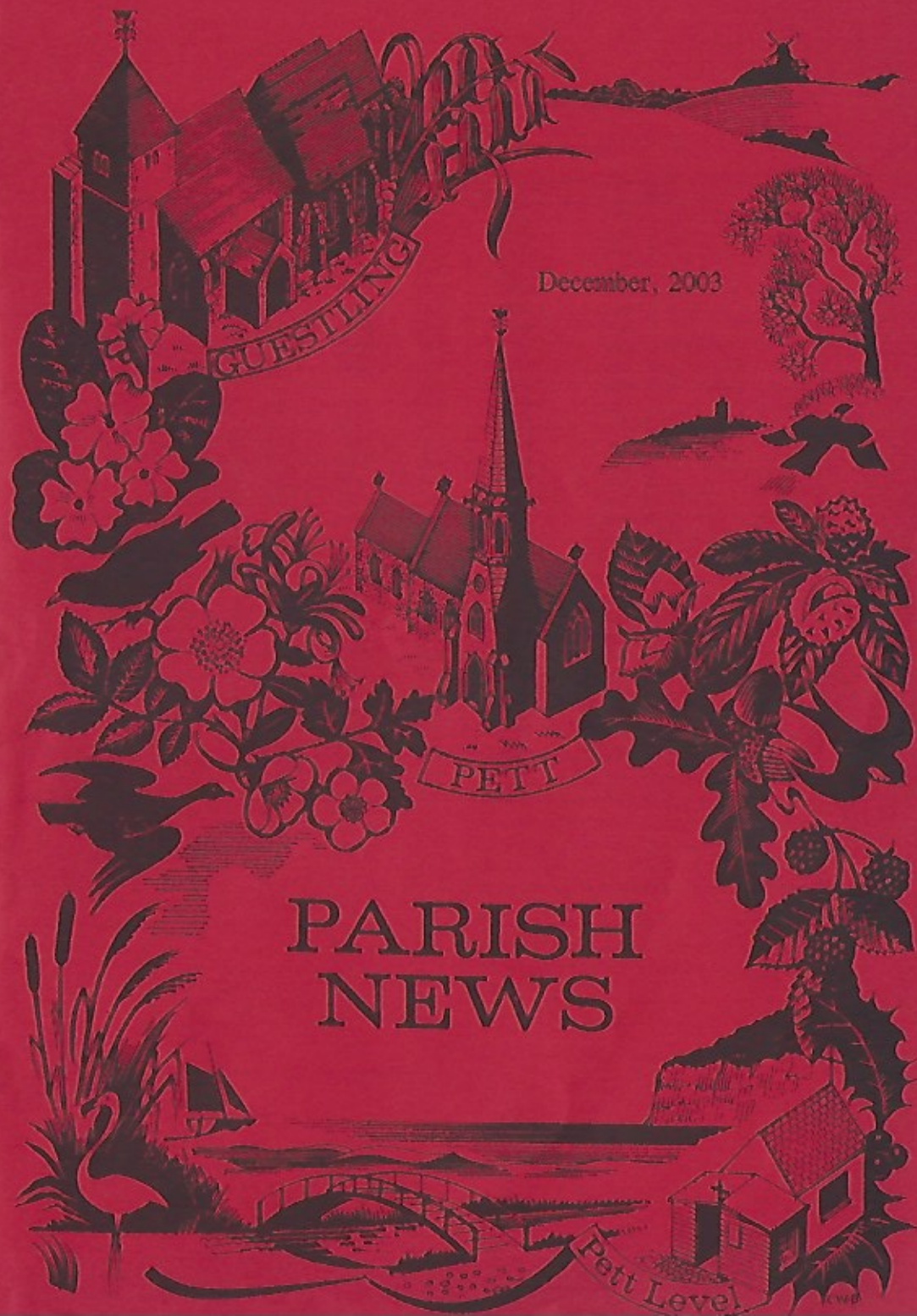


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PARISH NEWS



December Tides Rye Harbour Approaches

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EDITORIAL

This month we have managed to maintain our 20 page magazine and are pleased to welcome a contribution from Alexander Bowles from Guestling-Bradshaw CEP School. It certainly makes interesting reading!

We have also tried to include as many festive events as possible but obviously we can only print the information that we are given. Don't forget this is your magazine and we welcome contributions from everyone.

Someone did mention the other day that they would like to see mention of those happy and also sad events in the lives of people in the village, i.e. births, marriages and deaths, as it was not always easy to keep up with what was happening. So if you would like to see such events included, once again please let us know.

Copy for the January edition can be sent by e-mail to:
pettbus@btinternet.com.

Alternatively, hard copy can be passed to Mary Saint, Southlands, Pett Road (813047). As it is the Christmas period, please note that in order to ensure that the magazine will be available at the start of the New Year, the deadline for copy will be **Wednesday 10 December**.

Finally, we would like to wish all our readers, contributors and distributors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CAROL SINGING IN PETT:

Once again we will be Carol Singing in the village – this year on Monday 15 December. Please come and join us as we try to raise money for the local 'Surviving Christmas' charity. We shall need a goodly number of singers and at least two collectors, so please come and help swell the happy band – dressed for all weathers and bearing your lanterns (or torches).

We will meet in St. Mary & St. Peter's Church, Pett, at 6.45pm and leave the church at 7.00pm sharp. Our route this year will follow Pett Road towards the Two Sawyers (calling in the pub – but only to sing!) and as far as the beginning of Watermill Lane. We will provide Carol Sheets and this will be your opportunity to sing lustily in very good company for a very good cause. After our combined efforts we will enjoy a little light refreshment at 'Breanross', thanks to the kindness of Tom Clarkson.

If any young folk wish to join us, and their parents cannot collect them at the end of the evening (about 9pm at 'Breanross'), we will ensure that an adult brings them home.

Do come and join us in this fun evening – everyone is welcome, and the more singers we have the more we will collect for those whose Christmas may not be as festive and joyful as our own.

I look forward to seeing you in the church at 6.45pm on Monday 15 December. Thank you for your valuable support.

John Taylor.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

- Good luck to Zoe, Anna and Sally who are starting a Mothers and Toddlers Club to replace the Playgroup. We wish them every success.
- Are you a ballroom dancer with a partner? Mr and Mrs Rawlins are enthusiastic and would welcome you on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm. For more information ring 813540.
- There will be another Race Night early in the New Year. Always a fun evening, watch this space for more details.
- Sadly an unwanted expense has occurred involving damage to the ceiling of the main hall. Scaffolding, replacement tiles and someone with a good head for heights have been found to restore the Hall to its perfect condition.
- The management Committee had hoped to receive the final payment of their grant from the National Lottery in October. How can they have "lost" our application?
- The next large project will be to tarmac the car park outside the main doors, and fundraising will continue to this end. Apologies are due to the wheelchair users who have been so patient and deserve a less perilous access to the Hall.

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PETT PARISH COUNCIL

It's That Time Again!

At the beginning of every year the Parish Council sets the level of the precept, which is the bit of the council tax which comes directly to the Parish. This year, on one hand, we might well have surplus funds which could be used for new projects and maintenance (and/or to reduce the precept from its current level). On the other hand we are always keen to get best value on existing commitments. Accordingly, we have set up two working groups, one to look at new initiatives which would benefit villagers, and one to review arrangements for the maintenance work we carry out throughout the Parish. These groups will come up with a number of recommendations, following which we will set the precept at an appropriate level. As always, we would appreciate your views. If you have a new project or improvement dear to your heart, or are unhappy with aspects of Parish maintenance, or would rather simply pay a little less council tax, please drop me a line.

Pett Post Office

I have received a letter from Michael Foster, MP for Hastings and Rye, regarding the closure of the Post Office. He is concerned about the likely length of closure, and has been in touch with Post Office Counters Ltd. Whilst, regrettably, we have now been denied much control over the situation, the Parish Council will still do what we can to help, and will be liaising with him over the coming months.

Flooding

Councillor Brian Roberts recently attended a working session on flooding which involved the emergency services and local councils. As a result, we have set up a working group which will pull together essential local information to be held for the benefit of those emergency services and authorities who would be involved in dealing with a major flooding incident. Rumours that we are clubbing together for a set of water wings for Brian are, I'm pleased to say, wholly unfounded. Seriously though, the chances of flooding should be greatly reduced in the future as a result of the multi-million pound works being carried out between Pett Level and Winchelsea Beach, but it is best to be prepared.

Neighbourhood Watch & Police

I see from the latest Neighbourhood Watch communication that Marion Woodward is standing down as Neighbourhood Watch Sub-co-ordinator. On behalf of the Parish council I wish her well and would like to thank her for her service and commitment to our community. Thank you Marion.

From the communications provided by Neighbourhood Watch, and the emails forwarded from the police by Alan Haselup, it seems that Pett and Pett Level have not suffered unduly from crime recently. No doubt the Neighbourhood Watch scheme has helped over time in this respect, and will continue to do so. One type of reported incident is worth mentioning and that is someone posing as a policeman visiting homes. This hasn't happened in the immediate area, but it is best to be aware. If you are in any doubt, simply don't let suspicious people (even if they appear to be a

genuine policeman) into your home, and phone the police. A genuine policeman will understand.

Another incident recently happened closer to home. A lady in Pett had her bag taken from her car, in her driveway, whilst she was helping someone asking for directions. Clearly this was a set up by two or more people working together. It is, as always, difficult to know how someone can sink that low, but it will continue to happen. Again, the best defence is simply to be aware. If in doubt, phone the police if you see something suspicious.

I have repeated below the police contact details provided by Alan Haselup. If you are interested in receiving police emails, please contact Alan by email at ridgewatch@aol.com

"To contact Sussex Police regarding any incident please dial 999 if it is urgent or ring the Call Handling Centre on 0845 60 70 999 or email chc@sussex.police.uk and quote the relevant crime reference number and date if you are responding to a reported crime. If you have any information about any crime and wish to remain totally anonymous please call Crimestoppers night or day on 0800 555111"

I know that, on occasions, people have had trouble getting through to the police, but please persevere. The police have said to us that they cannot respond to crime if it is not reported. We have invited a senior police representative to come to one of our meetings and also hope to be joined by a representative from Rother District Council, to inform the village about current policing activity and strategy. As soon as we have a date I will let you know. In the meantime we will be discussing policing and crime at the next Parish Council meeting on the 16th December; please drop me a line if you want to raise any issues before that meeting.

Bus Stop Opposite Watermill Lane

I recently mentioned that we had asked East Sussex County Council to put a short length of pavement opposite Watermill Lane to provide a safe haven for pedestrians waiting for a bus there. This work has now been done but it is ironic to say the least that when I passed it this morning there were two cars parked on it! Hopefully this will resolve itself when a new bench is installed, but it does highlight the problem of parking on footpaths through the Parish. Sometimes it is unavoidable but I would ask car owners to consider those who rely on footpaths, especially at night on unlit roads. It can't be fair to expect someone with poor vision, or elderly, or pushing a pram, or walking a dog, to have to leave the footpath and walk, in the middle of the road, round a car on a dark winter's night.

Mark Hall - Chairman

A COMMENT ON THE POST OFFICE

It was very sad to read that the Post Office project has fallen through.

Sad because the Post Office will not now have a secure future in the village – even if it is built it will be privately owned and therefore subject to closure at any time.

Sad for the team of negotiators – Andrew Dunlop, Mark Hall, Robin Patten and Chris Saint – who have put in so many unpaid hours of time and effort to try and secure the future of the Post Office.

Sad also for those who have loyally supported the old garage and Post Office, and who have gone to considerable trouble to collect their pensions at other Post Offices so that they could continue to support Tony when he re-opened.

But what I find saddest of all is that when discussing this with family and friends, they have asked, almost to a man, why Planning Consent was given for the additional houses on the rest of the site before the Parish Council owned the land on which the new Post Office was to stand. It was simply taken for granted that the deal would obviously fall through on this account. And when I have spoken of such concepts such as honour or moral obligation, I have been told to come down to earth and face facts. One parishioner said that in the real world any businessman would have done the same.

If that is true, I can only say that I would rather live happily in Cloud-cuckoo-land, thanks very much, because my fantasy is a lot better than the real world's reality.

Avril Thurley

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

(Reflecting the computer age)

- o Home is where you hang your @
- o The e-mail of the species is deadlier than the mail
- o You can't teach a new mouse old clicks
- o There's no place like <http://www.home.com>



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PARISH DIARY - DECEMBER

VH = Village Hall

MH = Methodist Hall

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday 1 st	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Badminton	VH	10.00am
	Celebration Buffet	Royal Oak	7:00pm
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	9:00pm
Thursday 4 th	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Flicks in the Village	VH	7.30pm
Friday 5 th	Parent & Toddler Group	MH	10.00am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2.00pm
Monday 8 th	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30pm
Wednesday 10 th	Badminton	VH	10.00am
	Mobile Library	Church	10.20am
		Chick Hill	11.10am
		Smuggler	11.45am
		Two Sawyers	9:00pm
Thursday 11 th	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	9:00pm
	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	7.00pm
Friday 12 th	Parent & Toddler Group	MH	10.00am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2.00pm
	Railway Club	VH	7.30pm
Monday 15 th	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parish Council	VH	7.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Badminton	VH	10.00am
	Quiz Night	Two Sawyers	9:00pm
Thursday 18 th	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Short Mat Bowls	VH	7.00pm
Friday 19 th	Parent & Toddler Group	MH	10.00am
	Latin American & Ballroom Dancing	VH	2.00pm
	Naturalist Society	VH	7.30pm
Monday 22 nd	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	Quiz Night	Royal Oak	8.30pm
Wednesday 24 th	NO BADMINTON		
	NO MOBILE LIBRARY		
Monday 29 th	Mother & Toddler/playgroup	VH	9:30am
	George & The Dragon	Royal Oak	8.30pm

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, Pett Road.

NOTICE BOARD

- **Surviving Christmas** – Donations for this annual local project can be left at the back of the church. Items required include non-perishable food, toiletries, clean, good quality clothing and bedding.
- **Royal Oak 3rd December** – Jasmine & Richard would like all patrons to join them to celebrate 2 years at the Royal Oak on Wednesday 3rd December. Buffet from 7pm.
- **Guestling Scout & Guide Christmas Coffee Morning / Bazaar** - Saturday 6th December. Guestling HQ. Church Lane. 10.00 - 12.00. Visit from Santa, teas and cakes, games and crafts. Everybody welcome.
- **Pett Level Naturalists Society December Meeting** – Flowers of the Mediterranean – Dr Arthur Hollman.
- **George & The Dragon** – The Piatco Company present this traditional Mummers play at the Royal Oak on Monday 29th December, starting at 9:45pm.
- **Pett Flower Show** - We are hoping to have a Spring Show this year to help boost funds towards our wonderful Summer Show on the recreation ground. The proposed date is the 3rd April 2004 at Pett Village Hall. Start to plant those hyacinths, tulips, Narcissi daffodils, pansies, also tomato and vegetable plants. Make those chutneys and pickles etc. Look forward to seeing you. There will be a schedule available in the New Year.
- **Stop Press!** – The final payment of the National Lottery grant has now been made. Congratulations to the Village Hall Committee.

PLEASE DON'T EAT MY JUICY MANGOS!

(An article by Alexander Bowles, Year 6, Guestling-Bradshaw CEP School)

The mango is an exotic fruit and we do not grow it in our country. This is because it is too cold in our country. This report looks at where mangos come from and the conditions that it needs to grow. In addition it also looks at who grows mangos. It concludes with how you eat a mango and how you ripen them.

The Latin name for mango is *Mangifera indica*. The mango is originally from southern Asia, especially Burma and eastern India. It spread to Malaya, eastern Asia and eastern Africa. Mangos came to California in 1880. There are two types of mangos – one from India and the other from the Philippines and south east Asia. The mangos from India are bright red and the mangos from the Philippines are pale green or red.

Mangos need a frost-free climate. Flowers and small fruits can be killed if temperatures drop below 40°F. Young trees may be seriously damaged if the temperature drops below 30°F. Older trees can stand short periods of temperatures as low as 25°F. The mangos must have warm dry weather to make the fruit grow. Dwarf size mango plants can grow in a large container or in a greenhouse provided they have a constant temperature.

The mango tree is evergreen. The leaves are dark green above and pale below. The biggest mango tree has grown to 22 metres. Trees in California usually grow to about 10 metres. The trees can live a long time and it has been known that one tree lived for over 300 years and was still fruiting. The roots can grow 6 metres down into the ground. The fruit ripens 100 to 150 days after the flowers appear.

In Mohor Christian Aid help people to grow mangos, as well as bananas, pineapples, cashew and bamboo. They are allowed to eat some fruit and then sell the rest to get some money to live on.

Juan, aged 4 who lives in Campeche, Mexico says his family grow mangos there. Also Ryan and Anthony aged 9 who live in Darwin, Australia say they grow mangos there too.

Mangos are very juicy and can be hard to eat. Mangos are healthy because they are low in calories and contain Vitamin A, fibre and beta-carotene. They can be used in sweet and savoury recipes and ice creams and sorbets. They can be used instead of peaches in recipes. Do not put them in the fridge. You can put them in a paper bag or in an airing cupboard to ripen them.

Mangos are a very popular fruit and will keep growing for centuries if we look after the environment.

SNIPPETS FROM THE WAR – or how we defeated Adolph

Autumn 1940 and the threat of invasion very real. The army dug slit trenches down the edge of the field next to Chick Hill to stop any enemy advance up the hill, then laid trip wires across Lower Chick Hill itself in case any of the Germans were unsporting enough to come that way. Unfortunately they forgot to tell my Father. He was walking up across the field one evening at dusk and tripped over one of the wires, setting off the alarm. An officer intercepted him and told him off, but, not for the first time, my father had the last word: - "Well, you will have to take all the wires up again because I am going to put the lambs in here next week". And he did.

A T C Dunlop

FLICKS IN THE VILLAGE

4th December at 7.30pm we will be screening the film *Two Weeks Notice* starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant. Although these actors display little on-screen romantic chemistry in the film, by having them to do what is best, the film manages to work around the missing key ingredient. Bullock is on top form as a bumbling but clever woman who is left ashore by her eco-warrior boyfriend and begins to work (against her better judgement) for Grant, well-spoken and charming yet inept public face of a multi-million pound empire. Although sparks conspicuously fail to fly between them, the two make for genial pals and as a result, the fact that little romance is evident until the end is actually a bonus.

Do not forget, if you wish to join, or rejoin Flicks or require any further information about the work of the Society, just turn on the night of the film or contact me on 813047 e-mail pettbus@btinternet.com. Alternatively, collect a membership form from Phil at Butchers Shop, Pett Road.

In the meantime, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you in New Year.

Chris Saint

PICK OF THE PAST:

BELLS AND BULLETS ?

Extracts from an article in the St. Mary and St Peter Parish Magazine – December 1915

Tales have the bells to tell us, not only of the summons to praise and prayer, soft chimes on summer evenings, merry marriage peals and slow tolling for one gone. Bells have also had an intimate connection with bygone wars; and even today many a tower stands silent.

Bells have made bullets and canon. They were actually regarded by sixteenth century gunners as lawful perquisites – "as a towne is wonne, whether it is by assault, subtilie practice, or by anie other manner given up, be it towne, castell, pyle, church or bastille, or fortress, the chief master of the artillerie, shall ordayne, that the master gunners and their companie shall have the best bell within that place so wonne, or the churchwardens shall appoint or compound with the great master of the artillerie and his counsel."

The Civil War brought disaster to bells, though in the case of Deddington church the tower had fallen eight years before the bells were sent in 1643 to the Royal Magazine at New College, to be smelted for munitions of war. On the other hand, the bells at Liversedge, near Bradford, were made of guns taken from the French at Genoa, and cast in 1814.

Though not strictly connected with war, one might quote how a bell saved the life of a soldier. A sentinel at Windsor Castle was accused of sleeping at his post. He urged in self-defence that he had not only been awake, but heard the great bell of St. Paul's strike thirteen at midnight. This proved to be the case, and the man was reprieved.

During the eighteenth century the bells pealed for many a victory of Marlborough and Rodney; while the entries for Wellington and Nelson would fill pages, as they exist literally by the hundred. May the day be not far distant when they ring for another, greater Waterloo, is the wish in every heart this Christmastide (1915).

Our Parish Church has only one bell. Thomas Walker Horsfield, the well-known topographer, says in his *History of Sussex*, published in 1835, that Pett church did at one time have three bells – two being heavy and cracked were taken down. However, there is no other record of this. The bell that rings from our steeple is dated 1641 and carries the inscription 'Robert Foster gave £15 towards me'. Originally designed as a normal tolling bell it has, since 1865, also served as an hourly chime for the clock. It is about 2 feet 6 inches in diameter and weighs about 6 cwt (the hour bell of Big Ben is 9 feet in diameter and weighs 13½ tons). A brass plate in the church is inscribed, 'Here lies George Theobald a lover of bells and of this howse, as that epitaph tells. He gave a bell freely to grace the new steeple. Ring out his Prayse therefore ye good people. Obit 10 arch 1641'. It is possible that Robert Foster gave his £15 towards the cost, or the recasting, of the bell that George Theobald 'freely' gave.

John Taylor

NATURE NOTES

A stoat came bounding round the edge of the pond, saw me, and stopped for a better look. He was not threatening as a weasel would have been, and certainly not afraid; just interested. After careful consideration he decided I was neither edible nor dangerous, so he went unhurriedly about his business.

Stoats are bigger than weasels and have longer tails in proportion to their body length, tipped with black. In colder regions their coats turn white in winter, except for the tail tip, and they are known as ermine. Like all mustelids (which include otters and badgers) they have formidable teeth and powerful jaws making them very efficient killers. Rabbits form a large part of their diet, so they are unlikely to go hungry in this area. Incidentally, moorhens have raised two broods on the pond without the stoat taking their eggs or chicks.

The autumn colours have been especially good this year. The shining bronze of the oaks and the bright orange of the wild cherries have been particularly spectacular. My own favourites have been the glorious golden spires of the birches. Did you notice the beautiful deep crimson creeper on Gatehurst Cottage?

Long-tailed tits are high on my list of favourite birds, so I was delighted to see a flock of about 30 foraging in hawthorn on Lunsford Farm. At a distance they look like flying tadpoles, with little round bodies and long flowing tails. Close up, they are enchanting balls of pink, black and white fluff. Although they eat mostly insects they can be attracted to your garden peanut feeder. Almost always they come in family parties – it is rare to see a lone log-tailed tit.

Blackbirds are feasting on my coloneaster berries. They normally enjoy the purple berries of *Berberis Darwinii*, but have had to miss out this year as the bush was severely pruned (with a chainsaw) in July. It is already four or five feet tall again, but of course there are no berries this year. Most (but not all) garden shrubs can be given a serious pruning occasionally and will be all the better for it. Don't try it with any of the Daphnes, which will certainly take offence and die.

December, the tenth month in the old Roman calendar, sees the shortest day, which to me heralds the beginning of the new year. Although the worst of the winter weather is still to come, the evenings start getting lighter and the earliest spring bulbs such as winter aconites will soon be delighting us with their fragile beauty.

Avril Thurley

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Matches played 19 Won 7 Drawn 4 Lost 7 Abandoned 1

Runs for 2915 Wickets 126 Average 23.13

Runs against 3473 Wickets 134 Average 25.92

Best Batting

135* Q Norris v Warringham
103* P Harris v Clive Vale
102 T Hambridge v Bexhill
100 Q Norris v Winchelsea
93 G Osborn v Hurst Green
74* G Osborn v Crowhurst

Best Bowling

5-32 G. Willis v Hurst Green
4-37 R Mayes v Hurst Green
4-43 C Waters v Bexhill
3-1 D Daniel v Bexhill

Batting Averages - 5 or more innings

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Top Score	Average
Q Norris	5	2	305	135*	101.67
G Osborn	9	3	325	93	54.17
T Hambridge	11	-	380	102	34.55
P Harris	16	1	388	103*	25.87
C Fletcher	10	-	227	57	22.70
D Daniel	10	3	119	35*	17.00
A Dunlop	14	2	190	42*	15.83
J Fitton	5	2	28	17*	9.33
C Waters	12	6	42	14*	7.00
M Hambridge	14	1	83	23	6.38
A Corke	6	1	30	12	6.00
A Weller	6	1	21	11*	4.20

Bowling Averages - 5 or more wickets

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G Palmer	12.5	-	93	6	15.50
D Daniel	107	25	314	20	15.70
R Mayes	32	3	113	7	16.14
G Willis	53	3	274	16	17.12
A Corke	25	-	138	7	19.71
P Harris	122.4	17	533	24	22.21
J Fitton	86	11	370	11	33.64
C Fletcher	35	3	215	6	35.83
C Waters	26	-	190	5	38.00
T Hambridge	74.5	9	339	8	42.37

A T C Dunlop

LUNSFORD FARM DIARY

Extracts from my grandfather's diary for November 1907.

Friday 1st - Carter Upper Chick Hill. Will to Rye for 120 threshing sacks, 5 cwt cotton cake and 1 sack crushed maize. Fred mangels. Mr Cox dung spreading Lower Chick Hill. Joe & Dennis finished ditch litter in Upper Ground.

Monday 4th - Carter mangel carting with Fred & Will Cooke & boy. Afternoon got water and moved (threshing) machine in. Mr Cox dung spreading. Dennis mangel pulling. Self came down. (From Hendon.)

Tuesday 5th - All hands & 10 extra threshed 47 sacks winter oats & 19 beans from top of small side of Pett Barn Field. Put 24 sacks to east, 1 to Daisy's stable, 23 to granary.

Friday 8th - Carter got up 4 loads mangels and moved (threshing) machine. Morning all hands & 10 extra threshed Upper Chick Hill wheat, about 2½ acres. Afternoon Joe & Will clearing up. Self fold (sheep) etc. Dennis pulling mangels. Fred thatching bean haulm. Afternoon 7 threshers pulled 1 acre & 3 rods mangels for 10/-. (i.e. 10/- for the team. They had finished threshing early and were completing the day.)

Monday 11th - Carter, Will & boy carting mangels, Joe stacking, Dennis pulling. Fred thatching marsh hay stack. Sold Mr Smith 9 tegs at 52/-. 1 ewe at 42/-. Got 20 lame lambs from Long Field to Hollow Field. (They probably had foot rot - there were no vaccines in those days.)

Tuesday 12th - Carter, Fred, Joe, Will, Dennis & boy getting mangels into clamp in Pett Barn Field. Self Audit of Public Accounts.

Wednesday 13th - Morning all hands carting mangels to clamp in field. Afternoon carting to stock yard. Self Rye - Sold Mr Strickland 5 qrs peas at 31/-.

Monday 18th - Carter ploughing Budds. Afternoon Joe ploughing, Carter got colt shod. Will carting out mould to Lower Chick Hill. Fred covering up mangels. Self put 33 ewes and Westbrooke ram to Toot. Sold Mr Foster 10 ewes at 40/-.

Tuesday 19th - Carter & Joe with colt & two traps took 18 sacks red wheat, 12 sacks white wheat (to store) and 2 sacks beans (to grind) to Rye. Loaded home 5 cwt cotton cake & 1 ton linseed cake. Offered Mr Wadman the Wakeham heifer at £16.10s, calf to be returned. (A valuable animal - her sale would pay a man's wages for nearly five months.)

Saturday 23rd - Carter ploughing Eastlands pretty deep for potatoes. Joe put out dung. Fred hedge brushing. Self Hastings, sold 38lbs oats for 18/9. Put 7 poor lambs to Poor Field.

Wednesday 27th - Tremendous rain in the night and very heavy storms of wind, rain & lightning morning & evening. Carter took 10½ sacks white wheat & 10 sacks red oats to Rye, loaded home ½ ton linseed cake & 2 cwt middlings. (for the pigs.) Fred & Joe morning tying straw, afternoon hedge brushing. Mr Cooke put out cabbage & took hay to fold.

Rain was recorded on 3 days and ice on one day.

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