

JUNE  
1994

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ROTAS FOR JUNE 1994

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs.Moon

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GUESTLING - 12th. - PARISH COMMUNION - (GREEN) - TRINITY 2  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. McCausland - Mrs. Parks - Mrs. Wicking  
 SIDESMEN - Mr. Barnett - Mrs. Breeds  
 ELEMENTS - Mrs. Williams - Mrs. Quaife  
 READERS - Mr. Barnett - Deuteronomy 8 - 11 to end  
 - Lady Ashburnham - Acts 4 - 8 to 12

PETT - 12th. - FAMILY SERVICE - (GREEN) - TRINITY 2  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. Pruden - Mrs. Parsons - Mrs. Moir  
 SIDESMEN - Young people

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs. Slack  
 - SIDESMAN/READER - Miss Deasy  
 - READING - Acts 4 - 8 to 12

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 GUESTLING - 19th. - MATINS - (GREEN) - TRINITY 3  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. Carpenter - Mrs. Rugg - Lady Ashburnham  
 SIDESMEN - Mr. Jennings - Mr. Jury  
 READERS - Mr. Tytherleigh - 1 Kings 10 - 1 to 13  
 - Mrs. Wicking - St. John 4 - 1 to 26

PETT - 19th. - PARISH COMMUNION - (GREEN) - TRINITY 3  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. Jury - Mrs. Spore  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs. P. Bowman - Mr. W. Slack  
 READER - Mrs. P. Bowman - Acts 8 - 26 to 38  
 SERVER - Mr. M. Plank

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs. Hawksley

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 GUESTLING - 26th. - PARISH COMMUNION - (GREEN) - TRINITY 4  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. Greenwood - Mrs. Brooks - Mrs. Lee  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs. Page - Mr. Hughes  
 ELEMENTS - Miss Groves - Mrs. Gainsbury  
 READERS - Miss Groves - Ruth 1 - 8 to 17 & 22  
 - Mrs. Page - Acts 11 - 4 to 18

PETT - 26th. - MATINS - (GREEN) - TRINITY 4  
 FLOWERS - Mrs. Medlock - Mrs. Grundy  
 SIDESMEN - Mrs. A. Hawksley - Mr. W. Cooper  
 READERS - Mrs. A. Hawksley - Jonah 3 & 4  
 - Miss M. Turner - Acts 13 - 1 to 13

PETT LEVEL - CLEANING - Mrs. Balcombe  
 - SIDESMAN/READER - Mrs. Hawksley  
 - READING - Acts 11 - 4 to 18

Forty years ago, on June 13th., Norman's priesthood began at St. Cuthbert's, Copnor, in the Portsmouth Diocese. This was followed by a move to Christchurch, Reading, where he was a bishop's curate. He moved on to Moor End, in the Sheffield Diocese, followed by Littlewort, near Farringdon, in the Oxford Diocese, where he was also an Assistant Stewardship Adviser. His next move, remaining in the Oxford Diocese, was to St. Michael's and All Angels', New Marsden.

Following this, a move to Chichester Diocese, ministering to the people of Amberley with Northstoke, this again with Stewardship Advisory duties. Living in Worthing, he was then appointed Full Time Stewardship Adviser to the Diocese of Chichester.

Wishing to return to parish duties, he came to us at Pett & Guestling, and, as we all know, he will retire to Eastbourne for a well earned rest. I assure Catharine and Norman, from delightful experience, the next move will be the best of all. On behalf of all grateful parishioners of Pett and Guestling, I wish them both a very happy, restful retirement. Keep in touch, & keep the coffee pot hot in your new home in Eastbourne.

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 At Guestling in July we shall welcome (10th.) Revd. Humphrey Newman, (17th.) Janet Wadhams, (24th.) Revd. Humphrey Newman.

#### SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be a Rye Deanery Service for young people at St. Anne's Church-in-the-Wood, Hollington on Sunday, 26th. June, at 6.30p.m.

#### BIBLE LECTURES

The lectures given by the Revd. Owen Thomas, (from London Bible College), will continue at St. Peter's, Waites, Lane, Fairlight, in June.

8th. Mr. Thomas speaks on - 'The Greatness of Christ'.  
 22nd. The Bible - 'The marvel of its inspiration'.  
 All welcome. - Take a Bible and a notebook.

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

A happy birthday to those born this month and specially to :

2nd. Elizabeth Clarke	20th. Elizabeth Holden
3rd. Hannah Crew	20th. Thomas Lovejoy
3rd. Emily Wright	27th. Yusif Rajbee
4th. Stacey Bailey	27th. Robert Turner
7th. Radley Jones	29th. Jonathan Burden
11th. Aimee Wright	29th. Simon Drew
12th. Jessica Tomlin	30th. Edward Lovejoy
14th. Ross Fothergill	

## FAMILY SOCIAL WORK

The annual CHARITIES FAIR will be held at the White Rock Theatre in Hastings on SATURDAY, 18th. JUNE, and the Diocesan Association for Family Social Work will have its usual cake stall.

As ever, contributions of cakes, biscuits or preserves would be most gratefully accepted, and this year Frances Taylor (Summerhayes, Pett Road, Tel. 813437) has kindly agreed to receive goods and see they get to their destination. Items need to reach her by FRIDAY, 17th. JUNE, and she is willing to collect them if she is contacted in advance.

Many thanks to Frances, and to everyone for their support and co-operation. Ray Taylor.

## PETT LEVEL PRESERVATION TRUST

The P.L.P.T. will be holding a Barn Dance at Pickham Farm on Saturday, 25th. June, 8p.m. - midnight. The Catsfield Steamers are providing the music and tickets will cost £5, which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Contact Annie Underwood or Meriel Deasy for further details. Meriel Deasy.

## PETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION - COFFEE MORNING

Pett Sports Association will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 18th. June between 10a.m. and noon at the Sports Pavilion, Pett Recreation Ground. There will be various stalls and a raffle. Do come if you can - you will be made very welcome.

## NATURE NOTES

I was pricking out some dahlia seedlings when I became aware that I was being watched. A wren was perched on the edge of a pot of fuchsias, and must have been there for some time as it certainly had not entered after I went into the greenhouse. I avoided looking directly at it (which all wild animals perceive as a threat) and it remained there, watchful but calm, till I finished the dahlias and went outside.

My policy of inaction with moles appears to have worked, since there have now been no new molehills for a whole month. How long this happy state of affairs will last remains to be seen, but I am cautiously optimistic.

The Marsh Frogs are calling again; what an extraordinary noise they make. The first Marsh Frog I ever heard made me think I was listening to some rare species of bird! The volume of sound produced by these little creatures still amazes me.

One of my favourite summer wildflowers, the Devil's Bit Scabious, will soon be in bloom. You can see it in Pannel Lane on the bank opposite the White House. Another favourite, the yellow Toadflax, used to grow in profusion in Elm Lane, but has become rather scarce in the last few years.

Avril Thurley.

## AROUND THE PARISHES

PETT W.I. : will meet at Pett Village Hall on Friday, 17th. June at 2.30p.m. The speaker will be Mrs.R. Morrall on 'Pin Money From Your Needle'. Visitors very welcomed.

THREE OAKS W.I. : will meet on June 9th. at Three Oaks Village Hall. This will be a "Members' Meeting", when everyone takes part. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

PETT TENNIS CLUB : Subscriptions are now due for the 1994 season. Adults £15, Juniors £8, Families £36, Guests £2 per game. Where else can you play for such a reasonable charge, in delightful surroundings, on a perfect surface? New members invited to join. Please phone 813437 or 814851.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION : The next meeting will be at The Smuggler, Pett Level, on Monday, June 6th. at 7.30p.m.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU : Do you need advice and support? Money worries? Debt problems? Call us on 0345 626804 at the local rate from wherever you phone. Free, confidential and impartial advice and information. Tuesdays & Thursdays 10a.m. to 4p.m. Wednesdays 2p.m. to 7p.m.

THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL :

MONDAYS - WHIST - 2p.m. YOGA - 7.30p.m.

FRIDAYS - KEEP FIT - 7.30p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 22nd. - BINGO.

MONDAYS, June 13th. & 27th. - LIBRARY VAN - 9.30 to 10.30a.m.

IN LIGHTER VEIN : Two gems from Mrs. Page -

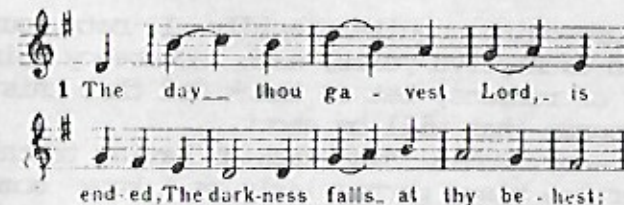
Some years ago a great friend of ours had come to take the Christmas Communion for our elderly residents. As they were mostly quite frail, he went round the room administering the Bread. He was somewhat startled when a lady refused saying, "No thank you dear, I haven't been 'cremated' yet!"

Following the singing of the National Anthem, in the brief silence before everyone shuffles and prepares to sit down, a child's piercing voice was heard, "Mummy, does the Queen like plums?"

Her mother was heard to reply that she didn't know. "Why then do we have to send her Victoria's?!!"

ST. CLEMENT

C. C. Scholefield, 1839-1905



## CHOSEN FOR THE GREAT QUEEN'S JUBILEE

SO WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE evening hymn? If we were to have a 'Poll' on this issue alone the chances are that there would be so much variety that it would be difficult to name any particular one as an out-and-out winner. This is probably because there are so many lovely evening hymns to choose from, all of them firm favourites. It is very strange therefore that one such, commanding widespread affection, was not really intended by its author to be for eventide at all. It is John Ellerton's 'THE DAY THOU GAVEST LORD IS ENDED'. He was quite a prolific Victorian hymnographer and collaborated with Bishop Walsham How ('FOR ALL THE SAINTS' author) in publishing SPCK's 'Church Hymns' in 1881. Ellerton's hymns composed or translated specifically for evening use include e.g. 'O STRENGTH AND STAY UPHOLDING ALL CREATION' and (very popular) 'SAVIOUR AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE'. Born in London, he served his first curacy in Eastbourne following his ordination in 1850. Afterwards he became Rector of Barnes and died (at 67) in Torquay in 1893 - on the 15th day of June.

ELLERTON HAD BEEN honoured by having one of his hymns chosen by Queen Victoria herself to be sung at her Diamond Jubilee service in St. Paul's Cathedral, not for its evening theme at all but because she regarded it as the 'Empire' hymn par excellence. It was of course 'THE DAY THOU GAVEST' with its worldwide missionary message so appropriate for the occasion when so much of the world's map was coloured red and the sun never set on the British Empire (Those were the days!).

*'As o'er each continent and island the dawn  
leads on another day  
The voice of prayer is never silent nor dies the  
strain of praise away ...*

*The sun which bids us rest is waking our  
brethren neath the western sky  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making thy  
wondrous doings heard on high*

The tune 'St Clement' was specially written for Ellerton's lovely words by another clergyman - Clement Scholefield - who also started his ministry in Sussex, at Hove parish church. It 'fits' admirably and is universally popular.

THERE ARE TWO FURTHER points to be made about John Ellerton. First his 'churchmanship' - he claimed he was a 'Liberal, High Church Evangelical' - quite something in Victorian times let alone today! And he is to be admired for his strong belief that there should be no 'copy-right' where hymns, either words or music, are concerned. He said they belong to the whole Church and how right he was. Even in the heyday of 'Empire' he got both his politics and his theology right too - we all know how 'THE DAY THOU GAVEST' ends -

*'So be it Lord, thy throne shall never like  
earth's proud empires pass away  
The kingdom stands and grows for ever, till  
all thy creatures own thy sway'*

[A little 'PS' - why is it that so many folk choose 'THE DAY THOU GAVEST' for funerals? Only the opening line is really suitable and the rest surely very unsuitable - or so it seems to me at least! Not that I want to upset anyone's susceptibilities - as I have said - just a little puzzled]. ■

We are approaching, quite rapidly I note, our sixth interregnum in twentyfive years, each incumbency being short for a variety of reasons. Let us thank God that this time it is the interregnum that will be short.

I do not envy Robin his task of having to take three parishes under his wing, particularly as I know some of us have misgivings in that our particular parish, (Pett or Guestling), will become but a small part of a 'Joint Benefice'. Some Fairlight parishioners will, perhaps rightly so, be somewhat aggrieved in having to share the shepherd who, up till now, has been wholly their own.

Undoubtedly there will be teething problems. Hopefully we shall be able to rectify them amicably.

I, for one, but not alone, hope most strongly that each of the three parishes will retain and maintain its own particular individuality. This, surely, is one of the great strengths of the established Church of England.

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Closing date for July issue - Wednesday, June 15th.

For my 'Swan Song', the August/September issue, I have to ask you to send in contributions and rotas by the end of the first week in July. Schools, therefore our printing office, will close for their holidays a week later.

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Everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth, we give thee thanks, because thou has revealed thy glory as the glory of thy Son and of the Holy Spirit : three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

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Best wishes to all,

Sincerely,  
Giff.

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING [all at 11 a.m.]

PETT

1st.Sunday - Family Service  
2nd.Sunday - Parish Communion  
3rd.Sunday - Matins  
4th.Sunday - Parish Communion  
5th.Sunday - H.Communion BCP

9.30a.m. - Parish Communion  
10.00a.m. - Family Service  
9.30a.m. - Parish Communion  
9.30a.m. - Matins & Address  
9.30a.m. - H.Communion BCP

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PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

(Family Service - Methodist)  
(Church alternate months at)  
(10.45a.m.)

8a.m. - 2nd. & 4th. Sunday  
10a.m. - Wednesday

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