was Christabella and that she was 75 years old when she died.

The winners were drawn out of a hat and were:-

1st – Avril Thurley, £10; 2nd – Carolyn Clayton, £6; and 3rd – John and Rosemary Moon, £4.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Michaelmas Extravaganza ~ John Taylor



WOW! What a wonderful end to September. What a glorious sunny day (one of the few we've had this summer). The event held by the Parish church on the 29th of last month was a huge success and raised over a £1,000 for the church.

Any visitors would have been surprised to see so many really splendid scarecrows outside the church together with Tombola,

Produce, Trash and Treasure, Home Made Sweets and Cakes stalls. A wonderful array of refreshments too helped to attract people. Inside the church were a number of stalls showing various craft work, flowers and other attractions such as guess the weight of a superb iced fruit cake, and treasure hunts.

The Scarecrow competition was judged by the Chairman of Pett Parish Council, Andrew Dunlop, who had a difficult task sorting out the best of an excellent collection. The winning scarecrow can be seen on the right in the above picture.

Pett owes its thanks to the committee consisting of Angela Hawksley, Gill Plank, Pauline Barker, Val Gill, Doreen Goodsell and Cathy Norris for organising such a colourful and enjoyable day. A steady stream of folk explored what was on offer, including sampling the fantastic refreshments produced by Doreen Goodsell and her team. And a heartfelt thank you to

all the local people who came to support us by sharing their craft and expertise. What talent we have locally!

So to everyone who took part and to everyone who came to see it – a big thank you – a great day - here's to the next one!





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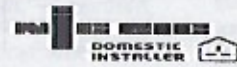


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Allotment News ~ Mike Wilkins, Chair

We are coming to the end of what has been a very difficult season for us, beset by drought in the early weeks and then cool and monsoon-like weather more latterly. Many of us made false starts, encouraged initially by the early warm dry weather, but we still achieved creditable results and ubiquitous gluts. I see that that a Professor Rowan Sutton concludes that our increasingly wetter summers are caused by a warming of the North Atlantic towards the end of the last century. He also predicts that the pattern may revert to drier summers very quickly. I also note that the professor does not guarantee his prediction, and does not predict when this is likely to happen. Given that anything can happen at any time we on the allotments are learning to build on experience and live by our wits. Whatever happens next year we will be better prepared – onwards and upwards as I am sure somebody once said. November is the month for soil preparation. The purpose is to get nutrients back into the soil and to start the breakdown of compacted soil in readiness for preparing the fine tilth required for growing. This is also an opportunity to get rid of any persistent weeds and, for those digging the soil, expose pests which may be hiding under the surface to a certain death at the beak of birds. Typically the soil is dug and turned over to maybe one spit, or spade depth. At the same time manure or compost can be turned into the soil, or alternatively can be left until after digging and spread over the surface. Some subscribe to the 'no-dig' method

whereby, after weeding, manure or compost is laid over the soil leaving the worms and weather to break down the soil. To dig or not to dig? As with most things allotment there is no right or wrong way. The best way is whatever works for you. As one plot holder said to me – "I subscribe to the no dig method – my partner does all the digging!".

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Gardening Club ~ Sue Dengate

Our meeting for October was in two parts firstly our local expert William Hurton came to talk to us about his time as a trainee at Great Dixter where he worked for Christopher Lloyd both in the garden and also in the house, lighting the fire, preparing vegetables and even some flower arranging. William first went to Great Dixter for work experience and then was able to get a placement as a trainee all of which must have been a wonderful time for him learning from the great man about vegetable growing - a passion of his. All of this illustrated with pictures of the Lloyd family over the time since they purchased Great Dixter (including interiors of the kitchen etc.) to when a very

young man could be seen hard at work chopping wood and digging away on the estate. Then Tara Culley, who works at Great Dixter brought us up to date with what has happened since Christopher Lloyd's death and the Trust set up to manage the future of the buildings and gardens. This was also illustrated with pictures of the repair and restoration work, the new educational building conversions and those now working and studying at Dixter. This is a major project and requires constant funding from the Lottery and visitor receipts. William and Tara obviously love Great Dixter and appreciate what a great man Christopher Lloyd was and how important this garden is in the world of gardening. We all enjoyed the evening and very much appreciated the care and expertise shown by William and Tara in putting their presentation together for us. For our next meeting on Tuesday, 13th November we will welcome Dr. Barry Yates, manager of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve who will talk to us about this wonderful place which is just on our door step. 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Fairlight Players ~ Keith Miller

You have just a few days left to get your tickets for the Fairlight Players' autumn play, "And This Was Odd" by Kenneth Horne, a delightful comedy featuring a whole bunch of "odd" characters. Two members of the cast are making their debut on the Fairlight stage, namely Jodie Snow and Bez Cuss, although

anyone who saw the Rye Players' production of Treasure Island might recognise the latter as Long John Silver ... this time appearing with both legs and no parrot. There are also a number of the old faithful, including Pett resident, David Burchell, who plays the muttering manservant with a taste for whisky ... other people's whisky. The play is directed by Keith Miller, taking a break from treading the boards himself and, as always, supported by a large team of enthusiastic helpers. "And This Was Odd" will play from 8th-10th November, and tickets are now available from Fairlight Post Office. More details can be found on the Fairlight Players website at www.fairlightplayers.org.uk or telephone our always obliging secretary, Carol Ardley, on 01424 814178.

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VH Village Hall – RG Recreation Ground – NBC New Beach Club – MC Methodist Chapel

Thursday 1 st	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.15 am & 10.30 am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30 pm
Friday 2 nd	Badminton	VH	10 am
	MOPPs	Fairlight VH	10.30 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Monday 5 th	Flowerpots Play Group	VH	9.30 am
	Pilates	VH	7 pm
	Village Choir	MC	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	NBC	8.30 pm
Tuesday 6 th	POPP's	VH	10.30 am – 2.30 pm
	British Legion	NBC	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 7 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Zumba	VH	6 pm
Thursday 8 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.15 am & 10.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7.30 pm
Friday 9 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	MOPPs	Fairlight VH	10.30 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Sunday 11 th	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 12 th	Flowerpots Play Group	VH	9.30 am
	Pilates	VH	7 pm
	Village Choir	MC	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	NBC	8.30 pm
Tuesday 13 th	POPP's	VH	10.30 am
	Garden Club	VH	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 14 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.10 – 10.40 am
		Chick Hill	10.50 – 11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.20 – 11.45 am
	Zumba	VH	6 pm
	Live Music	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Thursday 15 th	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.15 & 10.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7.30 pm
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	Jumble Sale	VH	1.30 pm
Sunday 18 th	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 19 th	Flowerpots Play Group	VH	9.30 am
	Pilates	VH	7 pm
	Quiz Night	NBC	8.30 pm
Tuesday 20 th	POPP's	VH	10.30 am

	Parish Council	VH	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 21 st	Zumba	VH	6 pm
	Live Music	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Thursday 22 nd	Dance & Exercise Class	VH	9.15 & 10.30 am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7.30 pm
Friday 23 rd	Badminton	VH	10 am
	MOPPs	Fairlight VH	10.30 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm
Saturday 24 th	Quiz Night	VH	7.30 pm
Sunday 25 th	Boathouse	VH	10.30 am
Monday 26 th	Flowerpots Play Group	VH	9.30 am
	Pilates	VH	7 pm
	Village Choir	MC	7.30 pm
	Quiz Night	NBC	8.30 pm
Tuesday 27 th	POPP's	VH	10.30 am
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	8.30 pm
Wednesday 28 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.10 – 10.40 am
		Chick Hill	10.50 – 11.10 am
		Smuggler	11.20 – 11.45 am
	Zumba	VH	6 pm
	Live Music	Royal Oak	8.30 pm
Thursday 29 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	3 pm & 7.30 pm
Friday 30 th	Badminton	VH	10 am
	MOPPs	Fairlight VH	10.30 am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2 pm

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High-Flying Bird Scares Local Fish

~ Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trusts



There was high excitement around the Shoreham area during late August and September when a migrating osprey decided to hang around the area. This particular individual was a young bird thought to be from Scotland and likely to be on its way to the shores off West Africa where most European born ospreys spend the winter. It was spotted a number of times and at various different places in the area and some lucky people even saw it dive into the River Adur on occasions and come up grasping a mullet. We saw it a few times over the nature reserve at Woods Mill and I managed to get most of my colleagues out to see it the first time as it circled fairly lowly over the lake, undoubtedly eying up the plentiful carp below. The enclosed nature of our lake and the fact that it was the school holidays, which meant the reserve had quite a few visitors at the time, probably dissuaded the osprey from plunging for the fish, but I hoped it might come back another time.

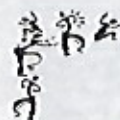
One consequence of the osprey's visit to Woods Mill was the effect it had on a visiting family. Mark Taylor, his wife and three young children were quietly sitting by the lake when they were suddenly surrounded by lots of people pointing at the sky and jostling for a view through the pairs of binoculars being passed around. When the bird appeared overhead Mark, who happened to have a pretty impressive camera with him, took some photographs of the bird, and by now was realising there was something a bit special going on. When the osprey passed over for the third time, his eldest daughter was really getting into the swing of it and was jumping up and down with excitement shouting 'There it is, there it is!'

I'm sure she will remember this for many years to come, if not all her life and who knows, it might have kick-started a life-long passion for wildlife. We did receive this lovely e-mail from Mark:

'I am pleased that at least I could provide an image that could be of some use even though I was not set up for bird photography. For me it was good to share the excitement that the staff at the reserve showed and indeed this was evident by the ever increasing buzz around my little family as we ate our lunch. This sort of passion for the environment and what creatures live with us is what I would like my children to inherit so well done for the encouragement and providing somewhere that they can see nature in its glory and in this case "rare" glory.'

Close encounters with such spectacular creatures can have a profound effect on people of any age and a close-up view of an osprey such as this would stay in the memory for a long time. As for 'our' osprey, it is, by the time you read this, probably somewhere in the Mediterranean area or even may have reached Africa. But the good news is, unless you are a fish of course, they are doing pretty well at the moment. Numbers and sightings are increasing now and the likelihood of you seeing an osprey in Sussex grows every year. It is not out of the realms of possibility that they might even breed in the county in the not too distant future.

Now that would be a good reason to jump up and down with excitement.



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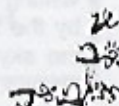
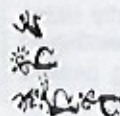
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PETT CHURCH NEWS ~ Meriel Deasy, Pett Level

At the time of writing neither the Jumble Sale or our new Rector's first service and lunch will have taken place!

However, I am sure that Pett, with it's usual panache, will have supported both events and I say thank you, in advance, to everyone.

November looks to be a comparatively quiet month, then it will be "eyes down, look in" for December and Christmas.

OUR NEXT SERVICES

4 th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion David Wotton
11 th November	10.30 am	Remembrance Day <i>(Please note the change of time – this is so that we can share the nationwide act of Remembrance at 11 am)</i>
18 th November	8.00 am	Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion, Pett Level followed by a breakfast Party – please take note that you have to attend the 8.00 am service if you want breakfast!!
25 th November	9.30am	Holy Communion

There are no records.

A PRAYER FOR PETT

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'

At this time of Remembrance, Lord, we recall those who have died in the service of their country, and we pray for the peace of the world.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation; give them understanding of your righteous will; that the tragedy and horror of war may be averted for our coming generations.

We pray for all those in our parish who are currently serving with the armed forces, and for those who have family and friends also serving, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. Give them your strength that they may cope with their anxieties, and please watch over their loved ones. Pray also for the work of the Royal British Legion, the United Nations and all organisations striving for peace.

District Councillor's Report ~ Cllr. Robin Patten

The election for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is fast approaching. Judging from the reaction I have had in the village there is not much enthusiasm for it but it is important to remember just how much the person in this position will affect all of us. The PCC will be elected for a four year term and the Home Office describes their role as cutting crime and delivering effective and efficient policing and meeting community needs as effectively as possible and also working in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime. They will be responsible for appointing the Chief Constable and holding him to account for the running of their force; producing a five year Police and Crime plan, following consultation with the public, victims of crime and the Police and Crime Panel, a formal body of local authority and lay members who will be able both to challenge and support the PCC; setting the policing budget and making crime and disorder reduction grants to other organisations such as community safety partnerships. The PCC will not run the Police as their role is to be the voice of the people and hold the Chief Constable to account. One also needs to be aware that the PCC will have control over a large budget distributing policing grants from central

government and for setting the precept raised through our Council Tax.

From a purely personal point of view I regret that the selection of candidates has been largely and inevitably 'politicised' and all the main parties have named their candidates. To me the concern is how the successful candidate will relate to and meet with our concerns whether we live in East Sussex, West Sussex or Brighton and Hove. However it is an important election, the doom mongers are forecasting a minimal poll but I would urge you to read the respective manifestos and vote for the candidate who will be having a very significant impact on our lives.

At the recent Parish Council meeting there was some confusion as to the impact and effect on residents from the Government's decision to abolish Council Tax Benefits (CTB) and require us to devise our own new local Council Tax Support scheme (CTS). In essence, commencing in April 2013 Central Government will cut nearly £9m (10%) of our funding in the Rother area as part of their ongoing deficit reduction plan and require Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council to make up the shortfall. As far as Rother is concerned the cupboard is getting just a bit bare as we have already found some 30% saving as well as taking on various other cost saving initiatives most recently being the

Joint Waste contract. The Council intends to take advantage of the Governments proposals to reduce the periods that people are entitled to for specific discounts or exemptions on their Council Tax. This focuses primarily on classes A and C which relate to properties in need of structural repair and properties left empty. The additional income this brings will be used to help meet part of the £9m loss of funding but it will not bridge the whole amount needed. In designing our scheme the Government have stated that pensioners must be protected from any reduction and that they will continue to receive the same level of support as they do under the current CTB scheme. As a result any reduction in support has to come from those of working age. The draft CTS scheme that we have produced and which has been out to public consultation, endeavours to encourage people into work yet protect the most vulnerable. However it is not possible to provide the current amount of financial support towards Council Tax bills for all working age residents on low incomes. This means that working age people who currently do not pay anything towards Council Tax will have to do so from April 2013. The final scheme will have to be agreed and decided upon by full Council in January and the results of

the consultation will be taken into account for that determination.

HALLOWEEN

The PVH Management Committee will be hosting an evening for all ages to enjoy taking part in a Fancy Dress competition, games, a bonfire - sadly no fireworks - and the best BBQ sausages, burgers and mulled wine around.

Unfortunately the Village Hall is being used on the traditional Halloween date so be sure to turn up on **Sunday 28th October**. It is half term so no school for the children on Monday - Hooray! Everyone is welcome so please come along for the evening, *the more the scarier*, and we look forward to seeing you there.



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~ Mary Saint

War Horse

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1 November

Directed by Steven Spielberg and set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War, *War Horse* begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him. When they are forcefully parted, the film follows Joey's extraordinary journey as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring the lives of all those he meets – British cavalry, German soldiers and a French farmer and his granddaughter – before the story reaches its emotional climax in the heart of No Man's Land. The First World War is experienced through the journey of this horse – an odyssey of joy and sorrow, passionate friendship and high adventure. *War Horse* is one of the great stories of friendship and war – a best-selling book by author Michael Morpurgo, it was turned into an award-winning stage production and now comes to screen in an epic adaptation by one of the great directors in film history. You will need box of hankies for this one!



All In Good Time

12

6 December

East is East writer Ayub Khan-Din returns with another funny, tender-hearted portrait of family strife. Based on his popular play *Rafta, Rafta* (itself inspired by Bill Naughton's 1960s classic *The Family Way*), the film is set in Bolton where Atul and Vina are celebrating their marriage. However, a honeymoon spent with his parents was not part of their plans. Thoughtless patriarch Eeshwar seems determined to emasculate and embarrass his son. As the weeks pass, consummating their union becomes an impossibility that threatens the couple's entire future. A breezy mixture of heartbreak and hilarity, *All in Good Time* also offers peerless performances from original stage stars Harish Patel and Meera Syal.



Please do not forget, all are welcome to join the Society and enjoy an evening watching a film for as little as £4.00 per show with like-minded people in the local environment of Pett Village Hall. If you wish to know more about the Society, please email me on chris@saintfamily.net or telephone on 813047. Alternatively, you can view all programme details on www.pettnet.co.uk. All films start at 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.00pm.



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Dear Editor,

What a depressing and unreasonable letter from G.Harris in the October magazine complaining about the noise from the dance in the Flower Show tent! Surely once a year we can put with noise into the early hours. It is so unusual in our village to have an event which appeals to younger people and we should be very grateful to those who organise it. Long may it continue!

Angela Hawksley

Dear Editor,

Please could we have a Christmas Greetings page in the December edition of Pett Parish News, for those of us who would like to send greetings to all in the village? This would also be of benefit to those who are unable to walk throughout

the parish in potentially inclement weather conditions!

Noma Machin

Note from Ed.

I am sure this is possible Norma, depending on space availability. I will discuss it with Jackie on her return.

In view of the plea by the Village Hall Committee (see page 9), may I suggest donations to the Village Hall be made when sending greetings?

Dear Editor,

I wonder if you are aware that East Sussex Fire Authority is currently consulting the public on a proposal to downgrade the Ridge Fire Station in order to save money. This proposal WILL directly impact on you. For further information please contact Sandie Bell on 07834997216

Rachel Crouch

Pett Bowls Club
~ Jenny Latter

Our outdoor season has now finished and most of our members either play indoors at Falaise or short mat bowls in Pett Villiage Hall during the Winter season. We finished in 7th position out of 11 in the Mermaid League and hope to do better next season.

Several members of Pett Bowls Club are off to Cliftonville in November for a Merry Berry Bowls Weekend. We play at Thanet Indoor Bowls Club in Cliftonville and usually a good time is had by all.

For further details concerning Pett Bowls Club, please contact our Secretary Barry Quaife on 01424 432897.

Pett WI
~ Heather Godwin

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INSPIRING WOMEN

"Memories after the War" was the subject of Mrs Vieler's talk in October. Some of us could remember that time, with rationing and austerity – but for others it was before our time!

In November we look at the "business side" of our Institute with the Annual General Meeting and committee election. Although this may sound a little dull this is your chance to say what you would like to see in the coming year and Pett WI will be celebrating its 95th year with a Birthday Cake!

Already planned for next year are talks on animal homeopathy, bees, flower arranging, and a performance by a well-known local poet. We truly want to be celebrating our 100 years in 1917 so please come along, see what it's all about and enjoy a super tea, too!

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One supporter who has dedicated stars for a number of years is Aimee Rowley, 31. Aimee said, "I could probably fill half a tree with dedications to those I have loved and lost and I can't think of a better way to remember them than to light a star in their memory. My Poppa, Nan and Mum were all touched by the miracle that is St Michael's Hospice and I know that they would be proud to see me continuing the support that they once gave."

This year the Lights of Love services will take place on Sunday December 9th at 3pm, with the official Illumination ceremonies following at 4pm. Services will be held at the Hospice grounds and locations in Hastings Old Town, Battle, Bexhill, Rye and Ticehurst.

Aimee continued, "Whether it was respite, palliative care or the Hospice at Home team, my family and I were always amazed by the support and companionship provided by St Michael's. That's why every year I help light up the magnificent trees by dedicating a

star to celebrate the lives of those who made Christmas for me."

To receive a Lights of Love pack, please email Perdita on pchamberlain@stmichaelsospice.com or call the Hospice on 01424 445177. You can also dedicate a star from the convenience of your PC or phone by visiting www.smh-lightsoflove.org

Pet Safety on Bonfire Night

~ RSPCA

Fireworks can be a source of fear for many animals. It doesn't have to be that way though, so don't ignore the problem. Seek advice from your vet who will if necessary, be able to refer you to a clinical animal behaviourist. You can also follow our top tips to make firework celebrations less frightening for your pet.

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- * Make sure your pet always has somewhere to hide, and has access to this place at all times.
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- * At nightfall close windows and curtains and put on music to mask and muffle sounds of fireworks
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