

November, 1999

GUESTLING

PETT

PARISH NEWS

Pett Level

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ROBIN WRITES:

TRAGEDY AND FAITH

As I write the past week has been one of the saddest times in all the 30 years that I have been in the Church of England Ministry. It began with the horrifying rail disaster at Ladbroke Grove, just outside Paddington Station. The week ended with the news of a local car accident that involved several families in our parishes. With this are the usual mixture of problems and pains that occur within the life of Churches and the villages of our neighbourhood at any given time.

These have brought home to us the tragedies and hurts that seem to be happening throughout the world in these days in which we live. With the natural disasters like the earthquake in Turkey and the ones caused by man such as Kosovo and East Timor. Somehow we deal with things happening a long way away which we only see on television and read in the newspapers. When they happen on our own doorsteps, it really brings home to us the suffering that many have to bear.

THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE IN A GOOD GOD, FIND THIS VERY DIFFICULT. One conclusion that humans have is that there is no God, and no rhyme or reason to anything. We are just flotsam, buffeted by the passing seas of time; we come and go by chance and without meaning. That cannot be so for others who would want to rage at God and blame Him for not intervening. There are many "WHYS" that do not have a satisfying answer here and now.

Although Christians cannot answer many of the questions that are posed, they would want to testify to that PRESENCE that is with them in tragedies. We do not have a God who stands outside us in our pain and mocks us. But in the Lord Jesus Christ, he became flesh and dwelt among us. The Bible witnesses even said that "He was tested in every point, as we are" and "we can receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need". I am glad that WE STILL KEEP OUR CHURCH DOORS OPEN. We are aware that sad and grieving people have come in during this time.

The other thing Christians are aware of is that although we cannot understand the pain of this present, we have a God who is working His Purpose out. He has the power to bring good out of evil and life out of death. We do BELIEVE that He is loving and just and in His time He will bring some meaning and comfort. Sunday by Sunday we do in our services PRAY for the situations around us. I hope that we are not trite and superficial in our prayers, and that with others we can provide support for those who are hurting in these days. St Peter was asked by the Lord when times were very hard "Will you also go away?" He replied "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know you are the One." (John 6:68,69)

GUESTLING ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 1999

- 7th MATINS - 7th Before Christmas - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Ken Holmes
 FLOWERS - Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Jill Perry
 SIDESMEN - Mr Barnett, Mrs Breeds
 READERS - Mr Barnett - Isaiah 55
 - Mrs Barnett - Galatians 3:1-14
- 14th PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - 6th Before Christmas - Trinity 24
 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Gainsbury, Mrs Smith, Miss Gilbey
 SIDESMEN - Col Parks, Miss Groves
 ELEMENTS - Mrs Belson, Mrs Gainsbury
 READERS - Col Parks - Isaiah 2:1-5
 - Mr Griffiths - Revelation 21:1-7
- 21st FAMILY COMMUNION RITE A - 5th Before Christmas - Next Before
 Advent - (Green)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Robin and Mrs Eileen Balch
 FLOWERS - Mrs Pearson Mrs Gill, Mrs Jagger
- 28th PARISH COMMUNION RITE B - 4th Before Christmas - Advent
 Sunday - (Violet)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Humphrey Newman
 FLOWERS - Mrs Wicking, Miss Quaife, Mrs Hull
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Williams, Mr Jury
 ELEMENTS - Miss Groves, Col Parks
 READERS - Miss Groves - Isaiah 51:4-11
 - Lady Ashburnham - Romans 13:8 to end
- December
 5th MATINS - Advent 2 - (Violet)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER
 FLOWERS - Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Coppins, Mrs Jean Perry
 SIDESMEN - Mrs Smith, Mrs Barron
 READERS - Mr Tytherleigh - Jeremiah 36:9-26
 - Mrs Smith - St Matthew 25:14-30

PETT & PETT LEVEL ROTAS NOVEMBER 1999

7th 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT - Revd Robin Balch
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs R Taylor, Mr J Taylor
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs K Jury, Miss M Deasy
 SERVER - Mrs A Hawksley
 READER - Mrs E Greenfield - James 2:14-24
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs J Slack

14th 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Revd Robin Balch
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Miss M Deasy - Hebrews 11:17-31
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Mrs R Moon

9.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Canon M Townroe/Revd R Balch
 SIDESPERSONS - Mr E Newton, Mr W Slack
 READER - Cdr T Clarkson - Revelation 21:1-7

21st 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION (Pett)
 PRESIDENT/PREACHER - Revd Frank Rowson
 INTERCESSIONS - Mrs A Hawksley
 SIDESPERSONS - Mrs J Coby, Mrs D Goodsell
 SERVER - Miss M Deasy
 READER - Mrs J Coby - Romans 9:19-28
 Pett Level flowers - Mrs M Parsons, cleaning - Mrs A Hawksley

28th 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (Pett Level)
 CELEBRANT - Revd Frank Rowson
 READER/SIDESPERSON - Mrs A Hawksley - Romans 13:8 to end
 Pett Level flowers and cleaning - Miss M Deasy

9.30 am MATINS (Pett)
 CONDUCTED BY - Canon Michael Townroe
 SIDESPERSONS - Miss M Deasy, Mrs D Goodsell
 READERS - Mrs R Taylor - Isaiah 2:10-22
 - Mr J Taylor - Matthew 24:1-14

**COUNTDOWN TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM
PUBLICITY PREPARED!**

We now have publicity prepared to distribute to every house in the Benefice with a message. Each Church will have leaflets parcelled up and ready for delivery by **Sunday 21 November**. Because the leaflet will contain details of the Christmas Services, we would like the leaflets to arrive by **4 December**. We are expecting to deliver over 2000 in the Benefice and everybody who has the time and energy to help is required. **IF YOU CAN, DO NOT LEAVE TO OTHERS, PLAY YOUR PART FOR THIS UNIQUE OCCASION!**

FINAL ACTION YEAR EVENT

The Renewal of Baptism Vows Service
 on
Sunday 28 November at 3.00pm
 at
St Andrew's Church, Fairlight

This service is for ALL BAPTISED members of the Churches. A recommitment in preparation for the New Millennium. **BE THERE** as we stand together as God's people.

SEEING IN THE MILLENNIUM

Representatives from the three parishes have worked on the MILLENNIUM GROUP over the past year, building on the previous APPRAISAL GROUP. A programme to help us celebrate this **JESUS** occasion has been arranged. On **Friday 31 December the Benefice celebrations are to be centred on St Andrew's Church and its surrounds!**

9.00-9.45pm A service in Church on Thanksgiving and Preparation
9.45-10.30pm Refreshments served in Church and a barbeque held in the Church surrounds.
10.30pm The bonfire is lit on the Church Field
11.45pm In Church for a Quiet Meditation and Prayer
12 midnight Bells rung and a short Fireworks Display

A small donation of £2 will be asked for the refreshments and barbeque. An extra leaflet about this evening will be distributed and the Benefice would be grateful for returns to be made for numbers.

Donations or fundraising towards the cost of Celebrations welcome!

RECORDED IN THE REGISTERS

We congratulate on their weddings at St Laurence, Guestling

- 2 October Daniel Mark Nixon and Rachel Louise Shah
Neil Quinten Jones and Claire Laraine Tuckwell
(a blessing after a civil marriage)

We extend our sympathies to the relatives and friends of

- 30 September Catherine Barbara Glen Dunlop (aged 82 years)
of Calroust, Pett Road, Pett
Conducted at Pett Parish Church by Revd Frank Rowson
followed by burial in the churchyard
- 11 October Sir Denny Ashburnham
Burial of cremated remains in Guestling Churchyard
- 21 October Daniel Sams (aged 20 years)
of 24 Allards, Guestling
Service at Pett Church followed at Hastings Crematorium

We do convey our deep sympathies to all who mourn at this time, especially to Linda, Nigel, Matthew and Steven Sams in the loss of Dan, as a result of a car accident. We also pray for Terry and Joe recovering from injury and remember their families too.

BENEFACTORY MILLENNIUM PROJECTS

Fairlight Church is still waiting for the issuing of a Faculty to go ahead for the reordering of the Church at St Andrew's. Although commenced some three years ago, it looks as if it will be a Millennium building project. This is to provide toilet, kitchen and meeting room facilities in the Church. The organ has to be raised on to a balcony at the back of the Church. It is to be electrified and connected to the console of the new electronic instrument.

Guestling is looking for a modest reordering, to convert the Ashburnham Chapel into a meeting area and return the pews to the back of the Church which is now the ladies' vestry. It is intended to apply for a faculty to fit a toilet in the Church and redecorate the tower area.

Pett faces the enormous task in the repair of its building. To raise the huge sum of money estimated to complete this work must take many years. In the meantime, Pett Church Council with the Parish Council have undertaken a more modest project for the Millennium which is to site a Memorial Garden in the Churchyard for cremated remains. Mrs Eileen Balch (the Rector's wife) has taken up the task of being the organiser. She has written to the Diocesan Advisory Committee to discover the procedure. The Parish Council advised that Rother District Council might support a project for the good of the village as a whole. The Council granted £150 towards costs, if matched by others. Mrs Balch is getting estimates for clearing the area in the front part of the Churchyard, marking it with horizontally placed slabs one of which will be engraved. Estimates are also being obtained for the necessary furniture to hold the Memorial Book and to remove two pews at the back of the Church to accommodate the furniture and provide for a shelf for floral tributes.

BENEFACTORY DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

- 2 7.00pm Royal British Legion (Annual Meeting) at the New Beach Club (Pett Level)
- 3 3.00pm Benefice Missionary Committee meets to reflect on the Mission Day
- 9 7.30pm Millennium Group meets at St Peter's Church, Fairlight
- 10 7.30pm The 'Apocalypse 2000' Course at St Peter's, Fairlight (fortnightly). A course about the end times led by the Rector and Owen Thomas
- 14 **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
Remembrances 9.30am Pett Parish, 10.30am Fairlight Church and 10.50am at St Laurence Church, Guestling.
(NB Pett & District Royal British Legion service at Icklesham)
- 18 Deanery Synod (details announced to representatives)
- 20 Fairlight Church Christmas Fair (Village Hall)
- 28 3.00pm Baptism Vows Renewal Service
(at St Andrew's, Fairlight for the whole Benefice)

December

- 11 10.00am-12.00noon Children's Society Coffee Morning at "Little House", Friars Hill or "Windswept", Winchelsea Road (to be announced)
7.00pm Christmas Concert at St Andrew's, Fairlight
- 12 10.30am Anglican/Methodist Toy Service (Pett Parish)
6.00pm The Benefice Carol Service (Pett Parish)
- 17 Carol singing in Three Oaks (details next month)
- 19 Carol Services in the churches (see invitations)
- 20 Carol singing in Pett
- 24 11.30pm Midnight at Guestling Parish Church
- 25 A full programme of Christmas Day services

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL meets on Monday 8 November at 7.30pm in Three Oaks Village Hall.

THREE OAKS WI will meet on 11 November at 2.15pm in the Village Hall. Mr Colin Page will be speaking on "Wildlife of the Woodland".

A CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE AND COFFEE MORNING is being held on Saturday 27 November from 10.00am to 12 noon at Three Oaks Village Hall. Entry 50p to include coffee and mince pie. Various craft stalls, tombola, cakes and Father Christmas.

PETT & GUESTLING CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION is running a coach trip to the House of Lords and House of Commons followed by three hours of free time to go Christmas shopping, visit a museum etc etc. Date - Tuesday 30 November, cost - £12 per person, time - leave Pett Village at 9.00am return to Pett at 7.30pm approx. Contact Win Lovejoy on 812244 for a seat.

PETT GARDEN CLUB will welcome Robert Fovargue from Windmill Orchards in Icklesham to hear his talk about cherries at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 November.

PETT WI next meets in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Friday 19 November. The visiting speaker is Mr G Hutchinson and his subject "Battle Abbey - History to the present day".

FRIENDS OF NEW PETT VILLAGE HALL - thank you to all those who took part and/or supported the recent Michaelmas March sponsored walk. An amazing £421 was raised which is quite incredible considering there were less than a dozen walkers. We hope the Halloween Bonfire on 30 October will have been equally successful.

A Junior Disco will be held in the Village Hall on 11 December from 6.00pm - 9.30pm for the younger members of the Parish and their friends.

The New Hall Fund is beginning to look quite reasonable with all the recent activities taking place. There is a separate account if anyone would like to make donations, cheques can be made payable to "Friends of New Pett Village Hall". By the time you read this the Lottery grant application should be being processed and we should hear something in the New Year. If you would like to know more about the "Friends" please phone Tim on 813620 or Ali on 814175.

PETT PLAYGROUP -

Put Christmas sparkle in your eyes, come sup with us, hot punch and pies. Visit Santa in his snowy sleigh and pick a gift to make your day. His elfin helper will be there too, to take your hand and guide you through the glittering magic of Christmas time with story, song and Yuletide rhyme.

See the amazing human Christmas tree, stalls and games, it's all for free. There's children's and adults' lucky dip, "dig in deep" is just a tip. There's bric-a-brac and crafts and toys, presents galore for girls and boys. In our raffle we've fantastic prizes, something there to suit all shapes and sizes.

So don't miss out, come join the cheer and help our playgroup through another year.

All this happens on 28 November, that's a date you must remember. It's on a Sunday from two till four, in the Village Hall, say no more! Except to book a table, phone today - 814175 just won't rhyme whatever way!

PETT LEVEL NATURALISTS SOCIETY next meet on 19 November in Pett Village Hall when John Goodman will be talking about 'Pett Level - Past and Present'. Visitors and new members always welcome.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY. We invite all children who would like to take part in this year's Nativity to come along to Friday evening rehearsals commencing on 12 November at St Mary & St Peter church from 5.15 to 6.15pm. Please come along and take part and make this a joyous occasion once again, at this festive time.

Elizabeth Greenfield, 813370

THE PETT MILLENNIUM MAPS are still on sale at the Post Office and the Upholsterers. At £6 coloured and £2 black and white, they will provide an affordable and lasting memento of Pett and Pett Level at the turn of the century. They will be withdrawn from sale on 31 December.

THE FAIRLIGHT PLAYERS will present "Curtain Up On Murder", a thriller, at the Fairlight Village Hall on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November 1999 at 7.30pm. Admission by programme £2.50 available from the advance booking office Fairlight Post Office Stores, Fairlight tel 813221 or at the door.

Louise, Mike, Alexander and Edward Bowles would like to thank everybody in the village for their support since Mike has been ill. The love and friendship shown to us is such a comfort and help. Mike is progressing well and, hopefully, it won't be long before he is back to full health. Thank you.

BCP-ASB-CW - "A Lesson in Liturgy"

This past month the Rector received a questionnaire about how the Churches were preparing for the Church of England Service Book "Common Worship". The PCC's bewilderment led the Rector to write this article.

THE BCP - In 1548 all the services in England were written in Latin. Then came the Reformation. The Reformers thought it good that people of England had a Service Book in their own language - thus **The Book of Common Prayer**. The first version was printed in 1549. Naturally it had "the feel" of the previously "Catholic" form of worship. After another 3 years the 1552 book came into being and was much more "Protestant" in its outlook. Under Oliver Cromwell (1649) the Church was disestablished but restored when Charles II came to the throne. The revised book was the **1662 Book of Common Prayer** which remains to this day!

THE ASB - Obviously the BCP remained the Book for Worship for many generations, but when the 20th century began the Church longed for changes in both language and theology and to have a new service book! Parliament had to approve any changes and in 1927 and 1928 revised Books were turned down by Parliament. The Bishops were furious and the 1928 was used illegally throughout the Church, especially the Occasional Services such as funerals and weddings. (The language being so out of touch with ordinary people. EG the introduction to the "Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony"). Rather than having to go through Parliament for any changes the Church managed to pass the **Alternative Services Measure in 1965**! Series 1 was the old 1928 book made legal! Then came Series 2 and Series 3. The period of experimentation finished with the final revision being the **1980 Alternative Service Book**. (Note to be "alongside the BCP" not to replace it).

COMMON WORSHIP - After all the problems with the revision of the BCP, the Church decided that it should never GET STUCK again and agreed to regularly revise its worship books, to reflect the changes taking place in the passage of years. The next point of reference would be the year 2000. The ASB would be revised and become "illegal" and be replaced by a new set of services made into a new book, **Common Worship**. Advent 2000 was originally the time to move from ASB to CW. The Church has fallen behind its own timetable and so far only the LECTIONARY and the SERVICES of BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and THANKSGIVING for CHILDBIRTH have been approved. The ASB is still called "THE NEW SERVICES" by those who refuse to move on from the 1662 BCP. However, in a few years the ASB will be "old" and "defunct". **Just watch this space for more news!**

NATURE NOTES

Ivy can be something of a mixed blessing; it used to grow thickly on my west wall until it decided to explore the loft by way of lifting the roof tiles, after which it was banished. On the other hand it is a wonderful wildlife habitat. Kipling wrote of "winter's bee-thronged ivy bloom", and it's not only bees which enjoy it. Recently in a friend's garden we had the pleasure of watching numerous Red Admirals on an ivy-covered hedge. Their brilliant red and white patterning on a dark, velvety background made a lovely sight on one of the few sunny days in later September.

Does anyone know the collective noun for butterflies? If there isn't one, I would like to suggest "a shimmering".

Autumn is upon us, with all the glorious colours of that beautiful season. The swallows and martins are sitting on the wires discussing their trip to Africa, but almost before we've said goodbye to them we shall be welcoming migrants coming the other way. Redwings and Fieldfares which have spent our summer in Scandinavia will be coming south for our milder winter. You can attract them to your garden by leaving windfall apples on the ground, and they will also be attracted by berrying trees and shrubs.

Thrushes have very definite preferences where crab apples are concerned. They will strip 'John Downie' almost before the fruits are ripe, but 'Golden Hornet' is very much a last resort when all other food sources have been exhausted. This is worth bearing in mind if you want a crab apple for decorative purposes or for making jelly, rather than to feed the birds.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to clean out your bird boxes. You can scald them with boiling water to kill any mites, but don't use chemicals as these could be injurious to the birds. If you provide some nesting material in the form of hay, or the combings from your dog, the birds may use the boxes as cosy roosts during the winter.

Avril Thurley

PARISH PUMP

Our Neighbourhood Watch Organiser, Malcolm Sage, has asked me to say that more local coordinators are required, especially in the area near Pett Pots. If you think you could help, please contact Malcolm on 814922.

I have a notice from the ESCC with respect to overhanging trees and other vegetation causing an obstruction to roads or footpaths. Owners or occupiers of the land on which the obstruction is growing will be served with a notice requiring them to remedy the situation within 14 days. Failure to comply will mean that the work will be carried out by ESCC and the cost recovered from the

owner. You have been warned! However, to complicate matters, before you cut down trees or hedges you should make sure (from Rother) that they are not subject to a Preservation Order. The Parish Council is at present looking at Tree preservation Orders in the Parish, and I will report on this at a later date.

Did you know that Home Repair Assistance Grants are available to people aged 60 and over for works such as minor repairs to roofs and walls, window repairs and dealing with dangerous electrical installations? Discretionary Renovation Grants are also available for more major works, but these are means tested. You can phone Rother on 787562 for more details.

Our County Councillor, Keith Glazier, likes to attend Parish Council Meetings within his area, but hitherto he has had a problem because Fairlight and Pett meet on the same night. Pett has decided to change the night of its Meetings with effect from January 2000. Starting with Tuesday 18 January, Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month (except December). For the rest of 1999 they will still be on the fourth Tuesday, ie 26 October and 23 November.

It is encouraging to see more parishioners attending Meetings - if you haven't given it a try, why not do so? Meetings are usually finished by 9.00pm but you can always leave early if you don't want to miss your favourite TV programme.

Avril Thurley, Clerk to Pett Parish Council

ST MARY & ST PETER - THE BUILDING - THE ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

The Archdeacon of Lewes, Nicholas Reade, visited Pett on Sunday 19 September 1999. He preached at the morning service and stayed to discuss the future of the building and to answer questions. The number of people who took the opportunity to come and discuss the future of the building was disappointingly low. It may, we suppose, be an indication of a certain lack of interest in the building on the part of those who live in Pett and Pett Level.

We are very grateful indeed to the Archdeacon for sparing us the time to come. He has many responsibilities and is a very busy man. He gave us practical suggestions as to, for example, grant-giving bodies but more importantly, perhaps, he made it plain that he and the Bishop do care about the future of worship in this Parish.

The problem of the future of the Church building is as follows:

Urgent repairs are needed which will cost **£37,000**. The next phase will cost **£60,000**. We have available to spend the sum of **£15,000**. In addition, we have been promised a grant of **£5,900** and a loan of **£3,000** from the Historic Churches preservation Trust. The shortfall for the immediate work is, therefore, **£13,100**. Quite separately, the organ needs money spent on it.

We have received the promise of a Millennium Grant from Rother

District Council for a memorial Garden for cremated ashes and we hope to receive a contribution from Pett Parish Council.

Our financial situation is such that our weekly income from regular giving and from collections does not cover essential expenditure. We have to rely on the fete, on jumble sales and on donations to break even. This means that we cannot any longer put any money by for repairs.

At the meeting with the Archdeacon a number of people made helpful comments (I did keep a note of all that was said if anyone would like a copy - AH). The question remains:

Are we going to keep St Mary & St Peter open as a Church or are we going to close it?

The conclusion of the meeting was to give ourselves 12 months to see whether it is feasible and desirable to keep the Church open. Within 12 months we have to make a start on the building work knowing that we can at least pay for the first phase. We believe that we ought also to have plans to raise the balance. If not, we will have to go through the procedure of closing the Church.

The main problems of fundraising are as follows:

- 1 The age group and limited income of the regular church congregation.
- 2 The gradual decline in the number of regular givers.
- 3 The demands of the Village Hall fundraising at the present time.
- 4 **The need for an enthusiastic leader to coordinate the fundraising.** (AH - I feel very feeble myself in not being able to do more. The trouble is that Meriel and I both have such time-consuming jobs. I am only too well aware that I just about keep the Church finances going rather than do anything proactive in raising money).
- 5 A pervading misconception that the Church of England still has money and will come to our aid.

If we could find a fundraising coordinator he or she could investigate, for example, further grants/loans and private interest free loans (say in the region of £500 each). In the meantime, we are very grateful for any donations for the benefit of the building. The Dunlop family recently gave a generous contribution. We will place all such sums in a separate account.

The alternative to worship in St Mary & St Peter is to attend Guestling or possibly to enter into a shared arrangement with the Methodist Church or, indeed, it maybe possible to use a part of the new Village Hall. There maybe those who would feel happier, in these days of real need elsewhere, NOT to spend such a huge sum on such a building as ours, but instead to concentrate on spreading the word of God in other ways. We welcome comments and suggestions.

CHURCHWARDEN'S DIARY

Sunday 19 September - the Archdeacon pulls my ticket out of the hat! I have won this year's Pett Puzzle! Well done Archdeacon!

Sunday 26 September - Vic is away on holiday. The relief clock winder forgets to come.

Monday 27 September - I do know that the clock has stopped!!

Saturday 2 October - Someone, who wishes to remain nameless, has expressed concern about the untidy state of the back of the church and has kindly donated some plastic boxes (with lids) to help us rectify the situation. Spend a happy morning having what Charlotte would call a "creative clear up". If you have ever left anything at the back of the church, you can be sure it's not there now!

Sunday 3 October - Welcome home Vic - I'm glad you've had a nice holiday. Clock is now going!

Monday 4 October - Millennium meeting at Fairlight. 89 days to go - not sure if I can stand the pace, but I do have socks saying "Sydney 2000".

Sunday 10 October - Lots going on. Great Harvest Service at the Methodist Church - loved the visual aids. Quiz team organised for 23 October - watch this space. Will we do better than last time? Could be a significant achievement if we do worse!

Monday 18 October - Have to be in four different places at the same time! Am feeling confused. Can't remember who I've sent apologies to!

Copy for the December magazine should be sent to Frances Taylor, Summer Hayes, Pett Road, telephone 813437 by Wednesday 17 November please.



THE MEMORIAL CARE CENTRE AT RYE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1999

A message from John Stevenson, Chairman of Rye Health and Care, the Charity which owns and secures the continuing operation of the Centre.

Four years ago, on November 22nd 1995 the Memorial Care Centre was officially opened by HRH Princess Margaret. I know that many of you will remember that day because at last we had rebuilt our own community hospital. Four years before this had seemed an impossible dream, but from the ruins of the Old Memorial Hospital sprang a brand new Health and Community Care Centre, with integrated facilities which are used as a model throughout the country.

The Memorial Care Centre simply wouldn't have been created without the tireless work of many dedicated and determined people, nor would the problems we have faced during our first four years been solved without that continuing dedication and determination. We certainly wouldn't have such a huge range of facilities without the continuing support and financial generosity of the people of this area, who have found many different ways to help. Ours is very much a success story:-

- ♦ Ten Consultants' out-patient clinics are held regularly at the Centre, specialising in everything from general surgery to rheumatology and orthopaedics.
- ♦ More than 700 people a month use the facilities of the Centre, saving thousands of trips to the Conquest every year - and saving the NHS money!
- ♦ The Friary Day Centre is open 365 days a year, providing first class standards of therapy and service to clients with very differing needs.
- ♦ The Medical Wing is consistently full, giving local people the chance to receive excellent nursing and recuperative care near family and friends.
- ♦ The predominance of single rooms in the Medical Wing gives patients privacy and dignity when they need it most.
- ♦ The Charity is in good financial health and we are repaying our debts on schedule.

I and my fellow Directors know that there is always more that we can do; always more facilities and services which the community need, and we will continue to strive to ensure that the Memorial Care Centre can grow and develop as the needs of the community grow and develop. Come and see the Centre for yourself, and speak to me and to my fellow Directors about the Centre and the work we do - on Wednesday November 24th from 6 pm to 8 pm we are having an Open Evening in the Friary Day Centre. Do pop in and have a glass of wine or soft drink, and share with us our celebration of the Fourth Anniversary of the official opening. We look forward to seeing you there, and of having an opportunity to thank in person many of the people who have given so much, in so many different ways, to the Memorial Care Centre at Rye.

Rye Health and Care Ltd; registered charity no. 1014232

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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

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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

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Mrs M Barnett - 754974
Mr K Tytherleigh - 751516

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs A Hawksley - 812705
Miss P M Deasy

SECRETARY

Miss J M Groves - 813341

SECRETARY

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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

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Mrs J Medlock - 812173

DEPUTY CHURCH WARDEN

Mr J Jury - 812584

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