

April, 2003

GUESTLING

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# PARISH NEWS

Pett Level

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**The Rector's Reflections in Rosemary and Peter James Lanes  
or  
Bernard's baffling bemusements whilst traversing the Benefice**

It's all rather depressing, but by the time this article is published we will, most likely, be at war. What is so depressing is that the vast majority are against an invasion of Iraq. My one and only consolation in this is that the Church of England, under our new Archbishop, has soundly condemned military action as 'unjust'.

The concept of a 'just war' predates Christianity and can be traced back to the Old Testament and Roman and Greek ethical teaching. However, the idea was developed by Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, in the 4th century AD, systemised by Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century and endorsed in further centuries. It is held by the vast majority of Christians today.

There are seven overlapping criteria; formal declaration, last resort, just cause, right intention, proportionate means, non-combatant immunity and reasonable expectation. However, modern thinkers reduce these to three:

- 1 The cause must be right. The war must not be aggressive but defensive or to secure justice and human rights. War must be undertaken as a last resort after all negotiations have broken down.
- 2 Its means must be controlled. No wanton violence or destruction and the immunity of civilians preserved at all times.
- 3 The outcome must be predictable, victory and the just cause to be seen as achievable.

Of course these are ideals, but they are well worth acknowledging in the present situation.

As Christians we are told to turn the other cheek, *Matthew 5:39*, not to resist evil with evil and never to avenge yourself, *Romans 12:19-21*. But many Christians see these injunctions to be for the individual and not for a nation state. That is, if we are in positions of authority we are to protect and defend those we represent.

My prayer is that the debate continues, a solution is found, that events do not overtake us, that we remain at peace and in peace.

With every blessing.

Bernard Crosby

**GUESTLING ROTAS FOR APRIL 2003**

- 6 MORNING PRAYER - 5th Sunday of Lent (Lent Array)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Mr K Holmes  
CLEANING - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Lady Ashburnham  
SIDESMEN - Mrs M Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Jeremiah 31:31-34  
- Mr Greenwood - Hebrews 5:5-10
- 13 PARISH COMMUNION - Palm Sunday (Red)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
CLEANING - Mrs J Perry, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Beal  
SIDESMEN - Mr Perry, Mrs J Perry  
ELEMENTS - Mrs Williams, Mr Jennings  
READERS - Mr Barnett - Isaiah 50:4-9a  
- Mr Perry - Philippians 2:5-11
- 14 HOLY COMMUNION - 6.00pm (Red)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 18 MEDITATION - 2.30pm - GOOD FRIDAY  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 20 PARISH COMMUNION - EASTER DAY - (Gold or White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman  
FLOWERS - All help please on 19th from 9.00am  
SIDESMEN - Mrs Smith, Mrs Broadhurst, Mr Perry, Mr Barnett  
ELEMENTS - Mr Jury, Mrs Betson  
READERS - Lady Ashburnham - Isaiah 25:6-9  
- Mrs M Smith - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- EASTER PRAISE - 6.00pm  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 27 PARISH COMMUNION - 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
FLOWERS - Mrs G Perry, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Griffiths  
SIDESMEN - Mrs Gilbey, Mr Challacombe  
ELEMENTS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Williams  
READERS - Mrs Gilbey - Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21  
- Mr Challacombe - 1 John 1: - 2:2



**PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS FOR APRIL 2003**

- 6 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mr J & Mrs R Taylor  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mr W Cooper  
 SERVER - Mr J Taylor  
 READER - Mrs F Taylor - Hebrews 5:5-10  
 Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 13 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION Common Worship - Palm Sunday - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Philippians 2:5-11
- 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mrs D Goodsell  
 SERVER - Mrs A Hawksley  
 READER - Mrs J Coby - Psalm 118 1-2, 19-24  
 Pett Level Cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 15 7.30pm BENEFICE COMMUNION - Pett  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 SIDESPERSON - Mrs D Goodsell  
 SERVER - Miss M Deasy  
 READER - Miss M Turner - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- 18 GOOD FRIDAY - 10.30am Service of the Cross  
 LEADER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 SIDESPERSON - Mrs K Jury  
 READERS - Mr J Taylor - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
 - Mrs R Taylor - Hebrews 10:16-25  
 - Mrs E Greenfield - John 18:1 - 19:42
- 20 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION - EASTER DAY - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mr K Gill  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mr & Mrs T Hindson  
 SERVER - Mr J Underwood  
 READER - Miss Ashworth - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley

- 27 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP - Low Sunday - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - 1 John 5:4-12

- 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP - Pett  
 LEADERS - Revd Bernard Crosby & Miss M Deasy  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mrs D Goodsell  
 READERS - Mr T Ashworth - Exodus 14:10-31 15:20-21  
 - Mrs J Ashworth - John 20: 19-31

Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs M Parsons

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**SERVICES IN FAIRLIGHT**

- 6 April - Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peters - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Family Service - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 13 April - Palm Sunday  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Miss Meriel Deasy  
 6.30pm Evening Prayer - Revd Bernard Crosby and David
- 20 April - Easter Day  
 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peters - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Parish Communion - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 27 April - Second Sunday of Easter  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Revd Humphrey Newman  
 6.30pm Informal Communion - Revd Bernard Crosby
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**LEADING INTERCESSIONS TRAINING**

Saturday 12 April, St Andrew, Fairlight - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Although leading prayers during worship is a responsible task, it should not be left to the clergy. I have been greatly touched and encouraged in my faith and Christian life by the prayers of lay people. Congregations also will be encouraged and inspired by variety.

So, if you feel called to lead prayers at worship but lack confidence, come along. It is not a matter of being trained but being inspired.

Bernard Crosby



### SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

6.00pm Monday 14 April  
Holy Communion, St Laurence

7.30pm Tuesday 15 April  
Holy Communion, St Mary & St Peter

7.30pm 17 April **Maundy Thursday**  
Informal Communion, St Peter's

18 April **Good Friday**  
10.30am Service of the Cross, St Mary & St Peter  
2.30-3.30pm Meditation on the Cross, St Laurence

20 April **Easter Day**  
5.00am approx Dawn Praise, Firehills  
8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter  
9.30am Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter  
10.30am Parish Communion, St Andrew  
11.00am Parish Communion, St Laurence  
6.00pm Easter Praise, St Laurence

### ONE MAGAZINE FOR THE BENEFICE

Right from my first interview with the churchwardens, over a year ago, it was suggested that to have one magazine would be a good idea. After recent meetings and discussions it has been decided that we will produce a Benefice Magazine in September this year. The current magazines will continue until then.

The aim is that it will be informative and entertaining; that it will be evenly balanced with news, items and contributions from the three parishes. The new magazine will provide a token of unity and fellowship.

We also believe that the quality of the magazine will be improved. Production will be bi-monthly - this will help us to be selective and proactive about content and relieve the monthly pressure.

There will be no charge for the Benefice Magazine and church members will endeavour to deliver it to as many homes in the Benefice as possible.

I am convinced it will be a good read and will be welcomed and enjoyed.

Bernard Crosby

### FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

Our April film, to be shown on the 3rd at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, will be the latest production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' - an Oscar Wilde story set in 1890s 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.

On 1 May we will be showing Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. In this film, Harry has a darker and more thrilling magical adventure. The director, Chris Columbus, does a wonderful job in recreating J K Rowling's imaginary world and the production, design and costumes are fascinating in their own right. Daniel Radcliffe gives a more assured performance as Harry and is supported by an excellent ensemble cast of experienced adults, including a twinkly-eyed Kenneth Branagh. There will be an afternoon performance and one at 7.30pm. The afternoon performance may be later than 2.30pm but details will be published in next month's magazine.

If you wish to join Flicks or require any further information or wish to help with the work of the Society, contact me on 813047 or email [pettbus@btinternet.com](mailto:pettbus@btinternet.com). Alternatively collect a membership form from Phil at the Butchers Shop, Pett Road.

Christ Saint

### ARE YOU A PUZZLER?

Just a little reminder for those who like 'doing' jig-saw puzzles. The jig-saw puzzle library is open throughout the year. We have well over a hundred jig-saws ranging from 300 to 2000 pieces and from the fairly easy to the very difficult.

The idea is that anyone can borrow a puzzle for a donation (minimum 50p) and keep it as long as they take to complete it - the monies raised from this venture go into the Church Fabric Fund. So, if you have the time and the inclination to 'do' a puzzle, pop into the Taylors at Paxstead, Pett Road (opposite the Recreation Field) or ring 814674 and select one or more jig-saws. You will be helping to maintain the Parish Church as well as enjoying this great pastime! It is quite good fun getting your visitors to put a piece or two in their correct positions. How about it then?

J.T.



**MANY THANKS** to Kathleen Greenwood who has been in charge of catering at Guestling Flower Festival for many years. Kathleen is retiring from the responsibility of this, although she will still be around to help. We need someone (or perhaps two people sharing) who would be willing to take on this essential task. It is not too taxing but entails shopping for bread, salad etc, setting up in the morning and possibly clearing at the end of the day. Please give this your consideration and don't just leave it to everyone else or we will end up with no one! If you think you could help in any way please see or telephone Rosemary Gainsbury on 812254. This year's dates for the Flower Festival are 15, 16 and 17 August.

**ANYONE** at Guestling wanting an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one should kindly telephone Rosemary Gainsbury on 812254 as soon as possible (by 6 April). Do you have an email address, if so please send it to my husband at paul.gainsbury@virgin.net.

**EASTER** decorating at Guestling Church takes place on Saturday 19 April from 9.00am. Help, flowers and foliage welcome.

**EASTER SUNDAY** 20 April Benefice Easter Praise at St Laurence, Guestling. We need your suggestions for hymns at this service. There will be a box in the porch for suggestions and you might like to say, at the service, why it is your favourite hymn. No pressure!! Please let Margaret know.

**JOAN BROOKS** has moved from her home in Three Oaks to 'Mountside', Laton Road, Hastings. Joan was a member of Guestling choir for many years and was always willing to help at any event. As well as being a member of the flower and cleaning team she was a dab hand with the starch and laundered the altar cloths most beautifully. We wish Joan every happiness in her new home and thank her for all her help and encouragement.

**GUESTLING CHURCH SECRETARY** - for a number of years Joyce Groves has been our PCC Secretary. At this year's AGM she announced her retirement and we thank Joyce for her loyalty and hard work on behalf of the church. Don't worry, Joyce will still be with us and is only taking a well deserved rest from secretarial duties.

**24 MAY AT GUESTLING** - keep this date free as Molly Townsend's wonderful choir, Cantares, will be giving us an evening concert.

**WHO WAS IT** who took, without permission, choir robes from Guestling Church? Surely it is possible to leave choir robes in a church without them being chained up. Please feel duty bound to return them.

**THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Jumble Sale in the hall on Saturday 26 April at 2.00pm. Entry 20 - in aid of hall funds.

J Quaife

**PETT PLAYGROUP** raised £330.00 at their recent Jumble Sale. Thanks to everyone. The AGM will be held on 29 April at 7.30pm in the Royal Oak Public House. A new committee is needed, including treasurer. If anyone can help please attend the meeting or call Kate on 813784 for more information.

**DOG WALKERS** please be aware that the garden behind the Village Hall is used by the playgroup and hall users as a playground. Please do not let your dogs foul in it. Thank you.

**COFFEE MORNING** Tuesday 15 April 10.30am-12.00 noon at St Annes, Pett Road (Butchers Shop end) in aid of Farm Africa. All welcome.

Ali Hudson

**LENT LUNCH** to be held at 6 Rectory Park, Pett on 11 April at 12.30pm. Price £3.00 in aid of Farm Africa. Do come along and enjoy friendly company and homemade food.

E Greenfield - tel: 813370

**JUMBLE SALE** in aid of Pett Church Restoration Fund on Saturday 26 April in Pett Village Hall from 1.30-3.30pm. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall between 10.30 and 11.30am or phone 812443 if collection is required. There will be a cake stall, raffle and tea/coffee etc will be available. Cakes and raffle prizes will be most gratefully received, help is also required. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

**PETT GARDEN CLUB** got together for the first time this year in March for a members' meeting. This was well supported and a very enjoyable informal evening. Three new residents joined the club and found us to be a friendly group of amateur gardeners. Next month we look forward to Murray Davidson, an ecologist with Hastings Borough Council, who came about five years ago, hopefully updating us on 'the news from power station to Country Park'. Interested? Intrigued? 8 April at 7.30pm.

**PETT WI** meet at 2.30pm on Friday 11 April. A week earlier than usual because Good Friday falls on our usual day. Nicky Harris from The Larder in Hastings Old Town will be bringing samples of wine and cheese.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 10 May at 7.30pm in Pett Village Hall. Teams of 5 with a charge of £1 for each team member. Teams to provide their own food and drink. Please note the date in your diaries, come along, have a fun time with your friends, win prizes and support a local cause.



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

your local parish needs you to serve as a councillor from May 2003.  
for information about the work of Parish Councils and how to stand  
for election contact the Parish Clerk or  
Sussex Associations of Local Councils on 01273 476342

### PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PAST

68 years ago: St Nicholas Church

On Sunday 26 April 1935 the Bishop of Lewes, the Rt Rev H M Hordern, dedicated the Life Saving Rocket Apparatus Station at Pett Level as a Church to St Nicholas, the Patron Saint of sailors and of children. Through the efforts of the Rector of Pett, the Rev H C Moxon, a sufficient sum had been raised to purchase the building and many people contributed to the furnishing of it so that it was soon converted into a really beautiful miniature place of worship and supplies a real need for residents and visitors.

The 'Chapel of Ease' was closed in 1940 after the evacuation of civilians from the area and remained closed until after the Second World War. St Nicholas reopened in August 1945 and both the preceding and the following sentences were included in a Parish Magazine article of February 1946.

Alas! War damage has deprived us of the Vestry, a garage nearby kindly presented by Mr Herbert Smith but we hope in time a Vestry will be forthcoming. Through the kindness of the Rector of Pett (Rev R C Wood) there is an early celebration every Sunday which is much appreciated and Evensong every other Sunday. The association with Life Saving in the past is a very beautiful one and surely no mere coincidence.

And from the magazine of April 1936 entitled:

Church of St Mary & St Peter, Pett with St Nicholas' Church, Pett Level and St Richard's Church, Winchelsea Beach. Price 2d. Vol. XXVII No 4:

Pett Village Hall: Entertainment in aid of the unemployed. Friday 24th at 7.30pm. British Legion - Pett, Fairlight and Guestling Branch. The ladies night was very enjoyable. 112 were present. We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Mr & Mrs J Welfare and helpers for the admirable way in which the refreshments were carried out; to Mr Clark, who was responsible for the social side, which thanks to his efforts was a great success, also to Mr 'Buster' West and fellow artists who gave an excellent concert.

We wish to draw members' attention to the General Meetings, which will in future take place monthly (1st Tuesday in each month). April 7th, Committee at 7 o'clock, General Meeting at 7.30pm. During summer time, Committee Meeting 7.30pm, General Meeting 8.00am. *Note: A very, very long committee meeting or a mistype!* Lantern Lecture at Guestling Village Hall, April 14th at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Henry S Fordham (Hon. Sec)

J.T.

**PETT VILLAGE HALL** - our February race night proved an immense success and was a sell out. Nearly 100 people attended the event and in the process of having fun, managed to raise £900 at the same time. This money will directly benefit the users of our hall and help in providing much needed amenities for our village. A very special thank you to all those who attended, particularly the MG Car Club, Bill Copp of Ashley Developments, Robbie of Sussex Brewery, Ray Barden our local plumber, Phil Button our local butcher, Holden & Co solicitors and the Linen Centre in Queens Road, Hastings for sponsoring the races.

Village Hall Management Committee

### FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

The 'Marathon Season' is upon us! We've already had the Hastings 'Half-One' and soon there will be the 'London' in which Tim Jury will be running for Farm Africa (good luck, Tim!)

But after that comes Easter and the slightly more leisurely 14th Annual **Easter Week Walk** (21-25 April) on the South Downs Way to raise funds for **Knowles Tooth Children's Centre**. Knowles Tooth does wonderful work for children and families who are having a hard time, offering them a break in a relaxing and congenial country environment - the chance to draw breath in the difficult circumstances surrounding their lives. The Centre hosts more than 800 people a year. But it all costs a lot of money.

Last year over 100 men, women, children and dogs took part in the Easter Walk and £13,460 was raised. Every penny was needed and the Centre could do with a lot more. Do you think you could join the Walk on one, or even all of the days and get yourself sponsored? Or could you sponsor Frances Read, who will once more take part on Easter Monday, and expects to walk about 4 miles? I have a sponsor form for her and more details of the well-organised Walk, if anyone likes to contact me. Hopefully, thank you!

Ray Taylor, 814674

Copy for the May magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings TN35 4JG, telephone 813437, by Wednesday 9 April please.



### NATURE NOTES

It was a morning of thick mist, so that I couldn't see across the field. The sun was a dull copper disc somewhere behind the Toot. The grass and trees were covered with frost, and the sheep were vague shapes drifting in and out of my vision. Then the sun broke through and I was in fairyland. The moisture on the sheep turned to silver, giving them all halos like mediaeval saints. Grass and trees glittered and sparkled and the droplets along the barbed wire fence made it look as though it were decorated with diamonds. Below me the marsh, still blanketed with mist, was a grey and mysterious world.

Parishioners in the Watermill Lane area of Pett have been enjoying a most unusual visitor - a raven. He is close-ringed so is obviously a captive-bred bird. I understand that he was found injured and taken to Mallydams for treatment, and on being released decided to spend some time in Pett - clearly a bird of discerning taste. Ravens are the largest of the British corvids and it used to be thought that they were harbingers of death. Odin, the Norse war god, was supposed to have a pair of ravens who flew about the world gathering information for him. The ethologist, Konrad Lorenz, would not have thought this at all unlikely as he considered ravens to be amongst the most intelligent of all animals.

Redwings and fieldfares usually travel together, often in quite large numbers, but I've never seen such an enormous flock as descended upon Lunsford Farm over the second weekend in February. There were literally hundreds of each species - possibly thousands, as there were far too many to count. They were feeding on pasture which had been grazed by sheep until about a fortnight previously.

I am told that watercress was being gathered on the Level at the beginning of February, which is unusually early. Watercress is rich in vitamin C and used to be prescribed for the prevention of scurvy. It's Latin name is *Nasturtium officinale*. 'Officinale' added to a plant's name means that it was used in medicine.

'April' is taken from the Latin word 'aperire' meaning to open. In Roman times the month of April was sacred to Venus. My own name is French for April and I have always been rather glad that I wasn't born a week later.

Avril Thurley

### I CANNOT BELIEVE WE ALL SURVIVED!

Well you are over 40 if you get this. You lived as a child in the 50s and 60s or before. Looking back it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have. As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags, riding in the front of a car on Mum or Dad's lap was always a special treat. Our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint and no padded cot protectors to keep us from sticking our heads through the slats. We could sleep on our backs, our sides or our stomachs.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets (not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!) We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps of wood and old wheels or roller skates and then rode down the hill only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. No pagers. Unthinkable! We played British Bulldog and would end up bruised and hurt. We got cut and broke bones and teeth and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it, sometimes made up and became best friends.

We ate Wagon Wheels, Sherbet Fountains, bread and butter with jam and drank Corona Cherryade but we were never overweight - we were always outside playing.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X Boxes, video games at all, 699 channels on cable, video tape and DVD movies, surround sound, personal cellular phones, personal computers, internet chat rooms - we had real live friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes nor did the worms live inside us forever. When playing footy in the street not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade - horrors! Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Bad behaviour at home, at school or in public was rewarded with corporal punishment such as a smack or a clip round the ear.



We walked to school or at the very least to the bus stop without our parents taking us because it rained or snowed. We had people who didn't like us because of our religion, colour, ethnic origin, where we lived, who we hung out with and so forth. We survived. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever. The past 50 years has seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility and we learned how to deal with it all.

God, family and friends were the most important things in our lives. And you're one of them. Congratulations! Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up a kids.

### LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my grandfather's diary for March 1907.

"Monday 4th - Carter took 45 trusses seed hay to Strickland, loaded home dung from Weston to heap at Budds gate. Will took 24 sacks oats to Rye & loaded home 125 trusses oat straw from John Ashly. Changing waggons at Rye, took 5cwt potatoes to Mrs Cook, 1 bushel to Cooke jnr, 2 bushels to Carter."

"Tuesday 5th - Carter took 65 trusses straw to Vine, 19 of cutting hay to Strickland. Loaded home 1/2 ton superphosphate, 5cwt dried grains, 1cwt maize germ from Strickland. ... Self Ashford, sold wool subject to option of trying to make more at Rye."

"Wednesday 6th - ... Regg got calf and heifer from good dark-coloured cow from Mr Wadman. Mr Cooke took wool to Rye, loaded home 3/4 ton cotton cake and 1/4 ton linseed cake."

"Thursday 7th - Carter (*working in*) Lower Chick Hill. Fred, Mr Cox & Bert Foster (*working in*) wood. Mr Cooke took 30 house faggots to his place, 15 to Mr Cox, & load (*of*) poles to back door (*of house*) and in afternoon cleared out New Lodge. Self sold Mr Smith 8 2-year-old sheep at 51/- & 2 ewes at 43/-."

"Saturday 9th - Will getting up wood from Chick Hill to house and in afternoon carting with Joe. Fred, Mr Cox & Bert Foster wood cutting & hedging."

"Thursday 14th - Carter about 2 hours in Lower Chick Hill, then hook harrowing in Eastlands. Afternoon, Carter, Will & self drilled & harrowed oats. Mr Cox morning

straw tying, afternoon with Joe put up seed potatoes."

"Friday 15th - Finished drilling Eastlands - sowed broadcast about 8 bushel. Drilled about 8 sacks 2 bushel. In all used 10 1/2 sacks Webbs Newmarket (*oats*). Hopgarden all horse harrowed - about half hook harrowed, drilled & harrowed."

"Saturday 16th - ... Will took 97 trusses straw & 4cwt seed potatoes to Vine, loaded home 6 quarters oats, 5cwt grains & 2 bags maize germ. ... Regg took 10 sheep to meet Smith's man. Mr Griffin had 100 bushel mangels."

"Tuesday 19th - ... Cooke & nephew tailed up (*dagged*) 141 tegs, 9 sheep, 7 rams." (*A note in the accounts shows that he was paid 6/- for this work - about 2 days pay*).

"Tuesday 26th - Carter finished hook harrowing Lower Chick Hill second time. Will finished rolling. Fred took 100 tegs to Snargate (*the other side of Appledore - a long walk!*) Mr Cox (*working in*) wood. Calf died in oast."

"Wednesday 27th - Morning, Carter shinned pea ground with fallow shims (*a sort of triangular how*) afternoon drilled 14 bushels grey peas from Mr Griffin, rolled & harrowed."

"Thursday 28th - Carter & Mr Cooke harrowed & rolled half of Lower Chick Hill nearest road - afternoon with Fred harrowed, drilled, harrowed, rolled about 2 acres at top of field. Fred morning in wood. Mr Cox in wood all day. Bert & Joe finished getting up seed potatoes. Self moving sheep. Mr Wadman's 2nd calf died."

March was a cold, fine month with showers recorded on 6 days and ice on one day.

Andrew R 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

**RECTOR:** Rev B Crosby  
 The Rectory  
 Battery Hill  
 Fairlight

**Telephone** 01424 812799

### CHURCH OFFICERS

### PETT

**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**  
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