

September, 2003

GUESTLING

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PARISH NEWS

Pett Level

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September Tides Rye Harbour Approaches

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Date	Day	Time (hrs)	Height (m)	Time (hrs)	Height (m)
1	Mon	0135	3.6	1359	3.8
2	Tue	0216	3.4	1443	3.6
3	Wed	0304	3.0	1534	3.1
4	Thur	0404	2.5	1641	2.5
5	Fri	0526	2.1	1808	2.1
6	Sat	0703	2.0	1954	2.2
7	Sun	0831	2.4	2118	2.6
8	Mon	0935	2.8	2215	3.0
9	Tue	1023	3.2	2259	3.3
10	Wed	1103	3.6	2335	3.4
11	Thur	1140	3.7		
12	Fri	0007	3.4	1216	3.8
13	Sat	0036	3.4	1248	3.7
14	Sun	0105	3.3	1317	3.6
15	Mon	0131	3.2	1341	3.3
16	Tue	0153	3.2	1402	3.1
17	Wed	0214	2.7	1427	1.9
18	Thur	0242	2.4	1504	2.4
19	Fri	0327	1.9	1612	1.8
20	Sat	0534	1.6	1808	1.6
21	Sun	0657	1.8	1927	1.9
22	Mon	0805	2.1	2029	2.4
23	Tue	0857	2.7	2119	2.8
24	Wed	0940	3.2	2202	3.3
25	Thur	1020	3.6	2242	3.6
26	Fri	1100	3.9	2320	3.8
27	Sat	1139	4.2	2357	3.9
28	Sun			1218	4.2
29	Mon	0034	3.9	1256	4.2
30	Tue	0112	3.8	1336	3.9

OUR NEW MAGAZINE

Welcome to the new magazine, provided for the residents of Pett and Pett Level by the Parish Council. Our aim is to produce an interesting and informative magazine that will include monthly updates from the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee as well as a Parish Diary and Notice Board. The Notice Board is your opportunity to advertise forthcoming village events, tell us points of interest or concern and even say the odd thank-you!

Other familiar features will include Pick of the Past, Nature Notes and Flicks in the Village. All contributions are welcome and as we are new to this, all feedback will be appreciated.

As you will see in this edition, we also have advertising from local businesses and will be happy to include more. Our prices start from just £25 per year for a quarter page. For more information, please contact Lynda.

The magazine will be produced monthly and delivered free to all residents of Pett and Pett Level. For people outside the villages, those who subscribed to the former Parish News, will receive the magazine free of charge until the end of the year, after which annual subscriptions will be available. Copies of the magazine will also be on sale in the Post Office, priced 40p.



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TWO REPORTS OF THE PETT FLOWER SHOW

The Pett Flower Show Committee would like to thank everyone who ran stalls, parked cars, helped in the tea tent, stewards for the judges, bouncy castle, coconut shy, hair painting, raffle, the printer who prepared the schedule and to anyone else I forgot to mention, a great big THANK YOU.

I would also like to thank the Flower Show Committee, especially Jeanette and Ray Barden, for all the hard work organising, planning and giving me their support because without them and the helpers there would be no Pett Flower Show.

The entries in the marquee were down on last year which is a great shame considering all the effort that all the committee put in to making it a success. If you feel you could put in an exhibit next year – have a go. The children get small cash prizes for coming first, second and third. It's fun, and not taken too seriously and will be keeping a village tradition alive which unless supported will eventually fold.

The show was well attended for which we are really grateful. So let's try and make the next Pett Flower Show in 2004 a bumper year.

Louise Bowles – Honorary Secretary

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The weather forecast was awful – heavy rain throughout the afternoon in the South East. Would all the hard work put in by the organisers be wasted? At lunchtime, right on cue, it clouded over, but the rain held off and the punters turned up to enjoy the Show, which was opened this year by Mrs Irene Bacon. The sideshows and stalls seemed to be doing a brisk trade, and the tea tent had sold out of homemade goodies by 4.15.

I am always impressed by the handicrafts (there was the most amazing carved clock) and the flower arrangements, but my own favourite exhibit would have to be one of the entries in the Children's classes – the potato "head" with the daisy eyes.

Congratulations to Louise Bowles on her first show as Secretary, and to all the helpers, cake-makers, washer-uppers, side show attendants, judges, stewards, car parkers, not forgetting the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show, and those who stayed behind at the end to do the clearing up. I am not going to embark on a list of names, as I would be sure to forget someone and earn myself another ear-bashing!

The first drops of rain began to fall as the prizes were being distributed by Pam Dunlop, and as I walked home it was raining steadily. I didn't attend the evening party, but I gather that in spite of the wet evening it was well attended and much enjoyed, so well done to all concerned.

I will end by recounting an extraordinary incident, which occurred while judging was taking place in the morning. A glass of water had been left on one of the tables, and it suddenly exploded! There were a number of judges and stewards in the marquee who heard and saw this happen, but nobody was within four or five yards of the glass when it shattered. I have been given a long explanation involving surface tension and ultra high sound waves, but I prefer to believe that one of the Potato Heads put a spell on it.

GUESTLING BRADSHAW C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Three Pretty Maids' from Pett share their school memories as they leave for pastures new.

Charleerose writes: - Primary school has been great. I have been through good times and of course bad times. Friends are easy to make if you treat people with respect. The teachers are nice and friendly and treat everyone the same. I get on the bad side of teachers but I try and earn back their respect. My last day is going to be a tearful one.

Sophie recalls: - School life has been hard at some points but also great fun. One particularly upsetting time in Y6 was when my teacher Mr Lewis was knocked off his motorbike just after Christmas and he sadly died. I have still tried to get on with my life and get good results in my S.A.T.S. I will never forget him though. I have made lots of friends at Guestling. I just hope I will make some new ones at my new school. I will miss Guestling.

Deanna's memories: - I remember all of my teachers being lovely and kind when something was troubling me. I have had lots of friends and I will miss them all as they are going to different schools. I shall never forget my former Y6 teacher Mr Lewis; he was always so kind and understanding and loved Chelsea Football Club. He will never be forgotten by anyone who knew him. Primary school at Guestling has been great most of the time and enjoyable. So from me and the rest, bye-bye. Guestling you are the best.

John Taylor

PETT PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the new Pett Parish Magazine! Avril Thurley came to us earlier this year and told us about the Church's plans to change the way they disseminate their news. We were keen to make sure that the Parish kept the magazine in a similar format and develop it to encompass a wider range of news and views. Avril produced a mini business plan and I'm delighted to say that the Parish Council agreed to fund a significant part of the annual cost on behalf of the villagers.

Apart from the continuation of an important part of village life, we will be able to tell you much more about what the Parish Council is doing, which hopefully will encourage people to become more involved in the local community. Over the last couple of years we have sent out flyers on important issues such as mains drainage, facilities for younger people, and the Pett Post Office. The response we have had to these has been tremendous, particularly where we have directly asked your views in a little questionnaire.

We decided to make the magazine free to everyone in the Parish of Pett so that nobody misses out on village news and has a chance to contribute. Also, in this way the magazine will replace and improve on our flyers. This will save money; additional funding will come from adverts from local businesses, and I'm sure that many people who paid £3 a year to subscribe to the old magazine will feel able to donate a similar amount towards the cost of the new one.

My thanks to Avril, and the editors Mary Saint and Lynda Fletcher who will produce the magazine. I would encourage everyone to contribute articles and news, and I wish the new venture every success. It's for everyone in the Parish; please make the most of it!

What is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is the most local form of government, and in the Parish of Pett it consists of seven members elected from the local community, and one employee, our Clerk. The Parish Council is effectively non-political and the members' time is given voluntarily. Our role is to deal with local issues such as:

Planning – we are asked by the local planning authority (Rother District Council) to comment on each and every planning application in the Parish, which covers both Pett and Pett Level. In this way we can look after the interests of villagers, and do our best to make sure that people aren't affected by inappropriate development.

Local Amenities – the Parish Council's most important asset at the moment is the Recreation Ground. We are there to make sure that it is maintained for the benefit of the villagers and that it provides the activities that people want. Money to do this and other things comes from a relatively small part (the "precept") of the Council Tax which householders pay every year.

I said that the Recreation Ground is the Council's most important asset *at the moment* because we hope that it will soon to be joined by a new village shop and post office. I'm sure that most people will be aware from Parish Council flyers and the Rye Observer that we are working hard to make sure that the post office in Pett isn't closed down following the sale of the garage site on which it stands. After months of effort we are close to signing contracts with the owner of the garage site, Rother District Council, and a local developer (WAC), which will provide the village with a wonderful new shop and post office, to be owned by the village for many years to come. Our business plan indicates that the income from the new building should go a very long way to paying interest on the loan we will need, so that the annual cost to the village will be small. We will "keep you posted" in this magazine.

Village Life – the Parish Council is able to provide grants for worthy causes in the local community and, apart from expenditure on providing recreational and other facilities, we have been happy to support maintenance of the local churchyard, Flicks in the Village, and the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council – many of the things we take for granted such as hedge and verge cutting, roads, planning decisions and social services are dealt with by the two larger local councils. We keep in constant touch with them to make sure the Parish gets most benefit, and we work closely with them on major projects. For instance, Rother is closely involved with us in keeping the Pett Post Office open.

The Pett Parish Council meets at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of every month; please come and see us and give us your views.

Mark Hall – Chairman

FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE – The Film Club of Pett

This September sees a new magazine, a new film and a new year for your local film society. Whilst publication / distribution dates of this magazine may supersede our showing of *Chicago*, starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere and Renee Zellweger, we anticipate having the pleasure of entertaining our 1000th guest.

Club finances are such that we are able to offer RENEWAL memberships for only £1 per member, which reflects our appreciation for all the support given in the past year by existing members. Just bring along your expired membership card to any performance and we will issue you with a new one for year 03/04. Annual membership for new members will remain at £10, which includes free entry to three films. 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. Application forms for new members continue to be available at the Butchers Shop, Pett Road.

Chris Saint

PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER

VH = Village Hall

RG = Recreation Ground

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday 1 st	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8:30pm
Tuesday 2 nd	Keep Fit	VH	7pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Badminton Mobile Library	VH	10am
		Church	10.20am
		Chick Hill	10:50am
		Smugglers	11:35am
Thursday 4 th	Flicks in the Village	VH	7:30pm
Friday 5 th	Parent and Toddler Group	Methodist Hall	10am
Saturday 6 th	Coffee Morning for Church	Paxstead	10am
	Cricket v Buxted Park	RG	2:30pm
Sunday 7 th	Cricket v Clive Vale	RG	2pm
Monday 8 th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8:30pm
Tuesday 9 th	Keep Fit	VH	7pm
	Pett Garden Club	VH	7:30pm
Wednesday 10 th	Badminton	VH	10am
Thursday 11 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	7pm
Friday 12 th	Parent & Toddler Group	Methodist Hall	10am
	Railway Club	VH	7:30pm
Sunday 14 th	Cricket v Hurst Green	RG	2pm
Monday 15 th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8:30pm
Tuesday 16 th	Keep Fit	VH	7pm
	Parish Council	VH	7:30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Badminton Mobile Library	VH	10am
		Church	10.20am
		Chick Hill	10:50am
		Smugglers	11:35am
Thursday 18 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	7pm
Friday 19 th	Parent & Toddler Group	Methodist Hall	10am
	Women's Institute	VH	2pm
	Naturalists Society	VH	7:30pm
Monday 22 nd	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Keep Fit	VH	7pm
Wednesday 24 th	Badminton	VH	10am
	Sports Association Management committee	RG Pavillion	7:30pm
Thursday 25 th	Short Mat Bowls	VH	7pm
Friday 26 th	Parent & Toddler Group	Methodist Hall	10am
Monday 29 th	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8:30pm
Tuesday 30 th	Keep Fit	VH	7pm

If you would like your special events or regular meetings to be included in the Parish Diary, or if there is any variation to your usual schedule, please drop a note, programme or fixture list into Rectory Cottage.

NOTICE BOARD

- Flower Show Tea Tent - I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated cakes to the tea-tent and to thank Margaret, Jean, Lora, Avril, Carole, Muriel and Julia.
Wendy Norcott
- Pett Garden Club September meeting - visiting speaker is Colin Page from Harborough Nurseries. Colin is an expert photographer and will hopefully bring some slides to show as well plants for sale from his nursery. New members will be made welcome.
- Pett W.I. September meeting- Vicky Harris gives a talk on her theatrical knowledge - "Behind the Scenes."
- Pett Level Naturalists Society September Meeting - The Wildlife of the Royal Military Canal - Andy Morris.
- Special Anniversary Fun Quiz - Saturday 4th October at Pett Village Hall. 7-7:30pm start. £2 per head, bring refreshments. Don't miss out - book now - call Ali on 814175
- Jumble sale - on Saturday 18th October in Pett Village Hall from 1:30-3:30pm in aid of church funds. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall between 11am and noon or phone 812443 if collection is required.. There will be a cake stall, raffle and tea/coffee will be available. Cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you on the day.
- To contact Sussex Police ref. any urgent incident, please dial 999 or ring the Call Handling Centre on 0845 60 70 999 or E-mail chc@sussex.police.uk, quoting relevant crime number and date. If you have any information about any crime and wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers night or day on 0800 555111.
- Players required: Tackleway Football Club under 13's. Contact Tim White 01424 721967. Training 5-6pm Barley Lane near Shearburn campsite.
- STOLEN** from outside the Village Hall sometime around 4/5th August, the green "A" frame that advertised the films showing at Flicks. If anyone has information that will lead to the recovery of this item, please let one of the Hall Committee members know, or contact Chris Saint on 813047. Flicks is a voluntary organisation, which relies solely on income generated from attracting audiences and therefore, this loss is particularly disappointing.

"PICK OF THE PAST"

For nearly a century there has been a Parish Magazine in Pett. In later years it was called the "The Parish News" and incorporated the church parishes of both Pett and Guestling. It is great that the village is going to continue with tradition and produce a magazine for everyone in Pett. So what is "Pick of the Past"? For a couple of years I have been delving into old Parish Magazines to produce an article each month entitled "Paragraphs from the Past". Recently I found that about forty years ago someone tried to start a regular item in the magazine called "Pick of the Past" and I thought I would revive the title and use it in the new village magazine. Some folk may not have seen the former "Parish News" and so some of the material may be repeated in the months ahead; however it is all interesting, about the people of Pett and the ethos of this lovely place. Therefore I apologise in advance to those who have read some of this before. By the way, if anyone has any old magazines hidden away in a drawer or cupboard I would be extremely pleased and grateful for the loan of them as many gems of local history are contained in these documents.

And now for a couple of snippets from the past magazines: -

September 1946: Reg Cook in his 'Nature Notes' for that month wrote.... "Several people have reported to me that they have seen numbers of the Crow family taking young birds from their nest and either feeding them to their own group or making a meal of them. The Crow family which includes the Raven, Carrion Crow, Rook, Jackdaw, Magpie and Jay have always carried on this sort of robbing to some extent but I think that it is a much more common practice now than it was a year or two ago. The reason for this is that the Crow family has increased tremendously during the war years owing to the fact that no one has had time or ammunition to keep down their numbers and consequently there are far too many of this species of birds in the district.

The hand of man has been against this family of birds for centuries, yet they have managed to survive, and given the chance, will thrive and this is what has happened now. They have taken advantage of the respite given to them during the war years to multiply."

September 1955: We are most grateful to Mrs C.B. Taylor and Mrs A.G.W. Barnard for the gift of the lovely corner table and vase for St Nicholas in memory of their sister Miss E.M. Sayer. And one other thank you and that I am sure from all the village, to the gentleman who climbed the Church steeple, gilded the hands of the clock and we hope gently found a new home for the sparrows that had taken up residence in the clock face.

John Taylor

NATURE NOTES

I watched a young fox trotting across a field. He found some carrion and started to eat it, and was soon joined by a couple of magpies. The scene was like a miniature version of one of those pictures one sees of lions and vultures sharing a carcass in deepest Africa. Then a carrion crow flew down, and the fox and magpies all immediately abandoned the carrion, leaving the crow in sole possession. The fox then trotted down the field, crossed the ditch at the bottom, and came up the other side through a flock of sheep with half-grown lambs, none of whom took the slightest notice of him.

There have been a lot of hawkmoths about, although this year I didn't have my usual Elephants in the greenhouse. Instead I had a visit from a Poplar hawkmoth, which sat on a post for at least 24 hours without moving and without getting eaten by the birds. Two days later it managed to get hooked up on a cactus in the greenhouse. I rescued it, apparently uninjured and put it outside.

This year's crop of baby blue tits is giving me much pleasure. The babies are very agile from the day they are launched, and are already quite good at using the nut feeders, unlike the young sparrows whose little wings go like helicopters as they try to hang on to the wire. Incidentally, there was a time when I was quite surprised to see a sparrow on the nuts, whereas now it's a sight I take entirely for granted. Even if you can't get out and about, you can still enjoy nature right outside your window for the price of a few peanuts and a pound or two of mixed bird seed.

The hay meadows have been full of butterflies, especially Meadow Brown, Common Blue and Small Copper. At home in the garden, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma butterflies have been enjoying my Buddleias. This exuberant and trouble-free plant is not called the Butterfly Bush for nothing. It will grow almost anywhere, in sun or shade, and has a lovely honey scent. You can grow it from a cutting and have it flowering the same year, and in the autumn you can cut it right down and let it start again next year.

Earlier this year I saw what I thought was a mummified pear in my tree. Closer inspection revealed it to be a new wasp nest. Over the weeks it has grown from golf ball size to nearly as big as a rugby ball. In view of the fact that my Victoria plums are ripening and wasps find them irresistible, I have reluctantly had them destroyed. The nest is a most beautiful piece of art, and I hope to take it to the next meeting of Pett Nats on 19th September. It really is well worth examining.

September is from the Latin "septem", meaning seven. Until 1752, New Year's Day was 25th March, so September was indeed the seventh month, as it was in the calendar of ancient Rome.

Avril Thurlay

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

With only 18 months gone by since our new village hall was opened it is a good time to reflect on the progress that has been made.

The many parishioners that drove the project forward were in no doubt about the potential for such a facility in the village and it was indeed that vision that kept us all going during the hard slog of seeking the necessary funding and overseeing the building progress. With all this in mind, it is still none the less very gratifying to witness the astonishing success of this venture.

The sheer fact that it is difficult to find an available slot when booking enquiries are made is just a measure of that success. We now have a wide and varied selection of activities available to all ages and evidence that many are taking up new interests because they are available locally. I am sure many of the groups using the hall will be using this magazine to promote themselves but at the risk of some repetition here is a brief run down of the principal users.

The playgroup continues to extend their opening hours providing the youngest users with the best care, sessions now every morning except Wednesday.

Other regular users who began in the old hall include Pett Naturalists who meet every 3rd Friday evening from September to April. Pett W.I. also meet that same Friday but in the afternoon. The doctor continues to provide a most valuable service on Monday and Friday morning. Karate is on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Badminton can be played on Wednesday mornings. The Railway Club meet on the 2nd Friday of each month, the Gardening club on the 2nd Tuesday each month. The Parish Council meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month with Keep Fit classes on Tuesday evenings. Computer classes for the time being are on Monday morning and Wednesday evening. Short Mat bowls is on Thursday afternoon and again in the evening. Yoga sessions take place on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. You can brush up on your ballroom dancing on Friday afternoons and of course go to the "flicks" on the 1st Thursday of the month.

As well as the above there are of course many occasional hirers many of whom are villagers that run art exhibitions, hold parties and wedding receptions and so I feel all will agree our New Village Hall is a great success but I should say will always need the dedication of a group of volunteers to keep it going, so if anyone out there feels they would like to help out there is always a welcome for you.

Tim Jury

PETT SUNDAY CRICKET

27th July at Northiam: Northiam 220 for 7 declared. Pett 157
Pett lost by 63 runs

Northiam ran up a big score with only Dean Daniel who took 3-44 doing much damage. The Pett innings was dominated by a second wicket partnership of 80 between Peter Harris (28) and Timmy Hambridge, aged 14 (50), but there were 4 ducks.

3rd August at Fairlight: Fairlight 27. Pett 29 for 0 wickets
Pett won by 10 wickets

Fairlight deserved great credit in fulfilling the fixture with several of their "regulars" out and a very weak side. Their top scorer was Extras with 14, and 6 Pett bowlers shared out the wickets.

10th August at Pett: This was a 12-a-side match.
Gustavus Adolphus 175 for 8 declared.
Pett 67 for 10 wickets. Match drawn

Pett bowled and fielded so well, especially another of our "boys" John Fitton who took 2 for 41 in 11 overs and Dean Daniel who bowled 10 overs in that heat, that the opposition had to bat on after tea to achieve a reasonable score. This left Pett with no alternative, once their early batsmen were out but to play for a draw. It came with a tense and dramatic last wicket partnership between Andrew Dunlop, who batted in all 27 overs for his 15 not out, and 10 year old Harry O'Brien, 9 not out, who lasted for 14 overs with the fielding side all crowded round the batsmen hoping to snap up a catch. Pett's policy of encouraging the boys paying off again!

A T C Dunlop

Snippets from the war or how we defeated Adolph!

Summer 1940, the Battle of Britain raging overhead, a very real threat of invasion and Pett full of troops. Pett Cricket Club arranged a match with an Army team, but we had not been playing for long before the Germans (poor sportsmen!) launched another air armada against our defences and things became both exciting and very noisy. The Sergeant in charge of the Army side said that they would have to go back to their defence positions. The only time that Pett had a match recorded as "Abandoned due to enemy action".

A T C Dunlop

LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my father's diary for August 1907.

Thursday 1st - Carter & boy carting to Budds. Joe mowing grass on Toot. Mr Cooke mowing (under) top hedge Pett Barn Field, and turned trifolium. Fred & Mr Cox thatching, afternoon pulled Long Field stack. Self sold Mr Smith big roan steer £22-10s, Wadman's big red £21, Moon's roan £16, and three red heifers £15-10s, £15-5s and £14. Also 5-2yr old ewes 50/- each, 2 old ewes 40/- each, 3 young ewes 46/- each. (A farm worker's weekly wage was about 17 shillings.)

Sunday 4th - Fine bright day - only fine day for a fortnight.

Diary entries are a little sketchy for the next week, as grandfather was helping with the haymaking at Hendon and didn't return to Pett until the 10th.

Monday 12th - Fred and Joe opened up winter oats. Carter carting to Budds heap. Will Cooke and Mr Cox Pett Barn Field mangels. Regg got 43 ewes & lambs from Lower Ground to Poor Field. Afternoon all hands and 2 adra till about 3:30 cutting oats, then stopped by rain.

Tuesday 13th - Carter, Joe, Fred, Mr Cox, boys & R Smith finished winter oats. Got one load from Toot & topped up marsh hay stack. Boys drove sheep to dippers. Smith had Beckly heifer & Mr Moon's roan steer.

Thursday 15th - Carter ploughing part of winter oat ground in Budds. Fred, Joe & Will off. Regg & self weaning lambs. Put 62 ewes and 1 lamb to Cliff, 25 ewes 1 teg & 1 lamb to Cloke's Marsh, 90 lambs & 1 ewe to new marsh.

Friday 16th - Carter finished ploughing for rye in Budds, rolled and harrowed. Will all day, with boy in afternoon, carting from yard to Budds heap. Self and Regg got 3 old lambs to orchard, 4 ram tegs & 5 wether tegs to catstall, leaving 5 sheep and 1 lamb.

Tuesday 20th - Carter, Dennis, Will Cooke morning carting. Afternoon Carter cut 3 Acre lucern. Mr Cooke finished carting out dung. Dennis and self turned peas. Fred & Joe opening up wheat Upper Chick Hill and started Eastlands oats. Smith had two big beasts (cattle).

Wednesday 21st - Carter, mate, Mr Cox, Dennis, Fred, Joe, Will Cooke, Mr Ellis & boy cut Upper Chick Hill wheat, finished at 2. Carter braking in 8 Acre swedes. Mr Cox, Fred, Joe, Dennis opening up Eastlands. Mr Cooke & self turned peas.

Saturday 24th - All hands cutting Eastlands till noon & laid down Budds oats. (Laid out sheaves of oats to dry.) Afternoon picked up 9 loads winter oats & 1 load clover from Upper Chick Hill. Roan heifer calved.

Tuesday 27th - Only really fine day all summer. All hands cutting in Eastlands for about an hour, then shook out Hopgarden clover & picked up 8 loads total. Put 1 load into barn & 7 on stack making 13 loads on stack. Picked up 2 rather small loads lucern from 3 Acres.

Thursday 29th - All hands cut remainder of Lower Chick Hill, about 6 acres. Mr & Mrs Ellis cutting headlands in 5 Acres & Lower Chick Hill.

Rain was recorded on 11 days, weather improving towards the end of the month.

Andrew R Dunlop



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