



PARISH NEWS

15p

Pett Level

From the Rectory:

Our first thoughts must be of those who have had 'flu or associated coughs, splutters, wheezes and the like. It seems to have been fairly widespread in our parishes. There were times when Pett Road seemed like the setting for a Wild West ghost town, with so few people about. The rest were either indoors nursing themselves or nursing others.

Anyway, we offer our commiseration and hope that those who have suffered will soon be back to full health. In times when our doctors are run off their feet, we should take heart in the thought that we have been made with built-in automatic powers of healing. In church recently, the Rector quoted from a book called 'God wants you to be well'. It will stand repeating: 'In the body, the necessity for police action may arise whenever bacteria enter and infection threatens. As soon as this happens, the police department goes into action, white blood cells are rushed to the spot, and reserve cells are called into action from the bone marrow. Blood vessels are widened so that more blood can be brought to the danger zone. A complex reaction begins whereby substances to combat the bacterial invasion are manufactured quickly-potent fighters called 'antibodies'. Actually all this takes a long time before we become conscious that anything untoward has happened. Only when swelling, pain and local redness and heat from the increased blood flow attract our attention do we become aware that something unusual has been going on'.

And the Writer adds, "Why did God make us with fifty billion white blood cells or leucocytes, as they are called? It is not because God is truly on the side of health, not of sickness."

This subject is a very complicated one and one which raises many questions to which we haven't yet found the answers. The sermons at the Parish Communion in both churches are designed to set us thinking, so if you want to know more, come along.

God bless you all, and if not well, give you healing in accordance with His will.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins on the last day in February, Ash Wednesday, 28th. The 10am Holy Communion will be held in Pett Church, not Pett Level, and at Guestling, there will be Holy Communion at 6pm.

As was said last year, the observance of Lent usually goes by the board because of the contingencies of our modern life. It ought not, but there it is. However, some of us managed to keep Holy Week free for an evening service to mark the approach of Good Friday. So please book in your diary 9th - 14th April, either 6pm at Guestling or 7.30pm at Pett.

BILL PANNELL: We send our good wishes and the assurance of our prayers to our dear friend and churchwarden, Bill Pannell, who spent seven weeks in hospital, culminating in a smaller operation than was at first contemplated. At the time of writing, he is at home in bed, recuperating. We shall remember him, Mary, Priscilla, Keith and family in our prayers during this uncertain time.

CHRISTINGLE: The Family Service on February 11th will take the form of a Christingle Service. This Sunday falls near the festival of Candlemass, so it is quite appropriate to hold it then. Had it been held at Christmas, with the Carol Service and Nativity Tableaux, we would have had too much of a good thing, and it would have lost its significance.

ADVANCE NOTICE: At Pett, during the Stewardship Campaign, (March 4th - April 15th), the Service, each Sunday, will be the Parish Communion at 9.30am with special preachers, we want the maximum attendance. So each Sunday, including the 11th March, which would have been the Family Service, we shall have the Parish Communion. On 11th March, the visiting preacher will be the Rector of St. Peter, Bexhill-on-Sea, and on 18th, Bishop Peter Ball will be with us to commission the visitors.

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Due to lack of space, it is regretted that Canon Harvey's articles on 'Favourite Hymns and their Stories' must be deferred until next month's issue.

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY HERE?

FEBRUARY: Many happy returns of the day to:-

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| 4th Gareth Peck | 24th Lynn Bentley (Guestling Church Choir), |
| 8th Frances Hemming | Stephen Gatt, Richard May, |
| 13th Becky Miller | John Wilson |
| 15th Tina Thomas | |
| 23rd Matthew Ward | 26th Tom Glibbery |

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PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the Church by Baptism:

Dec 24th Rosie Elisabeth Stafford of Hastings. Grand-daughter of John & Barbara Jennings - congratulations).

We offer our sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Nov 24th James Barden, formerly of Pett, who died aged 95 years.

James Barden (Jim), on November 17th, Pett lost one of its oldest residents. Jim was born in 'Nedrabs' on 11th March, 1894 and lived and worked in Pett for the rest of his life. He and his two brothers took over the wheel-wrights, forge and undertakers business from his father and between the wars, Jim developed the building business. He built many of the houses along the Pett Road and in surrounding villages.

Jim was a skilled carpenter and artist. He played football and cricket for Pett and played bowls at Guestling in his later life. He served in the Royal Engineers in the first world war and in the Auxiliary Fire Service in the second war. After he retired he maintained his lifelong interest in the family business. (Barden & Sons Limited).

(The Editor apologises for this late insertion concerning Jim).

LET HIM KNOW: When a man is made a Deacon, in the Church of England, the Bishop gives him a Bible. When he is ordained priest a year later, he receives a New Testament in Greek. And that is all. Yet many people seem to think that he is also presented with an ecclesiastical radar which bleeps when anyone is ill and directs his footsteps straight to the invalid's house. What a help it would be to him if he had been. As it is, in many cases, he only gets to know when it is too late - the invalid is either better, or sadly, has died. The old doggerel, about Auntie, is so true: "Auntie get better, the Doctor got a cheque!" The Vicar, for not knowing, simply got it in the neck!

The clergy are only too willing and glad to visit those who are not well, either in hospital or at home. In fact, the Rector made 39 visits to homes in Bexhill, St. Helen's and the Royal East Sussex hospitals between his return from holiday at the end of October and the end of 1989.

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THANK YOU: The Rector and Mrs. Greenfield sincerely thank all those who helped in any way, particularly with lifts, during the Rector's recent indisposition. Enquiries and messages of good wishes were also very much appreciated. Thank you all.

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PETT JUNIOR CHURCH: Our village Junior Church has just enjoyed a very busy Christmas time, taking part in a Carol Service at Pett Methodist Church on 17th Dec. and at Pett Church on 24th. We had a lot of fun at our Christmas Party on 9th Dec. when Rev. Greenfield and Rev. Jackson (Meth Minister), joined us for tea, games and a magic show with Auntie Joan. It was great.

Forthcoming dates: 21st Jan, an open morning when parents and friends are invited at 11.15am and share a cup of coffee. (2) Feb 14th Family Service at Pett Methodist Church - 10.45am.

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PRIORITY: Sick visiting is given priority by the average clergymen, so don't say "I know you are busy but..." SO PLEASE LET HIM KNOW. If anyone is bad enough for the doctor to be called, the Rector should be next on the list to be called, please.

AROUND THE PARISHES

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: The next meeting will take place on 5th February at The Smugglers, Pett Level, at 7.30pm

PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY: Mrs. Jean Medlock will talk on 'Wildlife in Kenya' on Friday, February 16th at 7.30pm in Pett Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

MEETING POINT will be on the 7th February at 8pm at Taalassa, Canal Bank, Pett Level, to discover 'Crystals of Healing and Pleasure'.

GUESTLING COLLECTIONS: The December Collections including F.W.O. envelopes for Church expenses amounted to £428. The total for the calendar year was £3327. The Diocesan quota for the year was £4114; for 1990 it will be £4540.

CAROL SINGING in Pett raised £91 towards Christmas 89, which provides hospitality at Christ Church, St. Leonards over the holiday for disadvantaged people. Thank you for your generosity.
A.S.

PETT PLAYGROUP Jumble Sale at Pett Village Hall on Sat. 17th February at 2.00pm Cakes, teas and raffle. All welcome. Entrance 20p. If you have any jumble please 'phone 812160 or 813230.

THREE OAKS GARDENING CLUB: There will be a gardening talk by Major Brice on 'Growing Tomatoes' on WEDNESDAY 21st February at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Please support our local speaker.

THREE OAKS W.I.: On January 11th, members of Three Oak W.I. and several visitors enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Payne on the 'History of Dolls'. On February 8th at the Village Hall Mrs. Ida Moon will entertain us with her 'Holiday in Russia'. Visitors will be more than welcome.

PETT W.I. On February 16th at 2.30pm at Pett Village Hall, Mr. B. Prudey will give a talk 'HASTINGS AREA LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION'. This will be interesting to all who live here and new members will be very welcome.
J.Z.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The CMS is the oldest Missionary Society in this Country still active in the field today and this essential work requires funds to support it.

Although, following the retirement of the Brittons to a parish outside Coventry, Pett and Guestling Churches have no Link Missionary looking to us for direct support at this time, nevertheless, our continued support is much valued by the Society and your contributions go towards a very fine cause.

Copies of a letter received from Tim and Francis Britton are displayed in the church porches for those who know them from previous visits.

ANNUAL BOXES: Kindly note that during February we will be collecting the annual boxes for 1989.

LENT BOXES: Lent Boxes will be available in both Pett and Guestling churches during February and March and, despite all the other calls upon your purses over the Lenten period, the Society is sure you will give generously.

With many thanks for your support and with our best wishes for 1990.
Ian & Virginia Ferguson.

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Coffee morning held at the Rectory in aid of the Festival Fund, along with donations, raised £133.25p. The Christmas orders raised another £64.50p making a total of £197.75p. This should cover the cost of this year's flowers. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this cause. The dates for this year's festival are Fri. Sat and Sun, 17th, 18th and 19th August. Please make a note of these in your diary.
Rosemary Gainsbury.

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The Praise and Prayer Group will meet on the 7th and 28th (Wednesday) at 'Sunnyside', Eight Acre Lane, Three Oaks.

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The latest date for contributions to the March Magazine will be TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY.

STEWARDSHIP IN PETT

As you will have read last month, a Stewardship development programme is to take place in Pett during the coming weeks. Early in February a programme Announcement Letter will be sent to everyone with a known link with the church; this will be followed later by an invitation to the Parish Supper. We do hope that nobody will be left out. However, if for some reason, (perhaps you have only just moved into Pett), you do not receive an Announcement letter, but would like to be included, please accept our apologies and do get in touch with the Rector (813234) or Jack King (813316) so that we can send you an invitation.

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TOY COLLECTION - PETT CHURCH

At the Family Service held in December a wonderful total of 60 toys were brought to Pett Church. Mrs. Alison Lewis, Leader of the Hastings Opportunity Play Group gave an interesting account of the work of her centre. The toys, together with £10 each from the collection, were taken later to this group, The Elphinstone Family Centre Patch Team for distribution to children with special needs.

Thank you all once again for being so generous with your gifts.
C.H.

FREEWILL OFFERINGS 1989

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|----|--------|-----|--------|-----------|
| 1. | 146.49 | 10. | 56.00 | |
| 2. | 120.50 | 11. | 46.00 | |
| 3. | 92.50 | 12. | 56.00 | |
| 4. | 10.60 | 14. | 22.50 | |
| 5. | 55.20 | 15. | 168.00 | |
| 6. | 5.00 | 16. | 75.90 | |
| 7. | 56.00 | 17. | 15.00 | |
| 8. | 148.00 | 19. | 64.00 | TOTAL |
| 9. | 22.80 | 22. | 18.45 | £1178.94. |

Grateful thanks from the P.C.C. for these generous contributions.

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Flowers and Cleaning

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| Feb. | 4th | Mrs. Quaife | Mrs. Brooks | |
| | 11th | Mrs. Williams, | Mrs. Jennings, | Mrs. Durrant |
| | 18th | Mrs. White | Mrs. Groves, | Mrs. Gainsbury |
| | 25th | Mrs. Pearson, | Mrs. Gill | Mrs. Jagger |
| Mar. | 4th | Mrs. Wicking, | Mrs. Parks | Mrs. McCaulsand |

Sidesmen

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| Feb. | 4th | Young People | |
| | 11th | Sir Denny Ashburnham | Mrs. Sankey |
| | 18th | Mr. Hughes | Col Parks |
| | 25th | Mr. Barnett | Mrs. Breeds |

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| Feb. | 11th | Miss Groves | Mrs. Sankey |
| | 25th | Mrs. Quaife | Mrs. Williams |

Readers

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| Feb | 4th | Young People | |
| | 11th | Lady Ashburnham | Gen. 1. 1-5 |
| | | Col. Parks | 1.Cor.9. 24-27 Gospel Matt 20 vl-16 |
| | 18th | Mrs. Brooks. | Gen. 3. 1-15 |
| | | Mrs. Mitchell. | 1.Cor. 6.12 to end. |
| | 25th | Mr. Gill. | 1 Sam. 2. 27-35 |
| | | Mr Barnett. | Acts.1.15-26. Gospel Matt 11 v25-30 |

TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE: I have a feeling that at the back of the garage, or in the cellar, or in the garden shed are simple tools rusting away, forgotten and unloved. As part of the continuing celebration by our churches of the One World Theme 'Value for People', they are hoping you will offer your old tools to the third world. Netley Marsh Workshops, Southampton, will help transform those old unused tools by upgrading them and ship them out. Hammers, planes, chisels, saws, trowels, pincers and so on. All which will enable small workshops to be set up and village self-help schemes prosper.

Have a 'Winter Clean' tidy the home, help the needy. Tools may be left during school hours, at All Saints School in Clive Vale, or 'phone 431970. We may be able to collect. Peter Care. HCC., Discussion and Action Group

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NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING

11 a.m. Family Service (1st Sunday)
Parish Communion (2nd and
4th)
Matins (3rd)

PETT

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
(1st and 3rd Sundays)
Matins (4th)
10 a.m. Family Service (2nd)

ST. NICHOLAS, PETT LEVEL

8 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)
10 a.m. Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

Rector:

Rev. N. Greenfield,
Pett Rectory. (Hastings 813234)

Reader:

Mr. J. King

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GUESTLING

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(813440)

Secretary:

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(813341)

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(814235)

Free Will Offering:

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(813798)

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(438027)

Organist:

Mr. K. Tytherleigh (Contact)
(751516)

Choirmaster:

Mr. K. Tytherleigh
(751516)

Deanery Synod:

Mrs. A.P. Williams
Miss J.M. Groves

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Mr. J. Taylor
(814674)

Secretary:

Dr. E. Butchers
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