



August/September 1997

PARISH NEWS

Pett Level

ROBIN WRITES:

"NEW" (NEW TESTAMENT) CHURCH

All this year we are having an appraisal of our churches in this Benefice. We have managed to gain help from the Diocesan Adviser in Renewal and Mission, JOHN FORD. We are fortunate to have in Pett, CANON MICHAEL TOWNROE, who has been a major force in the church in Sussex for more than 50 years. Although only just over half way through the exercise, certain things are beginning to emerge for us.

A NATIONAL INITIATIVE

Michael pointed out to the Pett PCC that we are undertaking a programme which is happening through the national Church. The appointment of John Ford by our Diocesan Bishop matches every diocese at this time. The drastic decline in clergy was precipitated by a lack of funds, but has led us to look again at the first principles of our Church Life. As Michael told us our discoveries have forced us back to the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH that we read about in the NEW TESTAMENT. Many are frightened of change, but many of the changes taking place put us back into New Testament days. As we approach the THIRD millennium, we are starting again at the beginning of the FIRST!

A CHANGE FROM PRIEST TO PRIESTHOOD

We have evolved (up to some 40 years ago) a practice that each village would have its own "priest" who had the "cure" of all the souls. To maintain that approach we would need THREE TIMES as many clergy as we have today (and the numbers are declining). Throughout the whole Church there is a realisation that the work undertaken by ONE should now be shared by the "PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS". The role of the Vicar or Rector should change from being a "front-line" man to role of a "leader" or "manager" of a company. This is the teaching of the New Testament which knew nothing of vicars or rectors. The individual vicar will have his own style depending upon his ability, personality and training. Together the whole church will provide all that is necessary for the Church to continue.

TRAINING THOSE WILLING

Canon Michael writes elsewhere in the Parish News about a series of meetings to train and equip members of the Church who would like to understand their faith better and be a part of the NEW (NEW TESTAMENT) CHURCH. We will be only too happy to tell you more about it.

GUESTLING ROTAS AUGUST 1997

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| 3rd | MATINS - TRINITY 10 - PENTECOST 11 (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Mrs Eileen Balch
FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Jagger
SIDESMEN - Mrs Betson, Mrs Gainsbury
READERS - Mrs Wicking - Exodus 18:13 - 26
- Mr Barnett - Acts 6 (all) |
| 10th | PARISH COMMUNION - TRINITY 11 - PENTECOST 12 (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman
FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull
SIDESMEN - Mrs Williams, Col Parks
ELEMENTS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Betson
READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Isaiah 49:1 - 6
- Mr Greenwood - 2 Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2 |
| 17th | FAMILY COMMUNION - TRINITY 12 - PENTECOST 13 (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
FLOWERS - Flower Festival
SIDESMEN - Young People
ELEMENTS - Young People |
| 24th | PARISH COMMUNION - TRINITY 13 - PENTECOST 14 (Red)
(St Bartholomew)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman
FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Mrs Rugg
SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds
ELEMENTS - Miss Groves, Mrs Smith
READERS - Miss Groves - Isaiah 61:4 - 9
- Mrs Smith - Acts 5:12b - 16 |
| 31st | HOLY COMMUNION BCP - TRINITY 14 - PENTECOST 15 (Green)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman
FLOWERS - Mrs Greenwood, Mr Greenwood, Mrs Brooks
SIDESMEN - Mr Jury, Mrs Page
ELEMENTS - Mrs Williams, Col Parks
EPISTLE - Mr Griffiths - Galatians 5:16 - 24 |

GUESTLING ROTAS SEPTEMBER 1997

- 7th MATINS - TRINITY 15 - PENTECOST 16 (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas
 FLOWERS - Mrs Jennings, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Perry
 SIDESMEN - Miss Groves, Mrs Smith
 READERS - Col Parks - 1 Kings 21:1 - 23
 - Mrs Brooks - St Matthew 7:1 - 12
- 14th PARISH COMMUNION - TRINITY 16 - PENTECOST 17 (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Gainsbury, Miss Groves, Mrs Smith
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Betson
 ELEMENTS - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds
 READERS - Mr Barnett - Jeremiah 7:1 - 11
 - Mrs Wicking - St James 1:16 to end
- 21st FAMILY COMMUNION - TRINITY 17 - PENTECOST 18 (Red)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Mrs Eileen (later Robin) Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Jagger
 SIDESMEN - Young People
 ELEMENTS - Young People
- 28th PARISH COMMUNION - TRINITY 18 - PENTECOST 19 (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull
 SIDESMEN - Mr Jury, Mrs Page
 ELEMENTS - Mrs Betson, Mrs Gainsbury
 READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Genesis 28:10 to end
 - Mr Greenwood - Hebrews 11: 1, 2 & 8 - 16
- October
 5th MATINS (Songs of Praise) HARVEST FESTIVAL TRINITY 149
 PENTECOST 20 (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER -
 FLOWERS - All help please
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Williams, Col Parks
 READERS - Col Parks - Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11
 - Mrs Brooks - 2 Corinthians 9:6 to end

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS AUGUST 1997

- 3rd 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael Townroe
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs R Taylor and Mr J Taylor
 SIDESPERSONS - Cdr T Clarkson, Mr J Hiatt
 SERVER - Mr J Taylor
 READER - Mrs R Taylor - 2 Corinthians 4:1 - 10
 Pett Level flowers - Mrs M Parsons, cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 6th 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Canon Michael Townroe
- 10th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE and BAPTISM (Pett)
 PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 SIDESPERSON - Mrs K Jury
- 17th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael/Revd Robin Balch
 INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
 SIDESPERSONS - Mr W Cooper, Mr J Hiatt
 SERVER - Mrs A Hawksley
 READER - Mr W Cooper - Acts 7:54 - 8:1
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 24th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level) St Bartholomew
 CELEBRANT - Revd Humphrey Newman
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - Acts 5:6 - 16
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
 PREACHER - Canon Michael Townroe
 SIDESPERSONS - Miss M Deasy, Mrs D Goodsell
 READERS - Mrs E Greenfield - Isaiah 43:8 - 13
 - Mrs M Newton - Matthew 10:1 - 15
- 31st 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION BCP (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael Townroe
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mr N Coby
 SERVER - Mr T Coby
 READER - Mrs A Hawksley - Galatians 5:16 - 24

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTA SEPTEMBER 1997

- 3rd 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
- 7th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael/Revd Robin Balch
INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mr N Coby
SERVER - Mr T Coby
READER - Mr J Taylor - Romans 12:9 - 21
Pett Level flowers - Mrs M Parsons, cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 14th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - James 1:16 - 27
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE (Pett)
PREACHER - Mrs Eileen Balch
SIDESPERSON - Mrs K Jury
- 17th 6.30 pm HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
CELEBRANT - Canon Michael Townroe
- 21st 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett) St Matthew
PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael/Revd Robin Balch
INTERCESSIONS - Mrs R Taylor and Mr J Taylor
SIDESPERSONS - Cdr T Clarkson, Mr W Cooper
SERVER - Miss M Deasy
READER - Mrs R Taylor - 2 Corinthians 4:1 - 6
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 28th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - Hebrews 11:1 - 2, 8 - 16
Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
SIDESPERSONS - Mrs A Scott, Mrs A Hawksley
READERS - Mrs A Scott - Job 23:1 - 12
- Mrs A Hawksley - 2 Corinthians 1:1 - 11

MORE ABUNDANT LIFE

St John 10:10

Meeting for small groups

AIM - to strengthen conviction and faith.

To be held at intervals, in different houses, during the coming Autumn and Winter, **probably on a Monday at 6.00 pm and lasting about 1 1/4 hours.**

Subjects will include: **personal Christian discipleship and the inner life of the believing community.**

Those interested please get in touch with Michael Townroe, Pax, Pett Road telephone 813381. Open invitation to people living in Guestling and Pett. First informal meeting to discuss plans and dates.

Mrs Eileen Balch has kindly offered to share in this project. This will enable a broad approach from all traditions and continuity if one of the leaders is not able to get to a meeting.

IN THE REGISTERS

We welcome into the life of the Church in baptism:

13 July (at St Laurence Church, Guestling)
Stephen John Dibley of 4 Watermill Lane
Stewart Paul Birnie and Katrina Marie Birnie from Windfall, Pett Road, Guestling

We congratulate on their marriages:

28 June Martyn and Stephanie Cooper
(Blessing after civil ceremony) at Pett Church

7 July Wayne David Jury and Sally-Ann Woodward (Guestling)
Christian John Kipps and Deborah Kim Ede (Pett)

We extend our sympathies to the relatives and friends of:

27 June Dorothy Karen Christensen (89 years) of Mountain Ash, Pett Road, Guestling

Interment of ashes

5 July Gwendoline Mary Newman of 7 Rectory Park (Pett Churchyard)

GUESTLING FLOWER FESTIVAL - This year's festival will be on Friday 15 August 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, Saturday 16 10.00 am to 6.00 pm and Sunday 17 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm. Our theme is "Let all the world in every corner sing". This is our main fundraising event so please help YOUR Church by supplying things for us to sell. We need good quality bric-a-brac, bottles and tins for the tombola. Plants, garden produce, preserves and cakes always sell well. We also need a lot of books for our large book stall, so send us the ones you have read and come and stock up on ones you haven't!

If you can help with any of the above please bring them to church or ring Margaret Barnett on 754974. We also need your help manning the stalls in the tent, and with catering and stewarding. Lists are in the porch for you to fill your name in. This is an event to enjoy as well as to raise money so if you can't help in any way DO COME along and look at the beautiful flowers. We end our festival on Sunday at 6.00 pm with a Songs of Praise.

THREE OAKS WI - the August meeting will be held at the Village Hall on the 14th at 2.15 pm. This will be the 'Garden Meeting' and is by invitation.

On 11 September the speaker will be Miss V Gibbs and her subject will be "Seated one day at the organ".

THREE OAKS GARDENING CLUB - will be holding their Flower and Vegetable Show on Saturday 30 August at 2.30 pm. For further information please contact Sylvia Stevens on 814387.

QUIZ AND BINGO - the next sessions will be held on 3 and 10 September respectively.

FAIRLIGHT WI - the August meeting is at 2.15 pm in the Village Hall Mr Paul Wade will be giving a talk on 'Understanding Astrology'. Visitors very welcome.

PETT WI - the August meeting will be held on Friday 15th at 2.30 pm in the garden of White Shutters, Church Meadow by kind permission of Eric and Margaret Newton. The afternoon is organised by the Committee and all members are welcome, but please bring a garden chair.

The meeting on 19 September will be open to all - families, friends and husbands. We will be joined by Mr K Brooks at 2.30 pm to hear his talk on 'Hastings - Then and Now'.

PETT PUZZLE '97 PETT PUZZLE '97 PETT PUZZLE '97

Did you know that in 1797 the first £1 notes were issued by the Bank of England? Or that the last invasion of Britain occurred when 1400 French troops landed in Dyfed? Or even that it was in this eventful year the top hat was first worn in public, nearly causing a riot? 1797 was a good year in Pett. The Revd Diones Gere was Rector and happens to be the subject of this year's Pett Puzzle.

There are two puzzles, price £1 each. Puzzle "A" takes the form of walk through and around the village and is about 2 miles long. During the walk you are asked some simple questions (the answers of which can be found on the walk) and when completed you can easily solve the puzzle by finding out which flower the Rector could not find on his summer stroll. Puzzle "B" is set for those who wish to solve a fairly simple logic-type puzzle at home and is about the fascination of a set of hymn board numbers one summer Sunday. You can, of course, do both puzzles and have two chances of winning either the £10, £5 or £2 prize. The names of those with correct solutions will be placed in a hat and the winners will be the first three names drawn from the hat after a church service early in September.

Copies of the puzzles can be obtained from now until the end of August from The Butchers Shop, Country Stores, the Post Office, Norris Upholsterers, Pett Level Market Stores and J Taylor (Paxstead, Pett Road).

The puzzles are easy to do and you will have fun doing them. So have a go; enjoy yourself and help raise funds for the Church at the same time. All profits go towards the proceeds of the Church Fete.

PETT VILLAGE HALL - the Management Committee is looking for a new Treasurer. Financial experience is not essential as training will be provided. The new hall project is about to start which will be exciting and involve the whole community. The vacancy has arisen because the present Treasurer has had to resign due to his wife's ill health.

Are you interested in helping? If you are please call me (Catharine Hollman) on 813228.

PETT CRICKET CLUB - fixtures for August

2nd	Iden - away - 2.00 pm
9th	T. Wells Borderers III - home - 2.00 pm
16th	St Peters - away - 2.00 pm
23rd	Iden - home - 1.30 pm
30th	T. Wells Borderers III - away - 1.30 pm

PETT FLOWER ROTA

August

3rd	Mrs Pruden, Mrs Moir	10th	Mrs Jury, Mrs Spore
17th	Mrs Medlock, Mrs Grundy	24th	Mrs Jury, Mrs Hogan
31st	Mrs Carr, Mrs Hogan		

September

7th	Mrs Hickman, Mrs Jackson	14th	Mrs Harris, Miss Turner
21st	Mrs Pruden, Mrs Moir	28th	Mrs Jury, Mrs Spore

PETT LEVEL FETE - a group of people representing local residents and organisations is planning a fete to be held in The Smuggler Pub car park on Saturday 16 August from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm. There will be a coconut shy, skittles, face painting, a sea food stall as well as stalls selling plants, cakes, books etc. There will also be some displays etc The Anne.

if you are involved with a local organisation and would like to take part in this event, please contact Ron at The Smuggler or Steve at The Market Stores.

RYE FESTIVAL - 6 to 21 September

Music, Literary Events, Film, Workshops, Tours, Walks and lots more.

This year sees the appearance of such names as Humphrey Lyttelton, Brian Kay (with his Sunday morning), BBC Singers, George Melly, Lord Jenkins, Claire Tomalin and many others.

Postal Booking now - Box Office open to the public from 18 August (10.00 am to 2.00 pm) at Phillips & Stubbs, 47 Cinque Ports Street, Rye (telephone 01797 227338)

OR

send sae to PO Box 33 (NP), Rye, East Sussex TN31 7YB for brochure with full details and booking form.

SHOPPING by TRADCRAFT

Order early for Christmas - your purchases help the Christian Aid effort - at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove on 20 September 1997 from 10.00 am.

JOYS AND SORROWS

The Summer has thrown up its usual mixture of joys and sorrows.

We were thrilled to share in the blessing of Martyn and Stephanie (nee Head) Cooper's Marriage at Pett Church in June. It was a really grand occasion.

At Guestling Church we welcomed back Wayne Jury to wed Sally-ann Woodward. St Laurence is always a delightful setting and the name "Jury" means a significant occasion.

Christian Kipps married Debbie Ede at Pett Church on 7 July. The Church was beautifully decorated and packed with family and friends. It is not often that we have weddings at Pett Church on two consecutive Saturdays.

Just as we go to press we look forward to the wedding of Mike Hodgson to Ellen Harris on Monday 21 July at Guestling Church. Mike and Ellen have been very regular at church prior to their wedding, and we will miss them very much when they move away from the area after their wedding.

Our congratulations to the happy couples. We are also pleased to announce that Paul Marshall (son of PC John) is to marry Katrina at Guestling Church on Saturday 6 September.

With a number of baptisms at the churches, there have been some joyful occasions for us to share.

However, the communities of Pett and Guestling were sad to hear of the death of MISS DOROTHY CHRISTENSEN in June. Her funeral service was conducted at Pett Church on 27 June. A dear friend of the family, Fr Beal conducted the service assisted by Canon Michael. We convey our deep sympathies to sisters Berta and Ellie on their sad loss. She is remembered with much love and affection by many, and admired for her devoted faith in her Lord. She loved to partake of the Holy Communion, and this was made a part of the service at her funeral. We give thanks for her life and that she is now at peace with her Lord.

Copy for the October magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings TN35 4JG (813437) by 17 September please.

NATURE NOTES

On 15 June I saw a White Admiral in Guestling Woods. This is the first one I have seen for several years. If you are a member of the Sussex Wildlife Trust you will know what a White Admiral looks like, as it is the Trust's emblem.

I have been given a newspaper cutting about Lyme Disease, which is potentially fatal. It is carried by ticks, and cases have occurred in this area. If you spend time in areas where bracken or long grass is widespread, you are advised to "wear long-sleeved tops and trousers tucked into boots". Having said all that, there were only 300 cases reported in the whole country last year, so you are probably more likely to get killed crossing Pett Road. As with all potential dangers it is sensible to be aware, but don't let's get it out of proportion.

Back to more cheerful things:- some of the birds have had a wonderful season, and my garden is awash with baby blue tits, great tits, dunnocks, sparrows, thrushes and starlings. All except the thrushes and dunnocks have been learning to use the peanut feeder, with much fluttering of wings and unscheduled free-falls. The tits predictably learned fast. The baby sparrows are really comical, their little wings going like windmills till they give up and perch on the well handle waiting for handouts from their harrassed parents. They are great time-wasters!

Although I've seen adult spotted flycatchers, I haven't seen any young ones, and for the third year running I've had no martins. I particularly miss the martins as they used to wake me at the crack of dawn with their lovely gentle chunterings.

Avril Thurley

"LISTENING YEAR" - Response to Questionnaires -

In July the Pett PCC met to consider the response to questionnaires delivered to each house in Pett. A representative from Fairlight and Guestling (who are also conducting similar surveys) was welcomed to the meeting, which adopted a positive attitude to a report incorporating the recorded thoughts and feelings of people towards and about the Church. This report maintains the confidentiality of the identity of those who returned completed questionnaires.

As Canon Michael Townroe reminded us, the Church is not just buildings but "The Blessed Company of all Faithful People". With this in mind the PCC began to examine ways in which the Church can possibly enhance its role in the parish and the United Benefice. The report highlighted some very positive suggestions that need to be prayerfully and carefully examined together with an appraisal of the resources available (in terms of "people") to bring some of these ideas to fruition. In the meantime, please bear with the PCC, guided by Robin and his staff. Your responses to the questionnaire were welcomed and

much appreciated, and all will be carefully considered. As the report states: "The mission of the Church is ongoing and regardless of age we can all do our part. By listening to each other and listening to God, we can perhaps begin to make changes on the basis of what we have learnt".

If anyone wishes to see the report, copies are available to be borrowed from Meriel Deasy, Stella Maris and Angela Hawksley, White House both of Pett Level and Canon Michael Townroe, Pax and John Taylor, Paxstead, both of Pett Road.

PARISH PUMP

The Play Area is due to be opened officially at the Flower Show. Tim Jury, who is co-ordinating the work, has put in an enormous amount of time and energy, and parishioners with children or grandchildren owe him a big vote of thanks. Unfortunately mindless vandalism has delayed the work and taken up even more of Tim's time in repairing the damage. By the time you read this you should be able to see whether Tim's sterling efforts, and the money raised by his team of helpers, have been worth all the effort.

Someone has been dumping garden refuse at the Recreation Ground. Mrs Sheila Osborne kindly keeps an eye on the litter bin and empties it when necessary. It is not fair to expect her to dispose of your rubbish as well, so whoever you are, please stop!

The Sussex Local Environmental Action forum is holding a training day for those interested in providing or supporting community action. It will be held on Wednesday 6 August at Woods Mill Countryside Centre, Henfield, the HQ of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. If you are interested, there is a leaflet in the Post Office.

I am asked to publicise the Rother Lifeline Service, which is basically an emergency telephone system, and which may be of special interest to elderly or disabled persons living alone. Again, there is a leaflet in the Post Office giving more details.

As expected, any traffic calming measures will have to be delayed until funding is available. In the meantime, may I point out that if all residents would observe the speed limits, others would have little choice but to follow suit.

Avril Thurley, Clerk to Pett Parish Council

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER DIARY

- 1st 2.30 pm OPEN GARDEN for Fairlight Women's fellowship and friends at "Stonegarth", Pett Level Road, Fairlight.
- 6th 11.00 am Communion Service at Pett Level.
- 10th 10.30 am PETT PARISH FAMILY SERVICE with BAPTISM.
- 15th - 17th GUESTLING CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL.
10.00 am - 6.00 pm each day, Sunday from 12.00 noon.
- 17th 6.00 pm UNITED BENEFICE "SONGS OF PRAISE".
at St Laurence for all the Churches.
- 18th - 22nd THE THREE VILLAGES ("TRIANGLE") CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB for 5 - 11 year olds held at GUESTLING BRADSHAW SCHOOL from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon each day. £1.50 per session. Led by Mrs Wendy Hatch and her team.

September

- 6th 2.30 pm Wedding of Paul Marshall and Katrina Birnie at St Laurence Church, Guestling.
- 6th - 21st THE RYE FESTIVAL (see page 9)
- 11th FAIRLIGHT ECUMENICAL GROUP
7.30 pm "Songs of Praise". A warm welcome to all the churches in the Three Villages.
- 15th LAUNCH OF CANON MICHAEL'S GROUP (see Rector's letter).
Please let Michael know if you are interested on 813381.
- 17th 7.30 pm Pett PCC meeting at the Rectory.
- 21st 6.30 pm PRAISE and WORSHIP for the BENEFICE (getting ready for SPRING HARVEST) at St Peter's.
- 30th 7.00 pm THE DEANERY MEET BISHOP WALLACE. Meeting for Churchwardens, readers, PCC representatives (two from each church), PCC Secretaries at Northiam Church.

THE EAST SUSSEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND (ESAB)
THE RYE AND WINCHELSEA SOCIAL GROUP

The Rye and Winchelsea Social Club is part of the ESAB, which is a Registered Charity and dedicated to improving the services and quality of life for the visually impaired. The Club provides an opportunity for people to meet and speak with others in a similar situation, as well as to enjoy a range of outings and social activities. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Community Centre, Winchelsea Beach and is managed by a Co-ordinator and a group of volunteers. It is very friendly and covers a wide area including Rye, Rye Harbour, Winchelsea, Fairlight, Beckley, Brede and Three Oaks. Transport is arranged to collect and return members. There are also similar clubs at Battle and Bexhill. Through the ESAB the Club is able to provide the following services:

- (a) Aids to assist the visually impaired including talking clocks, watches, games, writing equipment, radios and much more.
- (b) A Home Visiting Scheme which ensures that the visually impaired living in remote rural areas or those with multiple handicaps with little or no contact with the outside world are not isolated and cut off. The support will vary according to the needs, but may include reading, dealing with the mail, visits to the shops and assistance in claiming benefits.
- (c) An Audio Cassette Lending Library. There are several hundred titles in stock including a Video Library for the visually impaired.
- (d) Information concerning the British Wireless for the Blind.
- (e) Holidays. Two residential, escorted holidays are organised each year.
- (f) A quarterly newsletter called "Harmony House" which is full of interesting news, information, profiles and articles. This is available either in large print or on tape.
- (g) Grant aid, in exceptional circumstances which is administered by a special committee.

Volunteers are vital to enable the Club to provide services to the visually impaired. New volunteers are always needed particularly those who are willing to use their cars to collect and return our members to and from the Club for which expenses are paid. If you know of someone in the community who would benefit from being a member of the Club, or if you would like to be a Home Visitor or can give just one afternoon a month to assisting those who cannot see or who are visually impaired, then please contact the Co-ordinator, Ken Gill, on 01424 812293. We would be really pleased to hear from you. Thank you.

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING (ALL AT 11AM)

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

PETT

9.30am - Parish Communion
10.30am - Family Service
9.30am - Parish Communion
9.30am - Matins & Address
9.30am - H Communion BCP

PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

8.00am - 2nd and 4th Sunday

11.00am - 1st Wednesday in each month

GUESTLING

CHURCH OFFICERS

PETT

CHURCH-WARDENS

Mrs M Barnett - 754974
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

CHURCH-WARDENS

Mrs A Hawksley - 812705
Miss P M Deasy

SECRETARY

Miss J M Groves - 813341

SECRETARY

Mrs K Jury - 812537

TREASURER

Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

TREASURER

Mrs P J Gerreli - 812699

FREE WILL OFFERING

Mrs K Greenwood - 812790

STEWARDSHIP RECORDER

Mrs P J Gerreli - 812699

ELECTORIAL ROLL

Mrs B Wicking - 438027

ELECTORIAL ROLE

Mr M Plank - 812154

CHOIR MASTER

Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

ORGANIST & CHOIR

Mrs J Medlock - 812173

JUNIOR CHOIR AND CLUB

Mrs B Greenfield - 813370

ORGANIST

Miss H Gainsbury

DEANERY SYNOD

Mr & Mrs Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD

Mr & Mrs D Greenwood

Rev'd Robin Balch (RECTOR), The Rectory, Pett - 813234