



February, 2003

# PARISH NEWS



**"The Rector's Reflections in Rosemary and Peter James Lanes"**  
**or**  
**"Bernard's Baffling Bemusements whilst traversing the Benefice"**

**"Flaming Vicars, Flaming Sermons"**

Apparently I nearly went up in flames! If it hadn't been for a member of the congregation who shouted a warning, I could have been an extra light to the Carols by Candlelight. At St Andrew's it was a true candlelit service, not a hint of electricity anywhere, candles everywhere. Those enthusiastically placed on the pulpit did not take into account the new Rector's habit of waving his arms about in his cleric's long sleeved surplice.

My going up in flames would have given a new meaning to St Paul's injunction to '*Be aglow with the Spirit*' or to quote the whole verse, '*Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, Serve the Lord.*'

Maybe that's something we Christians can do, no I do not mean go up in flames, but be *aglow with the Spirit of God*. Be enthusiastic and excited about the Christian faith we share, just as Paul was. Jesus, too, would certainly not have had the effect on people if he had been passionless and dull. Reading the gospels we are convinced there was something about Him that was compelling and passionate. It still has its effect today on those who wish to be his disciples. His Light of Life can be our light of life. Perhaps not to the extent it shone in Him, but nevertheless we can shine. Having an inner light of contentedness and trust in Christ can be much more powerful than any sermon or evangelistic programme. What we are speaks more loudly than what we say. So let's go up in flames of the Spirit and let our lights shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

With every blessing

Bernard Crosby



GUESTLING ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2003

- 2 MORNING PRAISE - Presentation of Christ (Gold/White)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Miss M Deasy  
 FLOWERS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs M Smith, Mrs Gilbey  
 SIDESMEN - Mr Jennings, Mr Barnett  
 READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Malachi 3:1-5  
 - Mr Greenwood - Hebrews 2:14-18
- 9 PARISH COMMUNION - 4th Sunday before Lent (Green)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Stace  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Williams, Mr Challacombe  
 ELEMENTS - Mr Jury, Mrs Betson  
 READERS - Mrs Wicking - Isaiah 40:21-31  
 - Mrs M Smith - 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- 16 MORNING PRAISE - 3rd Sunday before Lent - Education Sunday -  
 Special service in conjunction with Guestling Bradshaw School (Green)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull, Miss Quaife  
 SIDESMEN - to be advised  
 READERS - to be advised
- 23 PARISH COMMUNION - 2nd Sunday before Lent (Green)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Lady Ashburnham  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs M Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
 ELEMENTS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Gilbey  
 READERS - Mr Barnett - Proverbs 8:1, 22-31  
 - Miss Groves - Colossians 1:15-20
- March
- 2 MORNING PRAISE - Sunday next before Lent (Green)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Miss M Deasy  
 FLOWERS - Mrs J Perry, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Beal  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Betson, Mr Barnett  
 READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - 2 Kings 2:1-12  
 - Lady Ashburnham - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS FEBRUARY 2003

- 2 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mr & Mrs J Taylor  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mr & Mrs T Hindson  
 SERVER - Mr T Coby  
 READER - Mrs J Coby - Hebrews 2:14-18  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 9 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - COMMON WORSHIP - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP - Pett  
 LEADER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 SIDESPERSON - Mrs D Goodsell  
 READERS - to be arranged
- 16 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Mrs K Jury  
 SERVER - Mr T Coby  
 READER - Mrs B Vick - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 23 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - 2 Corinthians 11:19-31  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs M Parsons
- 9.30am MORNING PRAYER - Pett  
 LEADER/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mrs D Goodsell  
 READERS - Mrs J Coby - Proverbs 8:1, 22-31  
 - Mrs M Newton - Colossians 1:15-20
- March
- 2 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mr & Mrs J Taylor  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mrs D Goodsell  
 SERVER - Mr J Underwood  
 READER - Mrs F Taylor - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack



**SERVICES IN FAIRLIGHT**

2 February - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
 8.00am Holy Communion - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Family Service - Bernard Crosby

9 February - 4th Sunday before Lent  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Owen Thomas  
 6.30pm Evening Prayer - Bernard Crosby

16 February - 3rd Sunday before Lent - Education Sunday  
 8.00am Holy Communion - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Parish Communion - Humphrey Newman  
 6.30pm Praise and Worship - St Andrew's - 'Redemption Celebration'

23 February - 2nd Sunday before Lent  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Meriel Deasy  
 6.30pm Holy Communion - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby

2 March - Sunday next before Lent  
 8.00am Holy Communion - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Family Service - Bernard Crosby

**IN THE REGISTERS**

28 January Mr Ronald Walter Wakeham (Ron) 90 years

The many friends of Ron, a well known and loved figure at Pett Level, have been saddened by his death on Monday 13 January - as it so happens, the anniversary of his beloved wife Bet. Ron and Bet have had connections with Pett Level going back over many years, both as residents and second home owners. As a couple they contributed much to the life of the community - helping with local fund raising activities, especially the Preservation Trust of which Ron was an early Trustee and Treasurer.

Their home was always open to friends and, after Betty's death, Ron continued this tradition. He was a good pianist, loved a home cooked meal and enjoyed playing golf. His familiar tall, almost military figure, complete with pipe and tobacco pouch will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with Peter and Brian (his sons) and with their families.

God be with you Ron. Be at peace.

I would like to thank everybody for their love, support and messages of sympathy so kindly given to me on the death of my mother, Anne Quaife.

Jackie Quaife

ALPHA begins on

Thursday 30 January, 7.00pm at Timberscombe Cottage,  
 Channel Way, Fairlight

and will continue weekly until 15 April.

If you are interested but did not attend the Introductory Evening in January, don't worry - we will still be delighted to see you there. Alpha is for anyone and everyone who is interested in discovering more about the Christian faith.

For details, contact

Revd Bernard Crosby - 812799

Mr John Miles - 812913

Mr Graham Atfield - 717382

**PETT VILLAGE HALL - FUTURE EVENTS**

6 February

Film "Road to Perdition" - see Flicks in the Village

22 February

**A Night at the Races** at 7.30pm. A chance to enjoy the fun of going to the races without the hassle of a long journey! An introductory film will set the scene for the evening's entertainment and a professional compere will explain the rules and introduce the tote betting system. All eight races have been sponsored by local business interests so if you are over 18, come along and enjoy yourself. There will be a fully stocked bar and the ticket price of £4 will include a free chilli supper. Contact Ali Hudson 814175, Chris Saint 813047, Terry Cox 813967 for tickets or Phil in his Butchers Shop.

20 March

Come and see Channel Theatre Company and their production of **Spooky Little Girl**. Written by Helen Kelly who is an award-winning playwright whose recent work includes two commissions for Alan Ayckbourne's theatre in Scarborough. Tickets will be priced at £5 and we anticipate the curtain will rise at 7.30pm. More information in the next Parish Magazine but if you wish to reserve tickets prior to our major advertising campaign early in March, contact Chris Saint 813047 or Joy Wren 813098 now to avoid disappointment.



**ANNUAL BOOK SALE** on Saturday 15 February in Three Oaks Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Entry free. Cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac, refreshments available.

**QUIZ NIGHT** - 14 February, Three Oaks Village Hall, 7.30pm £1.50 entry, maximum of 6 per table. Refreshments and raffle.

**1ST GUESTLING & PETT BROWNIES - HELPI** Brown Owl wishes to fly away and rest her wings. Wanted - a fresh set of wings to enable Brownies to continue their journey.

Yes, I am giving up Brownies in July 2003 after 30 years and 23 girls need a new Brown Owl. If you like children (7-10 year old girls) are able to give freely of your time, would like a rewarding job (sorry, not paid) please let me know as soon as possible.

Paula Barnard, Brown Owl (for 7 months more)  
01424 812707

**COFFEE MORNING** every Friday from 10.30am to 12.00pm in Pett Village Hall.

**BRIDGE** - would you be interested in joining a club and playing regularly in Pett Village Hall. Please contact Lorna Sawyer Snelling on 813618 or Doreen McCausland on 812449.

**PETT CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS.** As usual it is a great pleasure to say THANK YOU to all those who helped Christmas in Pett to be such a happy occasion. What is really nice is the fact that so many different people helped to make the celebrations go with a swing. All those who contributed to the Toy Service; John and the Carol Singers; Pat and Trevor who provided a feast of yummy refreshments on that evening; all those who read lessons at the Carol Service; all the mince pie and christingle makers; Joan Medlock, Win Lovejoy, Oliver Linden and the choir for all their musical contributions; Vic and Val Goodsell for their help in looking after St Mary & St Peter; Avril and Charlotte for their good humoured help with the Christmas tree and the beautiful crib; for our flower ladies; for Ray who polished the brass; for Doreen who not only helped with the tree but, along with Beryl, helped with the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve. We also send our thanks to Derek Foy and Brian Carvey (Hinkley Funeral Service) who unfailingly provide our Christmas tree and the oranges for the christingle. We often forget to say thank you to everyone who contributes in other ways; the people who left donations of clothing and food for Surviving Christmas and those who so generously donated money towards this project. **BUT** above all else, we must not forget our clergy - it has been a busy and demanding time of the year for them and their families and we do send them our most grateful thanks.

# Pett Village Hall News JANUARY 2003



## PETT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on

**MONDAY 3RD MARCH AT 7.30pm**

Why is the car park gravelled instead of tarmac? Will they put lights up in the carpark? What is the gallery going to be used for? Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Management Committee meetings, or questioned some of the decisions or been curious as to why certain things make sense and others don't? If you have why not come along to an open meeting and see what goes on, the Committee are always looking for enthusiastic people to share their expertise, especially if it's secretarial or financial. We still need to raise money to complete paying for the Village Hall, as well as funds towards improvements, so don't be complacent, come along to events and help us achieve our target. The Committee are due to change in May and need new people to join with fresh ideas and plans for the future. Sound a bit daunting - then come with a friend and share the load. The new hall needs you now. If you want to discuss it first call Ali 814175

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

**22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm.** A chance to enjoy the fun of going to the races without the hassle of a long journey! An introductory film will set the scene for the evening's entertainment and a professional compere will explain the rules and introduce the tote betting system. All 8 races have been sponsored by local business interests so if you are over 18, come along and enjoy yourself. You could easily return home richer than when you left. There will be a fully stocked bar and the ticket price of £4 will include a Chilli Supper. All profits will go towards supporting local activities associated with your village hall. Contact Ali Hudson 814175 Chris Saint 813047... Terry Cox 813967 or Phil at The Butchers Shop for tickets before we run out.



### FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE.

The film society of Pett has, to date, entertained over 600 people since we raised the curtain last September. Films screened are varied and are chosen to meet the needs of all of our community including special "half term" extravaganzas for the under 18's. Where resources allow, afternoon shows have been popular for those who wish to be home before dark. The overall membership level continues to grow at a steady rate with many members bringing guests who in turn become members in their own right. Do not forget, you can join at anytime during the year. An annual fee of £10 allows free entry to three films during the year and thereafter, a special entry price of £3 per film. Membership forms are available at the Butcher Shop or by contacting **Chris Saint 813047** or email: [pettbus@btinternet.com](mailto:pettbus@btinternet.com). Our programme planned for the next three months is as follows:

**6th February - *Road to Perdition***, will be shown at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available at the 7.30pm performance only. This film, directed by Sam Mendes, has an impeccable pedigree, and is set in the wintry environs of Depression-era Chicago. Tom Hanks plays Michael Sullivan, a family man but also a hit man in the employ of mob boss John Rooney (Paul Newman). A surrogate father figure to Sullivan, Rooney also has a wayward son, Connor (Daniel Craig), whose duplicity leads to a deadly alienation between the Rooney family and Sullivan. Forced to go on the run with his 12-year old son, Michael junior (Tyler Hoechlin), Sullivan seeks both revenge and a way to prevent his boy from one day taking the same dark road as himself.

**6th March - *Minority Report*** and starring Tom Cruise and Colin Farrell will be screened at 7.30 only. Refreshments will be available. This film, based on a short story by Philip K Dick, is set in the near-future of 2054. Cruise plays a policeman in a pre-crime unit that predicts murders before they happen. Supposedly fail-safe, he falls victim to the system when he is named as the next murderer and has to prove his innocence before he is incarcerated for life. This is one of Spielberg's finest!

**3rd April** - We hope to show the latest production of *The Importance of being Earnest* an Oscar Wilde's story set in the 1890's London. Two friends unwittingly use the same pseudonym - Ernest. The cast features Rupert Everett, Colin Firth, Judi Dench, Tom Wilkinson, Anna Massey and James Fox. The film distributors have promised to do their best so watch out for posters later in March.

### SKATE CLUB

Bring your roller skates or blades along on a Sunday morning at 10am-12 midday for a morning of fun and games. Refreshments are provided for an all inclusive price of £1.50 - no age limits. Open every Sunday **except the third Sunday of the month**. Dates for this Spring are February 2nd, 9th and 23rd. March 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th. See you there! Or at the

### BASKETBALL CLUB

Every Thursday evening **except the first of the month** is basketball night for the 10 year olds and over. It starts at 7.00 - 8.30pm and costs £1.50 per person. Wear suitable lightweight clothing and prepare yourself for an evening of hard work and fun. Come along and see what it's all about. **Laura 07763708119 or 426038 Mon - Weds evenings for both clubs.**

### CHANNEL THEATRE COMPANY

**20th March ...** Come and see Channel Theatre Company and their production of **Spooky Little Girl**. Written by Helen Kelly, an award-winning playwright whose recent work includes two commissions for Alan Ayckbourn's theatre in Scarborough, the production is about Mia who is at a difficult age. Stuck in an isolated holiday cottage as her "health freak" mother searches for a rare herb, she finds herself drawn to Esme, an eccentric post-mistress who claims to be "one quarter supernatural". Gradually, and without the knowledge of her self-absorbed parents, Mia is lured into a bizarre and dangerous pact with the old woman. Tickets are priced at £5 and the curtain will rise at 7.30pm. If you wish to reserve tickets prior to our major advertising campaign early in March, contact Chris Saint 813047, Joy Wren 813098 or Phil at The Butchers Shop, to avoid disappointment.

### ANYONE FOR BRIDGE ?

We would like to start up a bridge club at Pett Village Hall. If you are intersted please contact Lorna Sawyer-Snelling 813618 or Doreen McCausland 812449.



## PETT SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Arrangements are now being made for the Short Mat Bowling to commence in the new village hall. An Open Day will be on **Saturday 1st February** from 4pm onwards. Bring your bowling shoes (or any flat soled shoes but not trainers), your friends, your family or anyone who is interested and have a go at bowling. Bowls will be available to borrow if necessary, as will instruction or coaching. Details will be available on the day with regard to membership, playing fees and playing day's etc. We hope that you will be able to come along and join in the fun. With your help and enthusiasm this new venture will be off with a good start.

**Tony Meek 813357**

## COMPUTER CLUB

The Pett Village Hall management committee would like to see a computer club start up. If you are interested please come along to an informal get together on **Thursday 13th February** at 2pm or **Monday 17th February** at 7.30pm. If you are interested but unable to make either of these dates contact **Terry Cox 813967**

## PETT PLAYGROUP JUMBLE SALE

Are organising a Jumble Sale 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Village Hall between 2.00 - 4.00pm. Also a **WINE TASTING EVENING** on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Come along from 7.00pm onwards to enjoy a great range of wines to titillate your tastebuds.

**PETT PLAYGROUP** Ofsted Registered. Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 9.30-12.00 for ages 2 1/2 - 5 years. For enquiries Telephone Kate 813784

There are many established clubs using Pett Village Hall that you might be interested in joining. Look out for posters or check the user list on view at the Village Hall.

**PETT CHURCHES JOINT TOY SERVICE** - Christmas in Pett would not be the same without a Toy Service and this time the occasion was held in the Parish Church on 8 December 2002. As in previous years the response was excellent and brought in many splendid toys for children of all ages.

Praise and grateful thanks have come from the staff of the Elphinstone Family Centre and the staff of the Children and Families Team based in St Leonards on Sea, who in turn distributed the toys to children known to them.

May I warmly thank all of you who gave these toys so generously and to such a worthwhile cause.

Catharine Hollman

## PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PAST

**AN ADVENTURE IN PETT** (about 1806) from a 1956 Parish Magazine

"During the summer we heard of more than one report of adders being found in the village. A Church member has brought to our notice an extract from "Lavengro" by George Borrow, and it is printed below. George Borrow, who was born in 1803, is perhaps best known for his study of nomadic life and his devotion to gypsies. He was also a remarkable linguist. In 1832 he became associated with the British and Foreign Bible Society and translated the New Testament into the Manchu tongue. He then went to Spain and for many years travelled up and down the country distributing the Scriptures. Borrow's journeys were not without danger and of his exploits he corresponded regularly with the Bible Society. Later he opened a Bible shop in Madrid where he translated St Luke's Gospel into Gitano for Spanish Gypsies. In 1840 he returned home and spent the rest of his life writing "Lavengro" which it has been said "is probably the most fascinating open-air book in the English language." George Borrow died in Oulton, near Lowestoft in 1881."

"... We once lived within the canvas walls of a camp, at a place called Pett in Sussex; and I believe it was at this place that occurred the first circumstance, or adventure, call it what you will, that I can remember in connection with myself; it was a strange one and I will relate it.

It happened that my brother and myself were playing one evening in a sandy lane, in the neighbourhood of this Pett camp (*an army camp on Pett Level*); our mother was at a slight distance. All of a sudden a bright yellow, and to my infantine eye, beautiful and glorious object made its appearance at the top of the bank between the thick quickset, and gliding down began to move across the lane to the other side, like a line of golden light. Uttering a cry of pleasure, I sprang forward, and seized it nearly in the middle. A strange sensation of numbing coldness seemed to pervade my whole arm, which surprised me more as the object to the eye appeared so warm and sunlike. I did not drop it,



however, but holding it up looked at it intently, as its head dangled about a foot from my hand. It made no resistance; I felt not the slightest struggle; but now my brother began to scream and shriek like one possessed. "Oh mother, mother!" said he, "the viper! My brother has a viper in his hand!" He then, like one frantic, made an effort to snatch the creature away from me. The viper now hissed again and raised its head, in which were eyes like hot coals, menacing, not myself, but my brother. I dropped the captive, for I saw my mother running towards me; and the reptile, after standing for a moment nearly erect, and still hissing furiously, made off and disappeared. The whole scene is now before me, as vividly as if it occurred yesterday - the gorgeous viper, my poor dear frantic brother, my agitated parent, and a frightened hen clucking under the bushes; and yet I was not three years old."

(Note: *amain* = exceedingly, violently, with main force)

JT

**"PAXSTEAD" HOUSE GROUP** - if anyone is interested in joining a Study Group that meets regularly, about once a month, please contact John or Ray Taylor (814674). We are an informal, friendly group who share concerns about our faith and from time to time study one of the books in the Bible. We meet from 7.30 to 9.30pm, start with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and follow this with prayer and discussion. You would be made most welcome if you would like "to try us out" and we shall be meeting this month on Thursday 27 February. A complete list of meeting dates for the year will be available then. Do come!

John Taylor

**PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY** next meet on 21 February to hear Colin Page's talk 'Taking All in My Stride'. Meetings are held in Pett Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

#### CAN YOU HELP PLEASE???

The Celia Hammond Animal Trust (Reg. Charity No 293787) run a sanctuary at Brede caring for many rescued and unhomeable cats. The sanctuary is in desperate need of old but clean blankets, towels, duvets and sleeping bags. We would also be grateful for anyone who could spare a little time to knit or crochet blankets of a suitable size for a cat bed. Donations of any odd balls of wool are also urgently needed.

If you feel you are able to help in any way please phone 01424 813452. Thank you.

#### NATURE NOTES

On Christmas morning I watched the sun rise out of the sea, throwing a bright golden path across the grey water. On the horizon was a snow white bank of clouds like a flotilla of icebergs. It was a stunningly beautiful spectacle, but all too brief, as the sun thought better of it and disappeared back under its heavy grey duvet, where it has remained more or less ever since.

There have been thousands of lapwings on the Level. This is one of the species which is causing great concern to the RSPB because of a drastic fall in numbers nationwide. The reason we have so many here is that we still have the traditional grazing marshes. So when you watch the lapwings performing their acrobatics in glittering black and white mobs, or feeding shoulder to shoulder on the wet pastures, you can thank the sheep and cattle for keeping the ground just right for them; an excellent example of wildlife-friendly farming.

I was very pleased to see a little owl perched on a field gate recently. In a previous existence when I had the misfortune to live in London, I regularly saw these fierce little birds hunting around the bombed sites and air-raid shelters which still remained 30 years after the war - and may still remain for all I know. Little owls were only introduced to Britain in the late 19th century, and soon became widespread. Their diet includes mice, cockchafer and slugs, so they should be welcomed by gardeners.

A golden pheasant was seen in Rosemary Lane on two occasions. Presumably this is a 'free-range' domestic bird.

February is named for Februa, the Roman feast of expiation. It seems that the Romans made their new good resolutions somewhat later than we do!

Avril Thurley

Copy for the March magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4JG, telephone 813437 by Wednesday 12 February please.



### FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

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If you require any further information or wish to help with the work of the Society, contact me on 813047 or e-mail pettbus@btinternet.com. Hope to see you on the 6th.

Chris Saint

### PETT NEWS AND VIEWS

Once upon a time fireworks were let off on 5 November and also on the nearest Saturday to that date. Over the years it became common to have them for a week or so before and after Bonfire Night, then they became popular on New Year's Eve, then for parties, and now they can be heard at almost any time of the year - presumably because people now literally have more money to burn. Like bonfires, fireworks are great fun if they are yours, and somewhat less enjoyable if they are someone else's. Bearing in mind that most pets, and quite a few people, are nervous of sudden loud noises, it would be a kindness to notify one's neighbours before having a fireworks party. They can at least then keep the cat in and turn the wireless up loud.

I've been turning out my loft, and have unearthed an amazing amount of junk which I can't imagine why I kept. I have found homes for most of the useful items, but am left with an oil heater, freestanding, quite big, ideal for a greenhouse or conservatory. Can anyone take it off my hands? I don't want anything for it, but you will have to collect it.

By the time you read this, we should know whether the Post Office has been saved. If it has, the village will have Andrew Dunlop to thank. While the rest of us were wringing our hands and bemoaning the loss of this vital service, Andrew got out there and launched a rescue mission. He was supported by our District

Councillor, Robin Patten; by the Rural Regeneration Office at Rother; and latterly by the Parish Council. At the time of writing it looks as though the rescue mission has been successful and we shall be able to keep our Post Office and our indispensable Tony. I for one will be keeping my fingers firmly crossed till we know for sure!

Avril Thurley

### LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my grandfather's diary for January 1907.

"Tuesday 3rd - Morning windy - night hurricane with some rain. Carter took 84 trusses straw to Vine, loaded home dung to Acre Spot. Fred & boy put out mould & gas lime to 3 acres. Self setting up (*sheep*) fold in Lower Chick Hill."

"Friday 4th - Frost with thin ice just holding all day. Carter ... got (*threshing*) machine from Pound Farm (*Guestling*). Fred finish taking mould to 3 acres after skinning & burying steer (*which*) died in crib in stable yard."

"Monday 7th ... All hands & 10 extra threshed winter oats, 66 sacks."

"Tuesday 8th - Carter ... finished 5 acres headlands & moved (*threshing*) machine to Gatehurst. all hands, 11 extra, & Mr Cox & Will Cook bond making. Threshed 8 sacks white oats from Hopgarden on top of stack & 76 from small side of Pett Barn Field - 84 in all. Put 37 in Oast, 47 in barn. 2 crossbred lambs marked EP died."

Wednesday 9th - Carter with Mr Cox & boy got up 21/2 small loads of ditch litter from Lower Ground. Fred getting out approx 25 cwt potatoes for Mr Harborough. Regg drove 11 sheep & black lamb to Mr Buffards for Mr Smith. Bought 1 ton sulphate of ammonia from Mr Strickland at £12.10s basis of cash, delivery to be taken 1st week in Feb. (*Paid*) harness maker, Rye, 16/-."

"Thursday 10th - Carter morning PBF 4 hours, afternoon took 23 bags potatoes to Harborough. Fred & Mr Cox tying straw, 181 trusses. Joe got cartload litter from Frankham. Self put 48 crossbred lambs to fold, making 144 in all."

"Saturday 12th - Joe & Carter took 2 tons seed hay & 1/2 ton marsh hay to Strickland, brought back dried grains. ... Self Hastings, sold Mr Stonham spring oats from PBF, 18/6 for 38 lbs; winter oats from Budds, 2/-91/2 for 42 lbs. Bought 10 quarters of crushed maize for 23/6." (*Both spring & winter oats were one bushel, the latter being heavier.*)

"Tuesday 15th - Snowdrop calved."



"Friday 18th - Carter, boy & self harrowed part of small side of PBF, 2 went up, one went across. Drilled 61/2 bushels Mr Cooke's beans, harrowed draft up & down & drew out furrows. Fred, Mr Cox, Joe cleaned up winter oats, 55 sacks good oats."

"Monday 21st - Carter, Joe & 2 ploughs ploughing in beans in Acre Spot. Mr Cox & Fred picked up about 1 ton potatoes. Bert Foster started gripping (cleaning shallow field ditches) in Clokes Marsh. George & 4 others got about 11 rabbits."

"Wednesday 23rd - Very hard frost all day, ponds & ditches bearing (weight). ... Fred got red bull calf from Mr Foster, 25/-."

"Thursday 24th - Fred, Bert, Mr Cox & self reed cutting on canal (for thatching)."

"Thursday 31st - Freezing all day, ice bearing boys. Carter, Fred & self got waggonload litter from Lower Ground, 51/2 van loads from Toot. Afternoon, Carter drew out furrows in Eastlands."

*In a note at the end of the diary, grandfather writes "Fortnight ending 19th Jan - marvellously fine weather, people sitting out of doors, men working in shirtsleeves." He records frost or ice from 20th to 28th, when there was a thaw. No mention of rain!*

Andrew Dunlop



# NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

## GUESTLING (ALL AT 11 AM)

1st Sunday - Matins  
 2nd Sunday - Parish Communion  
 3rd Sunday - Family Service  
 4th Sunday - Parish Communion  
 5th Sunday

## PETT

9.30 a.m - Parish Communion  
 9.30 a.m. - Family Service  
 9.30 a.m - Parish Communion  
 9.30 a.m - Matins & Address

## SHARED BENEFICE SERVICE

PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

8.00 a.m - 2nd & 4th Sunday

## GUESTLING

CHURCHWARDENS  
 Mrs M Barnett - 754974  
 Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

SECRETARY  
 Miss J M Groves - 813341

TREASURER  
 Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

FREE WILL OFFERING  
 Mrs K Greenwood - 812790

ELECTORAL ROLL  
 Mrs B Wicking - 438027

DEPUTY CHURCH WARDEN  
 Mr J Jury - 812584

ORGANIST & CHOIR  
 Mr J Springford - 830200

DEANERY SYNOD  
 Mr S Challacombe

## CHURCH OFFICERS

CHURCHWARDENS  
 Mrs A Hawksley - 812705  
 Miss P M Deasy

SECRETARY  
 Mrs F Taylor - 813437

TREASURER  
 Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

STEWARDSHIP RECORDER  
 Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

ELECTORAL ROLL  
 Mrs E Darnell

ORGANIST & CHOIR  
 Mrs J Medlock - 812173

JUNIOR CHOIR AND CLUB  
 Mrs E Greenfield - 813370

DEANERY SYNOD  
 Mrs A Hawksley - 812705  
 Mrs R Taylor - 814674

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