

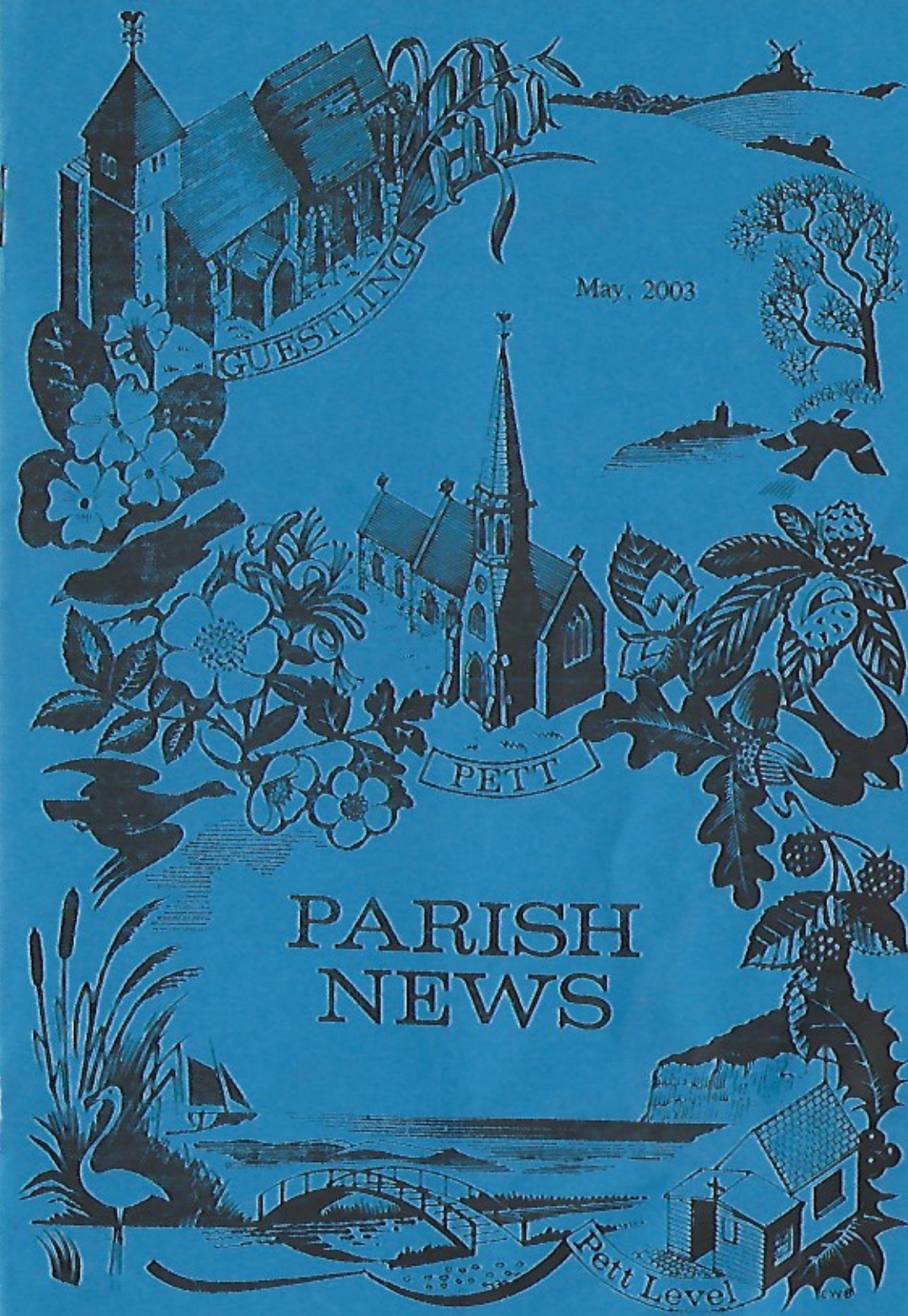
May, 2003

GUESTLING

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# PARISH NEWS

Pett Level





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

Until recently Church of England diocese, Chichester included, placed the following guides for church membership alongside the Church Electoral Roll application forms.

*"The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued the following short guide to the duties of church membership.*

*All baptised and confirmed members of the church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty you are called upon:*

*To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear witness to Him.*

*To be regular in private prayer day by day.*

*To read the Bible carefully.*

*To come to church every Sunday.*

*To receive Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.*

*To give personal service to church, neighbours and community.*

*To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.*

*To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.*

*To give money for the work of the parish and diocese and for the work of the church at home and overseas."*

Duties that not only define church membership, but also define what it is to be a christian. The christian, although feeling the weight of commitment these duties imply, nevertheless, desire to fulfil them and, strangely, they become a joy and not a burden.

With every blessing,

Bernard Crosby

**GUESTLING ROTAS FOR MAY 2003**

- 4 MORNING PRAYER - 3rd Sunday of Easter (White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Miss M Deasy  
CLEANING - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs M Smith, Mrs Gilbey  
SIDESMEN - Mr Jennings, Mrs Betson  
READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Acts 3:12-19  
- Mr Greenwood - 1 John 3:1-7
- 11 PARISH COMMUNION - 4th Sunday of Easter (White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Stace  
SIDESMEN - Mr Perry, Mr Barnett  
ELEMENTS - Mr Jury, Mrs Benson  
READERS - Mr Barnett - Acts 4:5-12  
- Mr Perry - 1 John 3:16-24
- 18 MORNING PRAISE - 5th Sunday of Easter (White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Miss Meriel Deasy  
FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull, Miss Quaife  
SIDESMEN - Mrs M Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
READERS - Lady Ashburnham - Acts 8:26-40  
- Mrs M Smith - 1 John 4:7-21
- 25 PARISH COMMUNION - 6th Sunday of Easter (White)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Derek Chapman  
FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Lady Ashburnham  
SIDESMEN - Mrs Gilbey, Mr Challacombe  
ELEMENTS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Williams  
READERS - Mrs Wicking - Acts 10:44-48  
- Mrs Gilbey - 1 John 6:1-6



**PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS FOR MAY 2003**

- 4 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs A Scott, Mr W Cooper  
 SERVER - Mr J Underwood  
 READER - Mrs A Scott - Acts 3:12-19  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 11 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION Common Worship - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Acts 4:5-12
- 9.30am CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE - Pett  
 LEADER - Mr J Taylor  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Cdr T Clarkson  
 READER - to be arranged  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 18 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Owen  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Mrs J Coby  
 SERVER - Mr T Coby  
 READER - Mrs J Coby - Acts 10:44-48  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 25 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - James 1:22-27  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs M Parsons
- 10.45am Shared Service at Pett Methodist Church  
 PREACHER - Revd Derek Brice  
 This is an Anniversary Service with lunch afterwards

**SUNDAY SERVICES throughout the Benefice****Sunday 4 May - Third Sunday of Easter**

FAIRLIGHT	GUESTLING	PETT
8am Holy Communion, St Peter's	11am Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Bernard Crosby	Miss M Deasy	Rev O Thomas
10.30am Family Service		
Bernard Crosby		

**Sunday 11 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Christian Aid Week**

FAIRLIGHT	GUESTLING	PETT
10.30am Morning Prayer	11am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion
Ken Holmes	Bernard Crosby	St Nicholas
6.30pm Evening Prayer		Bernard Crosby
Bernard Crosby		9.30am Morning Prayer
		John Taylor et al

**Sunday 18 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

FAIRLIGHT	GUESTLING	PETT
8am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Parish Communion
Bernard Crosby	Meriel Deasy	Humphrey Newman
10.30am Parish Communion		
Bernard Crosby		
6.30pm Praise & Worship, St Andrews		

**Sunday 25 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

FAIRLIGHT	GUESTLING	PETT
10.30am Morning Prayer	11am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion
Humphrey Newman	Derek Chapman	St Nicholas
6.30pm Informal Communion		10.45am Methodist Church
Bernard Crosby		United Songs of Praise
		John Wesley & Church
		Anniversary

**29 May Ascension Thursday - 7.30pm Benefice Communion - St Laurence**



## DIOCESAN AND DEANERY ST RICHARD CELEBRATIONS

Our Deanery celebrations and services marking the 750th Anniversary of our Diocesan Patron Saint, and Bishop of Chichester, Richard, went very well. The high point was, on a very sunny afternoon Saturday 5 April, a procession from St Richard's Winchelsea Beach to a Deanery Service at St Thomas' Winchelsea. Civic dignitaries and children from local schools and churches took part. The focal point of our celebrations is an icon specially made by the distinguished Russian icon painter, Sergei Fyodorov, which will be transported through all 21 deaneries, ending at Chichester Cathedral on 13 June.

Richard is not about Richard at all; Richard is about Jesus and the people of Sussex claimed him as their saint, not because they had seen Richard but that in him they had seen Jesus.

This is his prayer:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ  
for all the benefits Thou hast won for me;  
For all the pains and insults Thou has borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly.  
Amen*

The diocese has produced a very good booklet on the life of St Richard, cost £3. If anyone would like to order and purchase a copy, contact the Rector.

Bernard Crosby

## JOHN WESLEY RIDES AGAIN!

Anglicans and Methodists will join on the weekend of 24 and 25 May to celebrate the 300th birthday of John Wesley. We will begin at 2.00pm on Saturday at St Mary & St Peter where John will be riding a horse along Pett Road. After a short prayer of thanks and a hymn we will continue to the Methodist Church for another short time of praise. Then to the Village Hall where there will be music and refreshments. Sunday 25 May is not only Aldersgate Sunday but also marks the 155th Anniversary of Pett Methodist Church. So we will combine for a Service of Celebration Songs of Praise at 10.45am at the Methodist Church.

Apparently John Wesley was quite active in this area of East Sussex.

Bernard Crosby

## FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

Over 70 people attended our April film 'The Importance of Being Earnest' which means that to date over 770 people have attended our film shows since the launch of the Society last September. A BIG thank you to you all and I would like to take this opportunity to remind those who have not been able to join us, that shows are always held on the first Thursday in the month in Pett Village Hall. Films are viewed on a 90 square foot screen and supported by the latest digital sound system.

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

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. The afternoon performance will be a little later this month in order to help the younger members of our community to join us at 4.00pm. The evening performance will commence as usual at 7.30pm.

Christ Saint

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You may have seen on the news that Sussex Police have now gone online on sending text messages to mobile phones when there is a 'Child Alert'. If you would like to participate you register online at [www.childrescuealert.com](http://www.childrescuealert.com), or send a text message to 07786 208080 and enter the word 'Alerts' followed by a space and then enter your postcode.

If you are online and would like to receive the latest police messages on crime activity in the Pett area, please send your e-mail address together with your telephone number and address to [ridgewatch@aol.com](mailto:ridgewatch@aol.com)

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**'CANTARES IN CONCERT'** at St Laurence Church, Guestling on Saturday 24 May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an evening of song given by Molly Townson and Cantares, 'twelve angelic voices in harmony'. All proceeds to Guestling Church. Tickets £5.00 (including refreshments) available from Margaret Barnett on 01424 754974 or Molly Townson on 01424 812520

Margaret Barnett

**GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** at Three Oaks Village Hall on Monday 12 May at 7.30pm.

J A Quaife

**THREE OAKS GARDENING CLUB** Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 17 May 10.00am to 12 noon. Free entry.

J A Quaife

**PETT VILLAGE HALL** - the AGM and election of the Pett Village Hall Management Committee will take place at Pett Village Hall on 12 May at 7.30pm. All are welcome, please come along and air your views and consider joining the Management Committee. Thank you.

Terry Cox, 813967

**PETT GARDEN CLUB** - Dr Arthur Hollman will be our visiting speaker on Tuesday 13 May and his subject 'A Herb Garden in London'. Everyone enjoyed the meeting in April when Murray Davidson was so interesting and informative with his update on wildlife at Fairlight Country Park and Flitsham Reedbeds.

E Darnell

**PETT SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB** at Pett Village Hall. Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Thursday evening? If so we would be delighted if you could join us for short mat bowls. If you have never played before, now is the time to try - coaching will be given if required and if you do play now is the time to come and join us. We can guarantee a most enjoyable evening in a very relaxed atmosphere with lots of laughs and good fun.

We play every Thursday **except** for the first Thursday in each month from 7.00 - 9.00pm. All will be welcome from age 14 years upwards, just bring your bowling shoes (or any flat soled shoes but not trainers), your friends, your family, anyone who is interested. Bowls will be available to borrow if you don't have your own. The cost of the session is £1.50 which includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. If you enjoy yourself and wish to play regularly the membership fee is £5.00. We hope that you will be able to come along and we look forward to meeting you.

Please contact Ann or Tony on 01424 813357  
or Elsie or John on 01424 813588 for more details

### **PETT CHURCH CANDLESTICKS**

Does anyone know the whereabouts of our brass candlesticks? They were last used for the Holy Communion service on 16 March before being returned to safe keeping in the vestry.

Their absence was not noticed until 5 April simply because they were not being used. There is no evidence of a break in - whoever has them would have had to get through at least two locked doors, if not three.

Please let Meriel or John Taylor know if you have any idea where they might be. Failing that we will then prepare an insurance claim. Thank you.

### **ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE OPEN GARDEN SCHEME 2003**

The Open Gardens raise significant funds for the Hospice each year and also give pleasure to many visitors. The Hospice is always in need of volunteers in many areas within the Hospice, the Hospice Shops and St Augustine's Nursing Home. Readers are invited to phone Mrs Andrea Garrick, Voluntary Services Coordinator, to find out about the vital work of volunteers throughout the organisation and the ways in which they could help the Hospice to continue to serve those in need of Hospice care in the Hastings/Rother areas. Andrea can be contacted on 01424 445177.

6 May Bluebells & Woodland Walk, Pattletons Farm, Doleham Lane, Westfield  
20 May Summerleas, Pear Tree Lane, Bexhill  
27 May Hayes Farmhouse, Hayes Lane, Peasmarsh

Copy for the June magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings TN35 4JG, telephone 813437, by Wednesday 14 May please.



### NATURE NOTES

Because I regularly walk the same route at the same time, the resident wildlife takes very little notice of me. Even the Grey Herons, which are notoriously shy birds, let me get quite near before taking off for the next watercourse. I think that at close quarters herons look almost prehistoric. Their long, powerful beaks, beady eyes and slow, stealthy movements make them formidable hunters. Their kinked necks can be straightened with lightning speed, spelling death to frogs, voles, fish, young water birds or almost anything which moves. When they take off their slow, heavy flight adds to the impression of timelessness. Surprisingly for such large birds, they nest colonially in trees.

I am pleased to see that Little Grebes are nesting again in the same place which they have used for the last three years. I wonder whether they are the same birds. They vanish by diving under the water at the least sign of danger, resurfacing amongst reeds or other foliage where they are hidden from sight. Little Grebes, as their name implies, are very small - not much bigger than a duckling - and give the impression of a round head on a round body, rather like a lopsided cottage loaf. As with the Herons, "my" Little Grebes are now so used to me that I can get quite close to them before they disappear.

The spring flowers along the verges have been wonderful. I counted 65 flowers on one primrose plant in Pannel Lane - not counting unopened buds. Did you see the lovely display of primroses, crocuses and cyclamen at the end of the drive to Goldcrest and the daffodils, snowdrops and angels' tears on the bank outside the old barn at Lunsford Farm?

Look out for the Judas Tree in the garden of Rosemullion Cottage, next door to what used to be the Rectory. It is quite spectacular in May. Look out also for Spotted Flycatchers, one of the latest summer migrants to appear. They sit very upright on a fence or post, dart off to snatch an insect and return to the original perch to eat it.

The old admonition to 'cast ne'er a clout till may be out' may refer to the flowers of the may tree (hawthorn) or to the fact that the month can be very cold and windy. As Shakespeare so truly said, "Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May".

The month of May is named for Maia, the mother of Hermes who was the ambassador of the gods.

Avril Thurley

### LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my grandfather's diary for April 1907

"Monday 1st - Easter Monday. Carter finished drilling Lower Chick Hill, harrowed & rolled after. Sowed in all about 91/2 sacks of Mr Strickland's black oats ... Self played round (of golf) with boys. Best scores John 45, George 45, Andrew 50, self 57. Andrew won at bezique."

"Tuesday 2nd - Fine day but cold. Carter shimmied 5 Acre headland, drilled oats & harrowed. Will rolling 5 Acre wheat. Regg drove 30 tugs to new ground, leaving 4 ram tugs & 6 wether tugs in Cliff Piece."

"Wednesday 3rd - Carter rolling 5 Acres & Upper Chick Hill seeds (grass). Will took 1 bushel seed potatoes to Mr Peters, 4 bushel to Mr Vine, 50 trusses wheat straw to Vine. Loaded home 5 bags grains from Vine, 6cwt sulphate of ammonia, 8cwt bonemeal, 2cwt nitrate of potash from Strickland."

"Friday 5th - Carter, Fred & self till bait, then Joe with colt, shimmied big side of Pett Barn Field. Mr Cox finished at wood & spreading mole heaps in meadows. Boy rolled winter oats, finished harrowing 5 Acre wheat & harrowed about half of winter oats."

"Wednesday 10th - Will & boy rolling meadows. Carter, Bert Foster, Mr Cooke & self took 67 house faggots to Mr Cox & got 2 small loads of faggots & bats up to house. Afternoon Carter & Mr Cooke got 124 trusses oat straw from Ashes. Fred put in pinnocks (culverts) in brooks etc. Mr Cox & Joe sowing seeds in Lower Chick Hill. Wrote to Mr Wellsted (at Snargate) that I would pay £3-10-0 for big field & peak, & £3 for two (other) fields. (In addition to existing ground at Snargate; the Wellsteds are still farming there.) Boy all day rolling 8 Acres. Bert Foster started to hoe beans in Acre Spot."

"Monday 15th - Carter, Fred, Will Cooke & boy carting mould from Francom ditch to pond in Cliff. Afternoon, Carter, Fred, Joe & boy with colt & 3 other horses shimming in Pett Barn Field ... Put 12 ewes & 16 lambs to Toot."

"Tuesday 16th - Joe took 14 beats to Snargate. One kept at home for present."

"Friday 19th - very cold day. All hands to mangels. Mr Cox gathering couch etc. Harrowed, rolled, drilled, harrowed, rolled, sowed about 4 acres mangels, 11/2 acres thousand heads (kale). Used 6cwt sulphate of ammonia, 51/2 cwt bone meal, 14cwt superphosphate. Boys took 11 poor tugs to new ground, 28 odd sheep to Lower Ground."

"Saturday 20th - Carter ploughing Budds for potatoes with Joe & Colt ... Turned 5 heifers into Clokes Marsh."



"Monday 22nd - Mr Cox, Will, Carter, boy, 3 carts carting mould from Francom to fill up hollow in Cliff Piece. Joe drove 9 beasts to Snargate & stayed the night."

"Tuesday 23rd ... heard cuckoo."

"Saturday 27th - Carter took 46 trusses straw to Vine, loaded home 8cwt dried grains & 18cwt nitrate. Will Cook got cartload mortar from (Fairlight) Hall, cleared up refuse round feeding hurdles in Ellasfield. Got faggots from Ellas Lane to stack, & got calf from Elms."

Rain was recorded on 10 days and frost or ice on 4.

Andrew R Dunlop

### PETT CHURCHYARD

Over the last few weeks a group of people have been working hard to clear the churchyard of brambles, nettles and overgrown grass. On 5 April we had a welcome visit from Susan Wilson from the Sussex Wildlife Trust. She came to advise us on how to care for our churchyard so that we might be able to fulfil the following aims:

- to make it a fitting resting place for our loved ones;
- to preserve as much as possible the wildlife of the area - this includes flowers, birds, invertebrates and small animals;

A management plan has been suggested which includes:

- regular grass cutting of paths which will allow access to tended graves;
- parts will be left uncut until spring flowers have blossomed and seeded thus maintaining a diversity of habitat.

We are grateful to all those who have given their time. Please contact Meriel Deasy/Joan Medlock if you are able to help with future maintenance or if you have any queries about the caring of our beautiful churchyard.

### SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

Joseph was very upset because an angel told him he was to marry a blessed Virginian.

The climate of the Sahara Desert is so harsh that the inhabitants here live elsewhere.

Another child, listing the Ten Commandments, wrote - "Thou shalt not admit adultery".

Soloman had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.



# MEMORIAL CARE CENTRE

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2003

The fundraising Fashion Show at The George Hotel, Rye held late in March raised more than £500 for the hospital; huge thanks to Mirage and The George, and to Woolworths and Boots for raffle prizes, and of course to our volunteers. What a show! It was particularly encouraging to see so many gentlemen at a show of ladies fashions - I personally think that the delicious canapes on offer, and the fact that the wine bar was open throughout the evening, might have had something to do with the non-distaff side being so well represented!

The day trip to Bruges, organised by our Chairman of Fundraising Julia Raguin, was another huge success - Julia herself gave a sparkling 2-hour walking tour of Bruges during an action-packed day which ended with a coach full of weary but very happy people! The event raised £800 for the Memorial Care Centre, and we are very grateful to Julia.

Do go along to the Rye Methodist Church on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> for a concert being given by Peasmarsh W.I., who are most kindly giving the Memorial Care Centre a donation from the proceeds. A varied programme starts at 7.30pm, entry is £4 (pay on the door on the night), and there will be coffee and biscuits available, and a raffle and a cake stall. Please give this event your support.

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> sees the Icklesham Spring Fair and Jumble Sale at Icklesham Memorial Hall. From 2pm you can come along and buy cakes, plants and bric a brac, take tea and generally have a smashing time. This is the latest event organised for the hospital's benefit by Barbara Harman and John Comport and their wonderful team of helpers, so please go along and show your support for all their hard work.

On Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at Iden Village Hall, is a unique 'Food and Wine' Evening: the first half of the event will be a talk on the history of food by Julian Dussek; the second half will be a Wine and Cheese evening, with wines from France, and plenty of cheese and delicious nibbles. The event starts at 7.30pm, and the ticket price of £10 includes the talk, cheese and nibbles and unlimited wine. In addition, a raffle to be held at this event includes a First Prize of dinner for two including wine, generously offered by the new owners of the Union Inn at Rye. Call the Care Centre on 01797 223810 to reserve your tickets for this not-to-be-missed event.

The Memorial Care Centre at Rye, Peasmarsh Rd, Rye TN31 7UD  
email: [rhanc@memcare.freemove.co.uk](mailto:rhanc@memcare.freemove.co.uk)

Rye Health and Care Ltd - Registered Charity No. 1014232



# 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

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ORGANIST & CHOIR  
Mr J Springford - 830200

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Mr S Challacombe

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Battery Hill  
Fairlight

Telephone 01424 812799

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## PETT

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Miss P M Deasy

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