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PARISH NEWS

ROBIN WRITES:

A FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES

In this Benefice of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett we are very fortunate to have a good friend in our Archdeacon, NICHOLAS READE. Since I wrote to you last, Nicholas has made his **Triennial Visitation** to us. Every three years the Archdeacon (or one of his Rural Deans) has to make a visit to each parish under his charge and that amounts to nearly 200. He arrived mid-morning and did not leave until 5.30pm. The Archdeacon's responsibility is to check the "nuts and bolts" of each Church. He has to review the fabric and finances and see that accurate records are made, and spend time with the incumbent and the churchwardens, talking with any assistants as well.

All the churchwardens agree with me that we have a **really good friend** in our Archdeacon. Already he has given us a great deal of time, bearing in mind all the other churches he has to oversee. Each church is involved in a building project and he has been there to advise and direct us. Fairlight is close to obtaining a faculty to begin the work of reordering St Andrew's Church to provide toilet, kitchen and meeting place facilities. Nicholas has visited with members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on several occasions and the PCC at Fairlight has been very grateful for his efforts. The PCC at Guestling has suggested that there should be a toilet within the building. Again, Nicholas has come on at least two occasions to help the discussion and give objective advice.

The churchwardens of Pett and I were especially helped by his support and advice as we are coming to terms with the repair of Pett Parish Church. You will know by now that estimates for urgent repair have now arrived. The lowest tender was just short of £40,000. Pett Church has only £15,000 at present to meet this. The architect has helped us fill in applications for grants from two Historic Churches Trusts. Although there is no guarantee that we will receive any money at all, we hope to get about £10,000 from both together. That would still leave a shortfall of £15,000. Because of the existing demands on our village, we are sensitive about a wide-spread appeal. As the church has only 30 regular members, most of whom are retired and have restricted means, we are uncertain how we can proceed any further.

Nicholas has agreed to make a special visit to the church on a Sunday and discuss the way forward. We ask readers of the magazine, and all interested in retaining a Parish Church in Pett to come on **Sunday 19 September 1999**. Nicholas is to preside and preach at the 9.30am Parish Communion. After a cup of coffee, an **OPEN COUNCIL MEETING** which can be attended by anybody, will be held in the church. Nicholas will put before the church and the village the future prospects of the building and what might be done to secure it for the future. In the meantime, any donations and gifts would be most welcome, as a sign that the church building is wanted for the future. We are grateful for the lead set by Joan Zeepvat in selling her lovely map of Pett and Pett Level and donating proceeds to the Restoration Fund (see last month's magazine). If you would like to help in any way, please have a word with Angela Hawksley at "White House", Pett Level. Thanks for caring!

GUESTLING ROTAS FOR JULY 1999

- th MATINS - Pentecost 6 - Trinity 5 - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
 FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson, Mrs Jagger, Mrs Gill
 SIDESMEN - Miss Groves, Col Parks
 READERS - Miss Groves - Isaiah 43:14-44
 - Col Parks - St Mark 2:18-3:6
- 11th PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - Pentecost 7 - Trinity 6 - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman
 FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Mrs Hull, Miss Quaife
 SIDESMEN - Mr Jury, Mrs Williams
 ELEMENTS - Mrs Smith, Mrs Barron
 READERS - Mr Barnett - Jonah 1
 - Mr Tytherleigh - Acts 27:27 to end
- 8th FAMILY COMMUNION RITE A - Pentecost 8 - Trinity 7 - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Owen Thomas
 FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Mrs Rugg, Mrs Jean Perry
- 5th PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - Pentecost 9 - Trinity 8 - (Red)
 (Readings are on page 790 of ASB for St James the Apostle)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Greenwood, Mr Greenwood, Mrs Brooks
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Betson
 ELEMENTS - Miss Groves, Col Parks
 READERS - Miss Groves - Jeremiah 45
 - Col Parks - Acts 11:27-12:2
- August 1st MATINS - Pentecost 10 - Trinity 9 - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER -
 FLOWERS - Mrs Jennings, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Jill Perry
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Barron, Mrs Smith
 READERS - Mrs Wicking - 1 Samuel 18:1-16
 - Mr Greenwood - St Mark 9:30 to end

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS JULY 1999

- 4th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT - Canon Michael Townroe
 PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Mr W Slack
 SERVER - Miss M Deasy
 READER - Mr K Gill - Colossians 3:12-17
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack
- 11th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - 1 Corinthians 13
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon
- 10.30am SEA SUNDAY SERVICE with Parade (Pett)
 CONDUCTED BY - Revd Robin Balch and Revd Derek Brice
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Mrs D Goodsell
- 18th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon Michael Townroe
 INTERCESSIONS - Miss M Deasy
 SIDESPERSONS - Cdr T Clarkson, Mr W Cooper
 SERVER - Mr J Underwood
 READER - Mr W Cooper - Romans 6:19-23
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Miss M Deasy
- 25th 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT -
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - Acts 11:27-12:3a
 Pett Level flowers - Mrs M Parsons, cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley
- 9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
 CONDUCTED BY - Revd Robin Balch
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs D Goodsell, Mrs K Jury
 READERS - Mrs E Greenfield - 2 Kings 1:9-15
 - Mrs B Vick - Luke 9:46-56

JULY DAY BY DAY

- 12 noon-3.00pm Boot Sale at Fairlight Church Field, Coastguard Lane, to raise funds to pay for the Church Millennium Eve Celebrations. £6 a car, paid at the gate on entrance.
- 1.30pm Guestling-Bradshaw School Fete (School grounds)
- 3.00pm the wedding of Stephen Moon and Sallie Beale at St Mary & St Peter, Pett.
- 7.30pm Guestling Church Concert by Molly Townson and friends (tickets at the door or from Bob Axell at Guestling Church).
- Celebration for St Peter's Tide**
 9.30am Parish Communion at Pett Parish Church
 6.30pm Healing Service at St Peter's, Fairlight Cove
- 7.30 Guestling PCC (Rector)
- 10.30am Ministerial Team meet at the Rectory
- 1 10.30am Sea Sunday Special Service with friends from the Methodist Church at Pett Parish Church with Parade of groups from Guestwell and the blessing of the Pett Level Rescue Boat
 Afternoon tea in the garden at "Hillcrest", Eight Acre Lane (proceeds to Guestling Church) by kind permission of Ken and Doreen Tytherleigh (or 18th if weather bad).
- 2 7.30pm Pastoral Visitors meet at the Rectory. It is essential that all who want to be a part of the Three Oaks visiting team come to this meeting. Training, allocation and prayer.
- 4 3.00pm Benefice Missionary Committee at "Beaulieu", Meadow Way, Fairlight.
- 7 11.00am-3.00pm the popular "Fairlight Church" Garden Party at the "Reddings", Broadway, Fairlight (all welcome).
- 8 6.30pm the monthly Benefice Informal Worship at St Peter's, Fairlight
- 9 7.30pm Pett PCC (Rector)
- 9-30 Visiting in the village of Three Oaks with Pastoral Team
- 2 7.30PM Pett House Group meet at "Paxstead".

RECORDED IN OUR REGISTERS

We congratulate on their marriage at St Laurence Church, Guestling
5 June Stephen Robert Plummer and Melanie Jane Waters

We welcome into the fellowship of the Church by baptism at St Laurence
23 May Thomas Charles Shoesmith of 43c The Ridge, Hastings
(Son of Adam and Jane Shoesmith, married last year at Guestling)

IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

(Reflection by Eileen Balch)

The following verse was recited at the Marriage Celebration Service on 6 June
at St Laurence Church, Guestling

"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made;
Our times are in His hand
Who said 'A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half, trust God, see all nor be afraid'"

Congratulations were due in May to Catharine and Arthur Hollman who
celebrated their 50th Wedding (Golden) Anniversary.

It seems to me that Catharine and Arthur have lived full and enriching lives,
given very much in the service of others. We know that they both pursued
fulfilling careers in different aspects of medicine. They brought up four
daughters, who have made their own different contributions to life in various
parts of the country.

We all very much admire the purposeful and varied combined activities they
engage in at this active time in their lives. This includes chair of governors of
Glyne Gap School, being prime movers in the drive for a new village hall for
Pett, painting, botanical interests and the list goes on. We wish them continued
joy in their lives together.

The Pett PCC would like to thank Marjorie and her banner making team for
making us a banner as part of the Walking the Way project. It is a work of art
and we look forward to hanging it in the church at the beginning of July.

Please read Marjorie's Banner Group notice in this magazine. There's a lot of
talent in Pett and I know that the Group would really enjoy having some new
members.

Meriel Deasy

FOCUS ON KENYA

30 May was the date for another significant Benefice occasion. Although it was
the Bank Holiday weekend, and many regular churchgoers gave their apologies,
110 people gathered at St Andrew's Church, Fairlight for the morning service.
That weekend an important occasion was remembered both in this country and
overseas. It was 200 years since the Church Missionary Society was launched
at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham by the then priest in charge, the Revd John
Venn. On 29 May a whole day of celebration was held at Clapham in the
presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and also the Archbishop of Kenya.

We focussed our service on the country of Kenya. Fairlight has links with the
Society, Crosslinks (formerly the BCMS) and Guestling and Pett are linked with
the Friends of Nakuru and Nyahururu. Our own Canon Michael Townroe is
formerly the chairman of the link between the Dioceses in Kenya and our own of
Chichester. Michael spoke with much vigour and enthusiasm of the church in
Kenya, belying his age! The Rector took up the theme in his sermon and
reminded the churches that we are now in a World Church and the programme
is global mission. No longer do we send missionaries abroad. We are partners
together sharing our resources with each other. We still have material
prosperity, while they outshine us in spiritual riches. A helpful display about the
work of CMS, Crosslinks and Friends were placed in the church and a retiring
offertory was taken to be shared with Crosslinks and Friends of Nakuru.

The benefice Missionary Committee has decided that in this significant year a
Benefice Missionary Gift Day should be held on the occasion of the Benefice
Service at Guestling Church on 31 October 1999. Early in the Autumn
information will be available, together with allocation sheets and envelopes for
the gifts. We trust that the churches will give prayerfully and sacrificially, and
also allocate a significant gift to CMS on their anniversary. Last year Fairlight
managed to raise £2,000 for the Missionary Gift. It would be really encouraging
if the benefice could reach that figure this year, and even surpass it. God
promises to bless those who give generously, "Give and it will be given to you
... the measure you give will be the measure you receive". (Luke 6:38)

FOCUS ON ST MICHAEL'S

We are thrilled to hear that the Revd Helen Patten, the new Chaplain at St
Michael's Hospice, is to be the preacher and celebrant at the Parish
Communion service to be held at St Laurence, Guestling on 12 September.
Guestling Church take up retiring offerings on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
That day the offering will be given to St Michael's and Mrs Patten has agreed to
be our special guest. Helen, who was born blind, will be accompanied by her
guide dog, Jester, and her husband Michael. Both help Helen to fulfil a
remarkable ministry at the Hospice. She preached at St Andrew's, Fairlight last
year at the Christmas Carol Service and now she looks forward to making
friends in the congregation at Guestling.

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING - Saturday 3 July 1999 at 7.30pm in Guestling Church. Molly Townson presents an evening of song with her Girls Choir, Cantares. Their repertoire will take us through 16th century Madrigals, Schubert, English Song and Traditional folksong to Gershwin and Bacharach and includes the inspirational 'Lords Prayer' from David Fanshawe's 'African Sanctus'. Guest singer for the occasion will be Emma Stace. Entry will be by programme (£4) available in advance or at the door and includes interval refreshments. All proceeds to go 'The Children of Chernobyl' and the Church Funds. Please come to support this charity concert and enjoy an evening of beautiful music.

'FUNTASTIC DAY' - open to children aged 5-11 years Tuesday 3 August 10.00am-4.00pm at Guestling Bradshaw School. Cost £1, bring a picnic. Please book your place with Wendy Hatch on 812297.

ACTIVATE - Fairlight Youth Club are holding a barbeque with live music by 'Ocean Deep' at 'Hysted', Fairlight Road, Fairlight on Saturday 24 July at 7.00pm. All welcome. Adults £2.50, children £1.00, under 5s free. Food at reasonable prices. Tickets from Liz or Nerissa on 814919.

THREE OAKS WI - the next meeting is being held at the home of Miss Pat Horn by her kind invitation on 8 July at 2.15pm. Hopefully the sun will shine.

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL - meet in Guestling Village Hall on Monday 12 July at 7.30pm.

THREE OAKS VILLAGE FETE - will be held at the hall on 24 July at 2.00pm. All proceeds go towards the expenses and upkeep of the hall. Help is needed with side shows etc. Please ring Joan Skellett on 814484.

PETT & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY are holding their annual Fete and Flower Show on 31 July from 2.00pm-4.30pm at the Recreation Field. Any donations for the raffle, tombola, bottle and plant stalls would be welcome. Terry Cox, Hon Secretary

PETT PLAYGROUP regret the cancellation of the recent boot fairs due to poor weather and would like to thank those who intended to support them. Due to other commitments there are no plans to hold another at the moment. We shall be having our usual stands at the Flower Show and Pett Level Fete. All parents with toddlers are welcome to drop in to see us on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Village Hall.

Ali Hudson

PETT FETE at the Rectory on Saturday 28 August from 2.00-4.00pm. If wet, in the Village Hall. If you are able to contribute prizes for the raffle, tombola,

hoopla or items for the stalls, cakes, china, glass, bric-a-brac, garden produce, groceries, books, jewellery, plants etc all will be very much appreciated. If you are able to help in any way, please contact 812443.

PETT WI next meets at 2.30pm on Friday 16 July to hear a talk by Mrs G Saxby intriguingly titled 'Days of Wine and Hoses'. Have you ever thought of joining? We are a friendly group who rarely sing Jerusalem or make jam. Do come first as a visitor - a welcome awaits.

PETT GARDEN CLUB meets on 13 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Subs still £3.00 or 50p for a visitor. Speaker this month is Bill Stevens and his subject is Cacti.

CHRISTIAN AID - many thanks to everyone in Pett who helped to make Christian Aid Week in May such a success. After adding together the house-to-house collection, proceeds of the Coffee Morning, the collection at the Christian Aid church service and other donations, we were able to send off a record £763 to help the poorest of the world's poor. We also sold £125 worth of Traidcraft goods, fairly traded from Third World countries. To realise that all this came on top of the wonderful response to the recent Kosovo appeals is heart-warming indeed, and very much appreciated.

Ray Taylor

THE 'FRIENDS OF NEW PETT VILLAGE HALL' is a new group that has been set up to help with the fund raising for the new hall. Their aim is to plan a timetable of events that will help to finance the new building and its future maintenance. If you would like to know more or think you might like to help in some way please phone Tim Jury 813620 or Ali Hudson 814175 or come and visit our stall at the Flower Show.

Summer Dance to be held in the evening after the Flower Show in aid of the new village hall. Disco by the infamous Michael Hambridge and live music by local band 'Nightshift'. Food is included in the ticket price of £5 obtainable from The Butchers Shop, Country Stores, Pett Pets, Post Office and Market Stores, Pett level. Licensed bar on site. If you would like to help with food or know more, please phone Sarah Masters 814832.

Tim Jury

PETT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE need a part time Secretary/Treasurer. Salary £500 per annum. Please telephone 813228 for further details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - If you see anything suspicious please ring the local police on 0845 6070999. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

Last Autumn five mothers from Belarus, each with a young child, were invited to spend two weeks in the Rye district. All our visitors, both mothers and children, benefited greatly from their time with us, returning to Belarus with more colour in their cheeks and better able to cope with the continuing medical consequences of the terrible nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl 13 years ago.

We are planning to arrange for another five mothers and children to visit us this year, this time for three weeks, from 10-30 September. We are now appealing for help in this very worthwhile venture. We do need one further offer of hospitality, either for the full three weeks or for half that time; but if you do not feel able to make that commitment, we should also be most grateful for offers of assistance during the various outings we arrange for the group and for financial contributions towards our numerous expenses. If you think you may be able to help in any of these ways and would like to hear more details, please ring Janet Waddams, 01797 223188 or Matty Holmes, 01797 223155.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL RURAL ROTHER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

- * Are you able to spare some time to assist people on their return from hospital.
- * Visit and offer company and practical help, such as shopping, collection prescriptions and pensions for a few weeks.
- * Accompany clients to hospital or doctor's appointments.
- * Introduce them to clubs or long term visitors.
- * Help obtain further services or advice for them.

Home from Hospital is a service run by Hastings Age Concern. We can visit people in Rye and Battle and every village in Rother. We especially need people in Fairlight, Icklesham, Pett and Winchelsea. We offer training to all volunteers and pay expenses. Wherever you live in Rother, if you are able to help I would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact: Rhiannon Oliver, 01424 440333

PETT PUZZLE '99

The Pett Puzzle this year is about the ancestors of one of our Churchwarden's nieces. In the summer of 1799 two sisters, Emma and Rebecca, applied for the posts of housemaids in Pett's grand mansion (long before it was burnt down - but that's another story!) They were seen by the master of the house, his lady wife, the butler and the housekeeper. The young girls got the jobs and the puzzles are about their interview and their journey home to the house of their aunt, with whom they lived. In Puzzle 'A' you are asked to follow their route home and find out the name of their aunt. This walk of 2 miles starts and finishes at the church. In Puzzle 'B' you are required to determine which of the four interviewers held the job application letters. By solving either of the puzzles you may win a £10, £5 or £2 prize.

The puzzles, price £1 each, will be on sale throughout July and August from The Butchers Shop, Country Stores, Post Office, Norris upholsterers, Pett Level Market Stores and J Taylor, Paxstead, Pett Road. Puzzle 'A' takes the form of a lovely walk through and around the village of Pett, during which you are asked some simple questions, the answers helping you to find out the name of the girls' aunt. Puzzle 'B' is for those who do not wish to walk and is a fairly easy logic puzzle. You can, of course, do both puzzles and have two chances of winning one of the cash prizes.

So do have a go - the puzzles are fun to do - just what you need for your enjoyment during the long hazy days of summer and you will be helping to raise funds for the church at the same time. All profits from the sale of the puzzle go towards the proceeds of the Church Summer Fete. Thank you for your support.

John Taylor

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE EVENTS IN JULY

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| 3 | Coffee Morning, 10.30am Arthur Easton Centre |
| 11 | Rye Safari, noon-5.00pm three gardens, Rye Town Centre |
| 18 | Teddy Bears Picnic, Arthur Easton Centre |
| 25 | Battle Classic Car Show, Battle Abbey |

NATURE NOTES

Some young cattle had just been let out of their winter quarters and were full of the joys of Spring. They spotted a small furry thing in the grass and went to investigate. Up went the rabbit's ears, and the cattle jumped back. After some thought they approached it again and this time the rabbit lolloped away, the cattle in pursuit. After a few yards the rabbit stopped and turned - the cattle stopped - the rabbit moved towards them and the cattle ran away. Then the cattle stopped and turned and the game was repeated. It was really delightful to see such big animals playing with such a small one.

Another happy encounter on Lunsford Farm was with a moorhen trying so very hard to persuade her three black fluffy chicks to keep together. One disappeared into the cattle shed, oblivious to its mother's loud commands. She eventually went off after it and emerged triumphant, only to find that the other two had ambled off in different directions. She rounded them up without too much trouble but, of course, by then number one was back in the cattle shed. In the end it took her nearly ten minutes to get all three babies together, at which point I would have given her a round of applause had I not been afraid of startling them into scattering again.

In the grass verge outside John and Frances Read's house in Icklesham are three lovely Bee Orchids. John phoned ESCC when the rosettes first appeared and they put up tapes to prevent the mowing contractors cutting the verge.

Three of my baby blue tits didn't live long enough to leave the nest. If the remaining six avoid getting caught by a cat or hit by a car, they have a pretty good chance of at least surviving the rest of the summer. At the moment they are trying to get to grips (literally) with the peanut holder. I am keeping the lid of my well firmly closed in case any of the babies falls down it.

Avril Thurley

Copy for the combined *Aug/Sept* magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, telephone 813437 by Wednesday 7 July 1999 please.

PARISH PUMP

The first meeting of the new Council took place in May. Your Councillors are now June Barnes, Kevin Clifton, Andrew Dunlop, Mark Hall, Tim Jury, Cicely Perring and Eddie Swaine. If you have any concerns about matters in the Parish (Pett and Pett Level) please bring them to the attention of a member of the Council. You can also make representations in writing to me at Rectory Cottage.

Andrew declared firmly that it was time for a change of Chairman and Kevin was persuaded to accept the "poisoned chalice". All parishioners of goodwill will wish him well in this thankless task.

Our new District Councillor, Robin Patten, attended the meeting and showed a welcome interest in Council affairs. The routine details of Parish affairs can seem very tedious, but must be dealt with - and dealt with properly - if things are to run smoothly. Both Robin and Eddie live on the Level, so will be able to keep a close eye on problems arising at that end of the Parish.

You may have noticed that the area around the bus stop at the foot of Chick Hill has now been cleared. The Council intends to provide a seat there shortly.

The ongoing problem of speeding traffic was again discussed, with particular reference to the possibility of having a 20mph speed limit through Pett. There are three views on this:

- it might make drivers reduce their speed at least to 30mph;
- it will cause accidents as speeding drivers try to overtake those observing the limit;
- or it will make no difference at all since drivers will ignore the limits just as they do the old ones.

What do you think? Would you, personally, observe a 20mph limit through Pett? If you are a driver, please let me have your honest opinion of this proposal.

Avril Thurley, Clerk to Pett Parish Council

CHURCHWARDEN'S DIARY

Monday 24 May - Fete Committee meeting at my house. Chris has put us all under 'Starter's Orders', but I now have to confess that I can't remember what she wants me to do!

Wednesday 26 May - Front page headline in the Daily Telegraph: **Watch out for the very latest trend: Religion.** Wonder what the Archdeacon thinks about that!!

Sunday 30 May - Benefice service at Fairlight. The musicians were great, though Carol's drum playing came as a bit of a shock to those of us sitting nearby!

Sunday 6 June - Marriage Service at Guestling. Lots of people come and it's a lovely service. Excellent tea!

Sunday 13 June - Marjorie shows us the banner that she and her gang have made for Pett. We spend so much time admiring it that the service starts later than usual. There are two birds on it - I'm sure one of them is a pigeon!!

NEWS OF THE BANNER GROUP

Just seven weeks ago a small group of June Dyer, Beryl Holmes, Maureen Horscroft and I started work on the Fairlight banner. After praying we came up with the vision of a light/beacon and the words 'Walk in the Light'. The schedule was tight but in three weeks the task was completed and ready for the Rogation Service.

Our second project, a banner for Pett. By this time June Woodcock had joined the group. With a specification from Pett and artistic licence on our part, we got down to planning a simple design. Then lightning struck, our cry 'Can we finish it on time for it to be hung in Rye Church for the final service of the special Deanery weekend "Walking the Way"? It is now in our dining room along with Guestling and Fairlight banners waiting to be transported to Rye.

Our meetings are industrious but there's plenty of laughter. We are now thinking of our next project, a large banner for Guestling Bradshaw School to celebrate the Millennium. We shall be working on the designs that the children have produced and are looking forward to this project. It would be wonderful to have a larger team especially if anyone from Guestling and Pett Churches would like to join us. If you can use a pair of scissors, glue and stick, are artistic then come and join us. For further details please contact me. We pray that these banners will be used for God's glory and be a blessing for our Churches.

Sister Marjorie Rowson

PS If anyone feels they cannot join us but would like to support us, a donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials. Each banner costs, on average, £35 and many hours work. We do not have the time to fund raise. Many thanks.

MEMORIAL CARE CENTRE



SUMMER ISSUE - JULY 1999

WE'RE ALL MAD !!!

Midsummer Madness is upon us! On Wednesday July 14th at the White Vine, Rye, there will be a fun-packed Midsummer Madness supper. Gorge yourself on a superb meal and fine wines, win a fantastic prize in our Midsummer Madness Raffle, and go home knowing you've not only had a wonderful evening but helped the Care Centre! Tickets £20 per person, to include all food and a half bottle of wine, are available from the Care Centre on 223810 or White Vine House. John Sankey and Irene Cheetham are delighted that this event also coincides with the 1st Anniversary of their management of White Vine House.

SPOILED FOR CHOICE

On July 18th Ryesingers are giving a concert for the Centre - it will be at Playden Church at 7pm, and full details will be available by the time you read this in your Parish Magazine - do look out for the details, it's going to be a lovely event, and a delightful way to support the Care Centre. Thank you, Rye-singers, for staging this for our benefit.



THANK YOU !

IF ANY OF OUR READERS MISSED OUR JUNE NEWSLETTER, I AM DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT THE FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN MAY WERE STUNNINGLY SUCCESSFUL - A SPRING FAIR ORGANISED BY MR COMFORT & MISS HARMAN IN TICKLESHAM RAISED £360. OUR REFRESHMENT STALL AT THE CHARITIES FAIR RAISED £900 AND THE IDEN JAZZ EVENT RAISED £1,700+. WOW! MONEY IS STILL COMING IN FOR THE ROTARY WALK, SO WHAT A FANTASTIC MONTH MAY WAS!

July really is going to be hectic and immensely exciting - the number and variety of fundraising events that are happening is absolutely breathtaking! At the beginning of the month Rye Golf Club are most kindly holding what has become an ANNUAL tournament for the benefit of the Care Centre - last year's raised £1,000, and we are tremendously grateful to Mr Peter Gracey and everyone on the Club Committee for continuing to support the Care Centre in this way. On Saturday July 10th, Mr and Mrs Paddy Buxton are again opening their stunning garden for the benefit of the Centre - do go along, it's right in the heart of Rye, at The Old House, the Mint, open from 11am to 4pm, and there'll be a plant stall, raffle and teas, available. The same day sees the League of Friends Garden Party in the Care Centre grounds - lots to see and do, from 2-4pm.

Well, we're not even half way through the month and we've run out of space in this column....

MANY, MANY THANKS TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON INVOLVED!

FLY THE FLAG

It's our Flag Day on Saturday July 31st, so look out for our splendid volunteer collectors and please drop a coin or two into our red collection boxes - every single penny helps the Care Centre, every single penny helps people in this area, so please support us. We shall be collecting only during the morning of July 31st, so don't miss us! Thank you in advance for your support.

WHAT'S ON - A RESUME

July 10th - Open Garden The Old House, The Mini Rye 11am to 4pm

July 10th - League of Friends Garden Party, MCC, 2-4pm

July 14th - Midsummer Madness At The White Vine, Rye Supper at 7.45pm

July 18th - Ryesingers Concert, Playden Church 7pm. Complimentary wine!

July 31st - MCC Flag Day Volunteer Collectors Welcome! Contact Ann Hoster on 223810

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

GUESTLING (ALL AT 11 AM)

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

PETT

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

PETT LEVEL - Holy Communion

8.00 a.m. - 2nd & 4th Sunday

6.00 p.m. - 1st Wednesday in each month

GUESTLING

CHURCH OFFICERS

PETT

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs M Barnett - 754974
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs A Hawksley - 812705
Miss P M Deasy

SECRETARY

Miss J M Groves - 813341

SECRETARY

Mrs A Dawson - 812977

TREASURER

Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

TREASURER

Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

FREE WILL OFFERING

Mrs K Greenwood - 812790

STEWARDSHIP RECORDER

Mrs A Hawksley - 812705

ELECTORAL ROLL

Mrs B Wicking - 438027

ELECTORAL ROLL

Mr M Plank - 812154

CHOIR MASTER

Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

ORGANIST & CHOIR

Mrs J Medlock - 812173

DEPUTY CHURCH WARDEN

Mr J Jury - 812584

JUNIOR CHOIR AND CLUB

Mrs E Greenfield - 813370

ORGANIST

Miss N Cordery

DEANERY SYNOD

Mr & Mrs Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD

Mr & Mrs D Greenwood

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