



August, 2003

GUESTLING

PETT

# PARISH NEWS

Pett Level



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

**Encountering the holy**

*"But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' ... And Jesus said to Simon 'Don't be afraid ....' ... they left everything and followed him." Luke 5:8-11*

Most of our lives we avoid or skirt round the holy. We may live in a beautiful area, which gives a sense of well-being and perhaps wonder in the human breast, but rarely does it penetrate to that place of genuine awe. Even in Christian worship we talk and sing of it but, again, rarely is our soul genuinely aware of the majesty and holiness of God and of our own near-nothingness.

Peter experienced the holy. Although he must have been acquainted with Jesus the miracle of the huge catch of fish opened his eyes to who Jesus is and His holiness. He is made to feel wretched and ashamed, yet he leaves everything and follows. All genuine experience of God has this quality of simultaneous fear and longing. Wanting Jesus to go away, yet longing to be always in his presence.

Such experience must, and does, change us. We are never the same again. But remember that He said ... *"Don't be afraid!"*

Every blessing.

Bernard Crosby

**GUESTLING ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2003**

- 3 MORNING PRAYER - 7th Sunday after Trinity (Green)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman  
FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Stace  
SIDESMEN - Mrs Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
READERS - Mrs Wicking - 2 Samuel 11:28-12:13a  
- Lady Ashburnham - Ephesians 4:1-16
- 10 PARISH COMMUNION - 8th Sunday after Trinity (Green)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull, Miss Quaife  
SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds  
ELEMENTS - Mrs Betson, Mr Jury  
READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
- Mr Greenwood - Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- 17 No Morning Service - Flower Festival 15th, 16th and 17th)  
6.00pm Songs of Praise  
MINISTER - Revd Bernard Crosby
- 24 PARISH COMMUNION - Bartholomew the Apostle (Red)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Lady Ashburnham  
SIDESMEN - Mr Jennings, Mr Challacombe  
ELEMENTS - Mrs M Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
READERS - Mr Barnett - Isaiah 43:8-13  
- Mr Challacombe - 1 Corinthians 4:9-15
- 31 BENEFICE SERVICE - 11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
FLOWERS - Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Beal, Mrs J Perry  
SIDESMEN - Mr Perry, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Williams, Mrs Gainsbury  
ELEMENTS - Mrs Betson, Mr Jury  
READERS - Member of Pett Congregation - Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
- Member of Fairlight Congregation - James 1:17-27
- September**
- 7 MORNING PRAYER - 12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)  
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Miss M Deasy  
FLOWERS - Mrs Jennings, Mrs M Griffiths, Mrs G Perry  
SIDESMEN - Mrs M Smith, Mrs Broadhurst  
READERS - Mrs M Smith - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
- Lady Ashburnham - James 2:1-10, 14-17



**PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2003**

- 3 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION - Pett  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mr J & Mrs R Taylor  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mrs D Goodsell  
 SERVER - Mr J Taylor  
 READERS - Mrs M Newton - 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
 - Miss M Turner - Ephesians 4:1-16  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack

- 10 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

- 9.30am - MORNING WORSHIP (Pett)  
 LEADER - Miss M Deasy  
 PREACHER - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 PRAYERS - Miss M Deasy  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mr & Mrs T Hindson  
 READERS - Mrs A Scott - 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
 - Mrs G Green - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon

- 17 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)  
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - to be arranged  
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley  
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mrs D Goodsell  
 SERVER - Mr T Coby  
 READERS - Mr J Taylor - 1 Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14  
 - Mrs J Coby - Ephesians 5:15-20

Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley

- 24 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION HCP - Pett Level  
 CELEBRANT - Revd Bernard Crosby  
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs M Parsons

- 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP - Pett  
 LEADER/PREACHER - Miss Meriel Deasy  
 SIDESPERSON - Mrs K Jury  
 READERS - Miss M Turner - 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11  
 - Mrs F Taylor - Ephesians 6:10-20

- 31 BENEFICE COMMUNION at St Laurence, Guestling

**SUNDAY SERVICES in Fairlight**

Sunday 3 August - Seventh after Trinity  
 8.00am Holy Communion - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Family Service - Bernard Crosby

Sunday 10 August - Eighth after Trinity  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Ken Holmes  
 6.30pm Evening Prayer - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby

Sunday 17 August - Ninth after Trinity  
 8.00am Holy Communion - St Peter's - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Parish Communion - Bernard Crosby

Sunday 24 August - Tenth after Trinity  
 10.30am Morning Prayer - Bernard Crosby  
 6.30pm Informal Communion - Bernard Crosby

Sunday 31 August - Eleventh after Trinity  
 10.30am United Benefice Service at Guestling - Bernard Crosby

Sunday 7 September - Twelfth after Trinity  
 8.00am Holy Communion - Bernard Crosby  
 10.30am Family Service - Bernard Crosby

**Joan, aka, Lavender Brooke**

Son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Angela Millington, would like to thank those from Guestling Church, village and WI who attended the funeral service at St Laurence on Wednesday 2 July. They write that, although it was a sad occasion, the service and presence of so many gave the family great comfort. They apologise that on the day they were not able to thank personally all those present but wish, through this magazine, to extend their gratitude.

B.C.

**ST NICHOLAS, PETT LEVEL**

St Nicks has had a face lift. Members of the Rescue Boat crew have been giving the church a long overdue coat of paint. We do thank them for volunteering to do this, especially as they are all busy people.

Meriel Deasy



### FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Many thanks to those who sponsored me on the Easter Walk for Knowles Tooth. It was lovely to have Beryl Vick walking for the first time. She raised £103 in sponsorship. Together with another walker from Icklesham we raised over £600 and the grand total has passed the £10,000 mark. This is the biggest single fundraiser for Knowles Tooth each year. Come to Open Day on Sunday 14th and see how the money is spent. (Details from Ray Taylor).

I was asked to represent FSW at the School Leavers Services last month for the Church Primary Schools in our area. The singing was very good, the readers clear, the procession of banners impressive and Guestling Bradshaw did very well with their recorder group. I spoke briefly about Knowles Tooth and then the children presented the collections made by each school to fund a new barbecue and a sand pit for disabled children. What a difference both will make.

Frances Read

### PETT FLOWER LADIES

We are lucky to have such a talented team - the flowers are always lovely. However, extra thanks are due, a special effort was made for 6 July when Owen came to take the service, the day the Benefice hosted his and Peggy's Diamond Wedding party.

Special thanks are also due to Lorna Hogan who spent hours making all the floral decorations for the party, they were enjoyed and appreciated by everybody.

Meriel Deasy

### A FEW MORE HOWLERS

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5.00pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7.00pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7.00pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance

### THE NEW BENEFICE MAGAZINE

This is the last issue of the 'Parish News' and it would not be right to say goodbye to it without one or two words of thanks. Once again thank you to Frances Taylor and all the editors over many years who have done such sterling work to produce a very good Parish News. Thank you to all the contributors who have given us much to think and pray about, a few chuckles and some very interesting views about local events and the countryside about us. And, not least, thank you to the dedicated folk, who through the years, have delivered the magazine to the households in the parish. Among these distributors is Barbara Lloyd-Worth who recently decided that she would have to relinquish this task after more than 50, yes 50, years delivering in her 'patch'. Thank you so much Barbara, you are a lesson to us all. One final thank you must be to Cecil Bacon who, with much love and great skill, produced the cover for the 'Parish News'. This must have been one of the finest magazine covers in Sussex and the sight of it each month was always most welcome.

The new Benefice Magazine's first issue will be published in September this year. It will be produced by the United Benefice of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett and it will be free. Hopefully the new magazine will be ready during the first week in September and will be available in each of the five churches in the Benefice and for Pett and Guestling in the following places: Pett Post Office; the Butcher's Shop, Pett; the Country Stores, Pett; Guestling Garage and the Three Oaks Hotel. Please help yourself to a magazine from one of these places. It is hoped that the magazine may be distributed to each house as time goes by. This Church Magazine will be published bimonthly; Richard Baines is the editor and copy for the magazine will be welcomed.

One further point; many people have paid for the 'Parish News' on an annual basis. This will mean that they have paid for a year and will only have received eight issues. If you are one of these folk and wish to have part of your subscription refunded, please talk to the treasurer of your parish - their names and telephone numbers are on the back page of the 'Parish News'.

Finally, the monthly rotas for flowers, sidesmen, readers, intercessors, servers etc will now be printed in the 'Monthly Newsheet' and not in the new Benefice Magazine. The 'Monthly Newsheet' will always be available in the Guestling and Pett Churches.

So we are in for two new, and we hope, exciting publications - a new United Benefice bimonthly magazine and a new monthly Pett Parish magazine. I wish them both success and a long life as I wipe a tear from my eye at the demise of the 'Parish News'.

John Taylor



### CHANGES TO THE PARISH MAGAZINE

As many of you are aware, the existing Pett Parish Magazine will be changing from September as it will be combining with that of Fairlight. However, the residents of Pett and Pett Level wish to continue with their own monthly magazine and, therefore, we have agreed to become co-editors.

Pett Parish Council will be funding the new magazine which will be delivered free of charge to all residents of Pett and Pett Level although we are hoping to attract some advertising from local businesses and all donations will be gratefully accepted. In addition, copies will be available for sale to non-village residents in the Post Office and other local outlets.

The new magazine will look very similar to the existing one as it will retain the cover and much of the content although church matters will no longer be included. Every month there will be an update on village matters from the Parish Council together with news from the Village Hall Committee. We will continue to feature regular articles such as those on local wildlife and Flicks in the Village as well as other items of interest that are submitted to us.

Once printed, copies of the magazine will be left in the Post Office for the distributors to collect and deliver.

Copy for the September edition, which will be available by the end of the first week in September, can be sent by e-mail to [pettbus@btinternet.com](mailto:pettbus@btinternet.com). Alternatively, hard copy can be passed to Mary Saint, Southlands, Pett Road (813047) or Lynda Fletcher, Friars Cottage, Elm Lane (814187). The deadline for copy will be Wednesday 20 August.

### GUESTLING FLOWER FESTIVAL

Guestling Flower Festival is on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 15-17 August, all three days from 10.00am to 6.00pm and finishing the Festival on the Sunday with a Songs of Praise service at 6.00pm followed by tea and coffee.

The theme for this year is "The Church's Year through Hymns". As usual we need help with stewarding, manning the tent and especially catering. Those ladies who usually help are all getting older and we really do need more help. Please don't be shy and put your name on the lists in the church porch. It's all good fun! It would be of particular help if you could make your entries as soon as possible so that we can ensure there is adequate cover for all tasks.

We would also appreciate produce, preserves, cakes, books and tins and bottles for the bottle tombola. It takes a lot of items to make sure we have as much as

possible for visitors throughout the three days and we also need cakes for catering. Providing items in this way enables those who cannot help at the church also to support the event.

Please come along and enjoy our Festival. It is our main fundraising event of the year and this year the money will be put towards the reordering of the church.

### "PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PAST"

*A few more snippets taken from various issues of The Parish News:*

August 1953: I am sure that we are all pleased at having the old Bath-stone font dated 1753 back in its rightful place in the Parish Church. One is able to appreciate the beauty of its proportions even more keenly by contrast with the hideous, bulbous Victorian font that was once considered an improvement on it. This latter has now been consigned to the Churchyard and we hope to find a home for it in the near future. We are most grateful to Mr Vincent Lines who generously offered to pay for restoring the old font in memory of his mother. We are also most grateful to him for supplying us with a new noticeboard at St Nicholas church, which has been painted by one of his pupils.

August 1956: Most of us regret the closure of our Village School and the departure next term of our young children to Guestling. The school has served the village for over a century and for many it must hold both pleasant and painful memories. However, time marches on and we can be assured that our children at the Guestling School will have all the attention, care and consideration (to say nothing of the three Rs) they received at Pett. In bidding farewell to Mrs Bright we wish her every happiness and success in her next appointment.

August 1957: Seen on a country grave:

"As I am now, so you must be,  
Hence prepare to follow me."

After reading such lines, a local wit added this conclusion:

"To follow you I'm not content  
Until I know which way you went."

August 1958: King George VI included this message in bibles issued to the Forces during World War II. "To all serving in my forces by sea, or land, or in the air, and, indeed, to all my people engaged in the defence of the Realm I commend the reading of this book. For centuries the bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration."

August 1963 - 40 years ago: This being the holiday month I should like to take the opportunity of wishing all those who are leaving us for a time, a happy holiday and to welcome all those who have come among us at this time. I do hope, if only for the campers' sake, that the weather of the last few weeks of rain and cloud will be followed by a month of sunshine and warmth.



### PETT PUZZLE "2003"

**HAVE YOU** solved one or both of this year's Pett Puzzles yet? If not, there is still time! They are good fun and you might win one of the three cash prizes as well as helping to add to the monies raised by the Church Fete. Puzzles can still be obtained during August, price £1 each, from the local shops, the public houses, Meriel or myself and the winners will be the first three correct solutions drawn from a hat after the service in Church on the first Sunday in September. So find out the name of the Baron who collected taxes in the form of pigs in 1103. The whole family can take part and remember all proceeds from sales of the puzzles will augment the monies raised at the Church Summer Fete. Finally, thank you for your support.

John Taylor

### COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6 September at "Paxstead", Pett Road (opposite the Recreation Field bus stop) from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. All monies raised at this event will go towards payment of the CD music now available in St Mary & St Peter Church, Pett and a membership of the Royal School of Church Music.

You may remember that in February an experiment was carried out in the church to see if the hymn accompaniment for church services would be adequate when played on CDs, on those rare occasions when we do not have an organist or pianist. This experiment proved to be a great success and a set of 200 hymns on 10 CDs was purchased by the PCC. Since then they have been used at Morning Worship on 27 July and will be used again on Sunday 24 August. This will be an opportunity to come and hear for yourself just how good these recordings are, and how they assist our singing in a similar way to that we have always enjoyed in the past.

It was after the experiment in February that a few folk offered to contribute towards the cost of the CDs and the PCC agreed a coffee morning might be the best way of doing this. There will be a raffle and a 'bring and buy' stall which could include cakes and preserves. If anyone is kind enough to provide any goods it would be much appreciated.

Do come, if you can, and enjoy a pleasant morning among friendly people as well as helping to raise monies to pay for our Church music. We will play selected hymns from the CDs during the Coffee Morning - the quality is really excellent.

John Taylor

### STEP BACK IN TIME - WORKING BYGONES

#### Celebrating 10 years!

2 & 3 August 2003 from 10.00am

Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe  
off A21, near Battle, East Sussex

Vintage agricultural tractors at work  
Heavy horse show  
Country craft demonstrations

#### A FAMILY DAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY FOOD & BAR

Admission adults £3.00 - OAPs £2.00 - Children £1.00

Free car park

All proceeds to St Michael's Hospice

#### FUNDRAISING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

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| 2     | Coffee Morning 10.30am                     | AEC - Hastings & St Leonards Support Group |
| 2 & 3 | Step Back in Time                          | Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe                    |
| 10    | Battle Abbey Classic Car & Motorcycle Show | Rotary Club of Senlac                      |
| 22    | BLODS Concert                              | AEC - Hastings & St Leonards Support Group |
| 28    | Country Style Fashion Sale                 | at Brede for Sara Lee Centre               |
| 30    | Quiz 7.00pm                                | AEC - Hastings & St Leonards Support Group |

**AND SO** it's time for me to put the final edition of this magazine to bed. After 10 years I for one will be quite happy to hand over the reins and Bess, my dog, for another will be very pleased as she has always thought that the time I spend at the computer is a complete waste of 'good walking time'.

I should also like to say a few thanks. Thank you for the kind words expressed in the last couple of months, thanks to all of you who have sent me copy (mostly on time!) and thanks to my daughter, Ellen, who has patiently proof read most the editions and apologies to those (hopefully only a few) whose copy I have inadvertently missed.

Finally, good luck to the new editors and magazines, I wish them well.

Frances Taylor



NATURE NOTES

Summer scents are wonderful - philadelphus, honeysuckle, pinks, roses, jasmine - the list is endless - but perhaps the most delectable scent of all is that of new-mown hay. It retains much of its scent after being baled, so if you are using the permissive path through Lunsford Farm, pause by the Dutch barn and give your nose a treat!

I was sitting in a friend's garden when a rabbit came hopping across the lawn and started chomping his way along the border. My friend clapped her hands and the rabbit looked up with an expression which said quite plainly "mind your own business", and went on munching the border plants. What, my friend asked, could she do about rabbits?

In the autumn of 1992 my dog Anna died, and the following year my garden was totally devastated by rabbits. They must have stood on each others' shoulders to reach as high as they did. I tried every known rabbit repellent and all sorts of allegedly rabbit-proof plants, and none of them worked. In the end I took the only remaining course and had the garden properly rabbit-fenced by a local contractor. In the ten years since then I have seen no evidence at all of rabbits, so I consider it money well spent. Now, if someone could just invent an effective slug barrier!

Did you see the Bee orchids in the Riddell caravan park at Pett Level? There were at least 15 of them, easily visible from the public footpath. My thanks to Barbara Jennings and the gorgeous Sophie for drawing them to my attention.

August is named for the Roman Emperor Augustus. He was originally called Octavian, but changed his name to Augustus ('sacred') after defeating Antony, whose mind was on other things (like Cleopatra) and becoming sole ruler of the Roman Empire. After his death he was deified by his grateful subjects.

This edition of the Parish News marks the tenth anniversary of my first Nature Notes and I thought it might be timely to reprint the first paragraph of those notes:

"Perhaps I'd better start by saying that these notes are not meant for 'proper' naturalists, but for those who, like me, find blackbirds and primroses every bit as interesting as Little Terns and Military orchids."

This is just as true now as when I first wrote it. I have really enjoyed doing the Notes and have very much appreciated the interest shown in them and all the interesting snippets of information which people have sent me. See you all soon, in the new Pett Parish News.

Avril Thurley

FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

**7 August at 7.30pm** we will be screening the film **Catch me if you can**. For those who have not seen the TV advertisements, this film is based on a true story of Frank Abagnale, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who worked as doctor, a lawyer and as a co-pilot for a major airline - all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception he became the most successful bank robber in the history of the USA and the youngest man ever to be listed as one of the FBI's most wanted. Abagnale and FBI agent, Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks), engage in a game of cat and mouse, with Frank always one step ahead and baiting Hanratty to continue the chase.

**4 September** will be the first anniversary of Flicks and we are hoping to secure a copy of **Chicago**, starring Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere. It is expected that this box office extravaganza will result in a full house and, therefore, depending upon resources available on the day, we may offer two shows, one in the afternoon and the other at the regular time of 7.30pm. Please make a note on your calendar and keep a lookout for the posters in late August.

Do not forget, 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 Butcher's Shop, Pett Road.

Chris Saint

THREE CHEERS!

The first cheer is for the Parish Council for rescuing our magazine when it was decided that the Church would no longer publish it, and also for Mary Saint and Lynda Fletcher for volunteering to be joint editors.

The second cheer is for the magazine distributors, who have agreed to go on doing their vital but often overlooked job. In future the magazine will be going to every house in the parish and the distributors have willingly and cheerfully agreed to take on the extra deliveries.

The third cheer - and the biggest - is for Frances Taylor, who has edited the magazine for 10 years without a break and is now taking a very well-earned retirement from the job. Unless you have yourself edited a magazine you simply have no idea of the work involved, the discipline necessary and the hassle you get from people who ought to know better. Frances has done a great job and will be a hard act to follow.

Avril Thurley



## LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my grandfather's diary for July 1907.

"Monday 1st - All hands & 2 extra men turned Hopgarden rows twice and carried 12 loads, 10 to stack in field & 2 home. Carter earthing up potatoes. Will took old barrows to blacksmith."

"Tuesday 2nd - Forenoon dry. At noon thunder, lightning & torrents of rain - running to bottom of loaded wagons of hay. All hands shook over remaining 4 loads of hay in Hopgarden & picked this up in forenoon, then stopped by rain. Afternoon lost."

"Wednesday 3rd - Carter, Joe, Fred & self dried part of two wet loads, and unloaded whole. Stopped at noon due to heavy & persistent rain. Afternoon, Joe cut wood, Carter put load of dung to Upper Chick Hill. Will Cooke went to Rye for 1/2 ton cotton cake & 12 sacks maize."

"Sunday 7th - Rain in torrents for about 2 hours."

"Monday 8th - Carter morning ploughing old seed lay in 8 acres, afternoon cut about 21/2 acres in Spring Meadow. Fred & Joe off, on Portsmouth excursion. George Foster morning pulling seed stack (*pulling off all the loose bits, to make steep smooth sides which would shed the rain*) afternoon cutting round Spring Meadow (*cutting round the edges and corners which the horse-drawn mower had missed*). Will Cooke carting dung to Upper Chick Hill heap."

"Wednesday 10th - Dry till 10 then pouring in torrents. Very cold. Fred hoeing until driven off (*by rain*) to thatch wood. Joe & Will Coney Banks thistles. Carter rolled, harrowed & rolled about 1 acre in 8 acres, & sowed about 3 cwt superphosphate & 1/4 cwt sulphate of ammonia, then dung carting with 2 carts."

"Friday 12th - Fine day all day. First 24 hours without rain for a long time. George Foster, self & boys turned swathes near side of Spring Meadow, shook whole with tedder & cocked up at night."

"Monday 15th - Carter cutting in near end of Front Field till noon. All hands raked over far side of Big Meadow, & shook out cocks near side. Picked up 8 rather small loads total, making 9 rather small loads in total from near side and 2 loads from far side of Big Meadow. In evening raked over Front Field. Sold Mr Smith Wadman's big steer for £19-10s, and Field's roan heifer for £16."

"Monday 22nd - Dry morning at Pett at Hendon dull morning & in afternoon rain in torrents, almost beyond precedent. Carter braking cabbage. Joe, Will Cooke & Fred at hay."

"Saturday 27th - Carter turnip braking, got straw to Pett Barn Field & mowed trifolium. Fred morning thatch wood, afternoon turnips PBF. Joe morning dung carting, afternoon turnips. Will morning dung carting, afternoon with Regg braking 8 acre turnips."

"Wednesday 31st - Carter got load of dung from Weston's to PBF trifolium ground. Joe turnips PBF. Will Cooke dung carting to heap on lucerne in Budds. Self came down" (*to Hastings*).

*Grandfather spent 10 days at the family farm at Hendon, helping with the haymaking. Presumably they were short of labour. Rain is mentioned on 15 days but the weather is not recorded every day during his absence from Pett.* ARD



## MEMORIAL CARE CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2003

FULL OF  
BRIGHT  
IDEAS

If you have an idea for a fund-raising event, do let us know; we are indebted to the many people who have organised or helped with events which have, over the years, raised many thousands of pounds for the Centre. So tell us your ideas - what events you would like to see happening in 2004 - or beyond!

## WAVE THE FLAG

Our marvellous team of volunteer collectors will be out and about in Rye and the villages on Saturday August 2nd, our Flag Day, so please help the Centre and support our hard-working volunteers by dropping a coin or two into our red collection boxes. As readers will by now know, the proposed expansion of the Care Centre is now under way, with draft architectural plans being drawn up to detail how the extra beds and services will

be accommodated. It's only the very first stage, but at least we've started! And if you don't plan to be out and about on August 2nd, the good news is that Jemson's of Peasmarsh have kindly allowed Rye Health and Care to collect at their super store on Friday August 1st. Every single penny you donate will go towards making the Care Centre able to serve the community even better than it is now doing.

SPRING  
AND PORT  
WINE

Well, not port wine but certainly some very nice wine, which, together with some excellent nibbles and a fascinating talk by Julian Duseek, helped raise more than £600 for the Care Centre at the Food and Wine Evening at Iden a few weeks ago. We are indebted to Julian for the superb talk, John Morgan OBE for sponsoring the food and wine, and everyone who came and supported this event.

Talking of supporting events, we find that some events, particularly those with limited numbers, get sold out very quickly, so if you would like to be on our mailing list, to receive priority advance notice of forthcoming events, do contact Ann Hostler at the Memorial Care Centre. We promise, you won't be inundated with junk mail - or requests for donations - all you'll receive will be news of future events!

## HAVE YOUR SAY...

The Memorial Care Centre exists solely to serve the community which built it, and the Directors of Rye Health and Care cannot emphasise enough how important the community's views are. If you have anything you want to ask about the Centre or its work, or would like to come and see it for yourself, don't hesitate to contact the charity. Your views matter - so come and tell us what you think.

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## 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

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