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Welcome

Welcome to the August edition of the Pett & Pett Level Village News!

Thank you to everyone who has said how pleased there are to have the physical copy of the magazine delivered again after a break of two months, and a big thank you to our delivery team who give of their time to make sure 600 copies of the magazine are delivered every month.

In addition to our normal articles, I take a look this month, at one of Pett's more famous residents, the artist Cecil Walter Bacon. I really only knew CWB's work through the cover of this magazine, which he designed in the late 1980's, but when I researched further, I was surprised to learn how extensive and high profile his work had been, and still is. He designed iconic posters for London Transport and British Railways in the 1930s and for the Ministry of Information during WW2. He also worked as an illustrator for the Radio Times for over 30 years. Pett & Pett Level should be justifiably proud of his achievements, and, as I mention in the article on page 28 - an exhibition of his work is long overdue! There are several other well known artists who have lived in the area over the past 150 years and I will highlight them in subsequent issues.

In addition, there is an update on the work of Pett Mutual Aid, plus a date for your diary - **Saturday 12th September - Ride & Stride**, a sponsored event to raise money for the church buildings in Pett & Fairlight. See page 25 for more details, so, get out those walking boots or running shoes, oil those bicycles, or saddle up your horse or pony, and have some fun and exercise, all in aid of a good cause!

Let's hope the sun continues to shine for us in August!

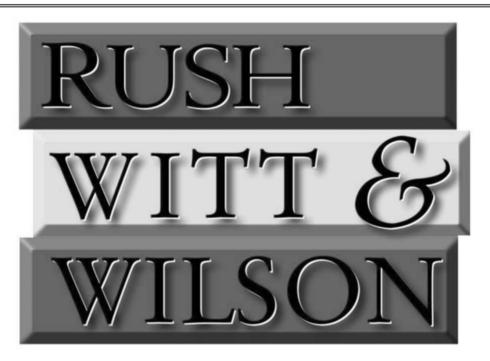
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John Case

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful friends and neighbours who have helped me since I 'stumbled' in Guestling woods at the end of June.

From those who called the ambulance and provided pillows and blankets to make me comfortable, drove our car home, made us meals and cakes, looked after my greenhouse, dead headed my roses, did shopping, offered to walk our dog, hospital runs and so much more. The cards, flowers and offers of on-going support have been wonderful and I am indebted to you all.

What a truly precious village we live in with a community spirit which is second to none - my sincere thanks to everyone. And they say walking is good for us!

Jackie Richards x

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Winners for June are

1st Doreen McCausland
2nd Tracy Burt
3rd Tim Rothwell

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Dear Editor

Pat Dean

It is with sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Pat. For many years she was a stalwart at our Jumble Sales, Fetes and Flower festivals. Her homemade sweet stall was always popular and the first to sell out. It made a very welcome contribution to church funds.

We shall miss her cheerful presence - as well as her sweets!

She will be remembered with thanks and affection.

May she rest in peace.

From Meriel Deasy on behalf of Pett Church



FLOWERPOTS – TODDLER GROUP
PETT VILLAGE HALL

VOLUNTEER SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

Flowerpots, toddler group which meets at Pett Village Hall on Monday mornings, is looking for volunteer helpers to supervise this lovely, friendly group.

It is hoped that the group will start to meet again from September 2020.

If you are interested and would like more details please contact the current supervisor, Abbe Whittle, on 07980 008347 or email at abbewhittle@gmail.com

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Pett Parish Council Update, David Penfold, Chair

First, I have to report, with much regret, that Councillor Stuart Ware has resigned; to quote him: "I am afraid that balancing other commitments, not least my family, has become unachievable". However, Stuart continues as Chair of the Pett Sports Association (PSA), so his work for the village, which is much appreciated, will continue, particularly as the PSA works closely with the council.

There was a (third) virtual council meeting in July, mainly concerned with agreeing the financial and administrative requirements for the last financial year. It was also agreed to investigate drainage problems around the tennis court at the Recreation Field. The other issue that it was agreed to investigate further was the possible purchase of a speed camera. The Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) has agreed with the police and East Sussex Highways that speed data from approved cameras can be used to identify speeding hotspots. A trial is being held in Catsfield and the council here agreed to note the results of that trial and also to investigate the other implications of having a speed camera (where to put it, licences required etc.). It may also be possible to share the cost with neighbouring parishes (the camera is movable).

Council meetings feature reports from our County and District councillors. At the recent meeting, Councillor Keith Glazier reported the disturbing (but not unexpected) news that the county council will have a large predicted deficit in the current year (due to the Covid crisis) and that, unless more money is received from central government, some services will have to be reduced as the county is not allowed to end up with a deficit.

Last month I referred to the small group of 'defenders of our shore'. The last one of these, the self-styled 'Little Veteran', was eventually issued with an exclusion order, which means that he is not allowed back to Pett Level. The same cannot, perhaps unfortunately, be applied to visitors' cars, which have been back in force at times, causing serious hold-ups, which seem difficult to avoid.

Last month, I also mentioned Guestling Surgery. I am pleased to note that, by the time this issue reaches you, the District Valuer will have inspected the premises. If he is happy for them to continue as a surgery, then an application can be made for a practice to use them; this has to be approved by the local Clinical Commissioning group (CCG). Although we have to await the outcome, I have been asked to encourage people to write to the CCG emphasising how important it is to have a local surgery; the email address is esxccg.contactus-eastsussexccg@nhs.net.

As lockdown eases, I am pleased that, in spite of what I said last month, The Two Sawyers has re-opened. And I am hoping that The Royal Oak will be open by the time you read this. Both, of course, with all the required precautions taken.

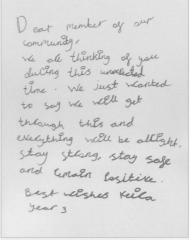
You will have seen that the road surface on Friars Hill and Chapel Lane has been topdressed. This is intended to last for ten years and also to stabilise the repairs that were carried out recently. It is due to be swept again, more than once, to remove the loose chippings. This may have happened by the time you read this.

Pett Parish Council Update, David Penfold, Chair

Village maintenance continues. The bench on the south side of the Recreation Field has been repaired by Peter Felton and repairs to the alternative main gate to the field should take place shortly. Similarly, repairs to the allotments gate are scheduled. A green metal bench and a similar picnic table have been moved around the Recreation Field for some time. It has been decided to move the bench into the tennis court and to fix the picnic table permanently, although a site has not finally been decided.

Pett Mutual Aid continues its work, under the leadership of Frances Hadfield and John Case. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank all the volunteers for what they are doing. In this connection, as some people will know, Rother commissioned some cards from local schoolchildren (see below). A number of these have been sent to people who are isolating or otherwise vulnerable. The response to these has shown that they have been much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the card, then please let me know.





Drawn by a child from a Rother District Council primary school.

It has been drawn to my attention that, as a result of the introduction of the GDPR legislation last year, the number of people subscribing to the weekly Rother Alerts has dropped significantly. If you don't already subscribe (or you used to and no longer do), you will find that this is good way of keeping up with what is happening in Rother; it also reminds you which bin to put out! For more information on how to subscribe, go to www.rother.gov.uk/my-alerts.

Finally, I have to report the sudden and sad death of Patricia Dean. Pat worked in computing and cybernetics and featured last year in a YouTube video about relativity (Why Einstein was wrong – https://youtu.be/jlzLhhl4yFY). Locally, two years ago, she made a generous donation to the Flower Show to set up model-making classes in memory of her parents. Our sympathy goes to her family.

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Pett Mutual Aid Update by John Case

Rye Mutual Aid was set up, back in March by Caroline Drummond and Jen Sinclair, in response to the emerging issues resulting from Covid-19. Initially, the focus was on establishing a network of volunteer support in Rye, but within a very short space of time it became evident that there was also a need to increase the support across the adjacent villages. By the end of the first week over 500 people had signed up to become volunteers, across 20 'Zones', or geographical areas. Rye Mutual Aid became the 'Head Quarters' as it were, and quickly established key protocols and safe ways of working, organising training, sourcing PPE, and liaising with other key statutory and voluntary groups in the area.

In Pett & Pett Level, over 40 people signed up as Volunteers to undertake shopping, the collection of prescription drugs, visits to the post office, banks, etc, or simply to make regular contact with an isolating member of the community. It is a mark of the great community spirit that exists in Pett & Pett Level, that many folk were also helped by neighbours, family and friends, and this was a similar picture across other towns and villages in the area. During the last few weeks, we have seen a drop in the number of requests for our help, and this is happening across the county, as lockdown restrictions are eased. However, Covid-19 is still very much with us - there is, as yet, no vaccine, and we certainly don't know how things will evolve over the coming months, particularly as we head into autumn and winter. For that reason, the Pett Mutual Aid volunteer structure will continue to exist and we will provide help and assistance as and when required.

Over the past 4 months the volunteers have responded to 174 requests for help, which includes: -

- Collection of Prescription drugs from GP surgeries and Pharmacies
- · Shopping for food and essential goods
- · Visits to Post Offices, Banks
- DIY assistance
- · Regular Phone Chats
- Home garden visits (socially distanced)
- · A regular friendly contact whenever needed
- · Provide PPE gloves and face-masks, sanitising gel
- Signposting people to the appropriate help, advice and guidance

The volunteers have built up important, much valued links with residents. Frequent comments made to myself and the volunteers are how valued they are, what excellent work they do and how they have been a lifeline during these very difficult times. Pett Mutual Aid is also very grateful to the Pett WI, who responded brilliantly to our requests to make face-masks. We really are very fortunate to live in a community that cares about their neighbours, where help and assistance is so readily offered.

If you need our help, you must first contact the official Co-ordinators (Dispatchers) for the area who will then match your request with a registered volunteer.

For Pett & Pett Level, your Dispatchers are: Frances Hadfield - 07714 281 085 John Case - 07525 032 198

Gill's Gardening Blog by Gill Plank

Remember May and the wonderful weather? It's gone downhill since then but I am still waiting for some 'proper' rain! It seems all parts of the country have been experiencing heavy, persistent rainfall and even flooding whilst on our South East corner we miss it all. Thus, apart from a couple of days last week, the hosepipe still has to be in regular use. By the way don't even mention the wind - I hate it when it makes moaning noises around the house in summer - I can tolerate it in the winter but not now when flowers. shrubs, runner beans and fruit trees are subjected to furious battering day after dav.

Enough moaning: I am enjoying the birds - I bought two new squirrel proof feeders to keep off the rooks and magpies. So far they are working quite well but have you ever wondered how many calories a blue tit needs per day, how many are in one sunflower heart and how many are burned up flying backwards and forwards to the feeders? Maybe not and I don't have the answers but it is interesting to see the tits flying back and forth in their undulating flight many, many times per day whereas the robin - I am always amused by its attitude - sits on the fence and only flies small distances collecting several seeds at one time. A red kite has been spotted circling over the area - the buzzards and herring gulls are not happy at all and we watched a lot of mobbing. The rooks do that with the buzzards all the time so I assume they predate the rookery nests.

I am pleased that the lavender and buddleia are out and attracting many bees and some butterflies. Not many butterflies but a good range - peacock, red admiral, comma, common blue, large white. orange tip, meadow brown and other small unidentifiable ones.

As to vegetables I continue to fail with courgette and beetroot but am producing spinach, chard, runner and French beans, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, peas, radish and lettuce. It also looks as if carrots, squash, cucumber and peppers will make a late entrance. The fruit trees are also looking very hopeful.

I had a close encounter with a badger the other evening. There is a fox with a limp that comes through regularly. I think it is a vixen with cubs. I put out a chicken carcass from time to time (after dark or the magpies are on it) and on this evening I was heading down to the pond at dusk to watch for the bats. As I reached the top of the steps I heard crunching so I froze. The badger was eating the chicken remains and did not notice me. I watched for several minutes then it came up to the top of the steps within 2 metres of me before it realised someone was there and then it fled back down the garden. I wished I'd had my camera as it is the closest I have ever been to a badger and was quite amazing. (I know Alan wrote in his piece last month that the badgers are a problem but they are still remarkable animals!)

Gill's Gardening Blog

Now do you know what a yellow necked mouse is? Well, unsurprisingly, it is a mouse with a yellow neck. I have many rodents brought to me by Mango (ginger cat), some dead and some rescuable. I had noticed that some mice were much larger and paler than the usual wood mouse. On Springwatch Chris Packham talked about the yellow necked mouse as being rarer that the wood mouse. It is not understood why these two different types share the same habitat and why the

larger, heavier yellow necked does not take over. Apparently they are confined to the South East of England. They are notable for being able to climb trees well which explains why it is very hard for me to catch one in the bathroom as they jump well! I have however saved several and released them back to the garden (or it may be the same one on several occasions!

Gill Plank

Pett Flower Show

It would have been on Saturday 25 July 2020!

Philippa Strickland writes: It feels very strange writing this at this time, when in previous years the Committee would have been taking all the last-minute actions to make sure that everything would be in place for a brilliant show: cups returned and cleaned, raffle prizes collected, cash floats made up for the stalls, timetable for the day agreed with the band, etc., etc.

But not this year! And, so that you know, the 2019 winners of trophies have been asked to keep them until next year.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Pat Dean. Pat was a great supporter of the show and sponsored the model-making classes in memory of her parents. Many will remember the wonderful display of their models at the 2017 show. It is pleasing that there have been great entries for the classes and no doubt there will be many more in the future.

The Committee are hoping that, by the time you receive this issue of the parish news, there will have been many entries for the Young Peoples Virtual Show, for which there are prizes (see the Flower Show page at www.pettnet.org.uk for details). In addition, as everyone has been busy gardening, people have been asked to submit photographs of anything they would have entered for the show. The results can also be seen on the Pett Flower Show web page.

We are still hoping to have a mini show in the autumn at Pett Village Hall. The committee will be making the final decision later in August so that, if it does go ahead, a reduced schedule can be made available. Whether the event will go ahead will depend so much on the rules regarding social distancing. It would be so lovely for the village to have the opportunity to get together again.

In the mean time, according to the long-range forecast for 25 July 2020, it is destined to be a sunny day with a gentle breeze. We hope that, whatever you were doing, you had a great day!

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P.J. Turner

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Pett WI Report, Belinda Wood, President

Every experience, no matter how bad, holds within it a blessing of some kind. The goal is to find it.

It was reported in July that Sophie, The Countess of Wessex, ventured to her local pub and was able to meet up with a few members of her local Bagshot WI. I'm pleased to report that Pett WI's committee, which currently numbers six, were also able to have their first proper face-to-face meeting too since lockdown, in the lovely surroundings of Jane and Sara's garden. Since breaking my ankle back in April this was my first journey out, apart from visits to Eastbourne hospital; and we were all thrilled to be able to meet up again and I was made to feel like royalty by Jane and Sa's fabulous hospitality and by the kindness of Sally, Amanda and Sadly though at this time of Trish. writing of course, that is the maximum number that can meet as an organised social group, unless a special event such as a wedding when up to 30 people are able to congregate, therefore with a present membership of 50 we are unable to resume our monthly meetings and social events.

However, we have been keeping in touch with our members over the last four months either by telephone/email conversation, by old fashioned snail mail, as well as actual safe-distanced encounters, or through our social media channels and via our newsletters.

Many of us have faced varying levels of personal trauma and tribulations this

year and our mental and physical wellbeing has at times been severely tested. We have all done what we can in line with government guidelines to ensure our safety but with so many missing the physical contact of our loved ones it has been a challenge. Many though have made the most of this time in positive ways with many a new garden/decorating project being undertaken, the sewing machines and knitting/crochet needles clicking feverishly away and of course many lending a helping hand to WI members in need (and thanks to so many who have assisted me personally!), as well as our neighbours, friends and families.

It saddened me to have to cancel the two theatre trips I had personally arranged to see Come From Away in the West End in March and Six the Musical at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury booked for May! But more importantly to see the annual meeting and fundraising programme we put together fall to pieces literally overnight was particularly disheartening! I don't know when we will be able to physically meet again, or enjoy a live theatrical experience and I know so many of you have had to cancel many similar social events including long awaited and planned for holidays too. It is great to see that our Book Club is still going though and I do urge members to contact me if any of you have an idea for a similar "club" type activity, particularly one that would lend itself to an online platform.

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Pett WI Report

It is quite a challenge but we are currently asking some of our booked speakers if they can transform their talks into a video presentation that can be shared either live or online, or by being sent on a link following the event. This we know is a very poor second best to actually meeting and does not satisfy the very important social interaction we have enjoyed in the past that is going to elude us for a while longer.

Early on in the initial lockdown period Pett WI committee urged members who were keen to show their support in some practical and physical way to lend their assistance to the newly formed Rye Mutual Aid group. Others within our group kept themselves fully occupied in positive ways with many a new garden/decorating project being undertaken, the sewing machines and knitting/crochet needles clicking feverishly away and of course many lending a helping hand to their WI members in need, neighbours, friends Longstanding member and families. Wendy Burgess, who is known for her fabulous handicrafts, has been making masks for members and friends in exchange for a packet of sanitary towels - these towels are then being donated to local charities in need. Wendy has already at the point of writing in early July made 150 masks which were sent to Rve Mutual Aid.

We are working on widening the remit of our local community initiative currently entitled Pett WISPA, (Pett WI Sanitary Protection Appeal) to encompass the sadly increasing food poverty issue that is pertinent to the Rye and District areas particularly in view of the fallout from the Covid-19 crisis. More news of which next month but keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more updates - huge thanks to Hilary Dymott, Wendy Burgess, Lin Benn and Pam Burgess for their continuing enthusiasm and support of this project.

Committee member Trish Walker recently had a two-hour online meeting with our East Sussex Federation of Women's Institute Advisers covering a wide range of topics to see what support they could provide local WIs such as ours. It became apparent during the course of the meeting that Pett WI are coping well with our monthly committee meetings, monthly newsletter, WhatsApp group and work with WISPA. Many WIs were reporting complete apathy and total disengagement from members but we are so pleased that this has not been the case with the majority of our own membership.

We may number 50 in members but we are just six on the committee. Nonetheless we are keen to keep the goodwill and spirt of the WI going for as long as we can. We are grateful to our membership for their support and encouragement throughout this time it means the world to us.

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Pett WI Report

Finally, I leave you with a recipe from our own Trish!

Trish's Teatime Tasty Treat - Chocolate Truffle Torte

This is one of my favourites and so simple:

2 tablespoons Amaretto 1 pint double cream (room temp) 450g plain chocolate 75g Amaretti biscuits crushed finely

9 inch loose bottomed cake tin lined with a circle of grease proof paper

Sprinkle crushed biscuits all over base of cake tin.

Put chocolate and Amaretto in a bowl over a pan of simmering water until smooth and melted. Stir and remove from heat until just warm about 5 mins.

In a separate bowl beat cream until slightly thickened. Fold half into chocolate mixture then fold that into rest of cream. When smoothly blended, spoon into prepared tin. Cover and chill overnight.

Just before serving run a knife around edge and turn out onto serving plate. Dust surface with sifted cocoa powder. Serve with pouring cream if you must!

Belinda Wood, President, Pett WI

Community Library Notes

We are back!!! Thanks to Tim Rothwell and all who have been keeping the Village Hall ticking over, we are able to re-open the Community Library in August.

Anne and Tim are unable to restart the Coffee Morning, but you are very welcome to bring your own drinks and meet friends **outside** on the picnic benches at the back of the main hall. Please take responsibility for your own and others' well-being and observe social distancing rules.

We will display the books in accordance with guidelines at the time, to encourage social distancing. And something else that might interest you - we are now lending out **jigsaw puzzles**. We're looking forward to seeing you back and hope you can use this opportunity to meet up with friends, especially those whom you might not have seen for a while.

Community Library only, no coffee morning yet, 10 - 12 August 5th.

Anna and Vivien



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Kitchen Delights with Sue Fleigh

Baked Peaches With Raspberries & Cheats Pimms

Two recipes for the price of one! I love this pud, it's delicious and easy to make. Choose peaches or nectarines that are almost ripe. If the stone refuses to budge, leave it in the peach half and remove with a small knife after cooking.

Serves 6

7fl oz/200ml Sweet White Wine or Apple Juice 5 fl oz./50ml Water

2½/75g Sugar

 $\ensuremath{^{1\!\!/}}$ Vanilla pod split in two (not quite as good, but you can make do with the equivalent in vanilla bean paste or extract

1/2 Stick of Cinnamon

4 peelings of Orange

6 medium ripe Peaches or Nectarines

2 x Punnets of Raspberries

Place the wine or juice, water, sugar, spices and peel in a small pan and bring up to the boil. Simmer for 5 mins, cover and leave to infuse for up to an hour. Heat oven to 170c/325f/gas mark 3.

Cut peaches in half and remove stone. Lay skin side down in an ovenproof dish and pour over the syrup, including the spices and peel and bake until the fruit is almost tender (15-20 mins). Remove from oven, discard the spices and peel and scatter over the raspberries, basing them with the juices. Return to oven for 5 mins to soften the raspberries. Allow to cool a little before serving with whipped cream and shortbread.

Now I have your attention! CHEATS PIMMS

1 measure of Gin 1 measure of Red Vermouth 1 measure of Orange Curacao Sliver of cucumber peel Sprig of mint Sparkling lemonade S

Mix the first three ingredients together in a tall glass, then add the next 3 items. A 'measure' can be any size you like.

Few, if any, of your guests will spot the difference between Cheats Pimms and the real thing. Cheers.

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Church News

Retirement of our Rector

The Rector of the Benefice of Fairlight and Pett, Richard Barron, has announced that he will retire at the end of October. We will then be without a Rector until a replacement can be found. We will carry on with services which will be led by retired clergy or by our Reader, Meriel. When Richard arrived we had been without a Rector for over three years and there is no reason to think it will not be an equally long period this time.

How should we churchgoers and nonchurchgoers feel about this? We will feel sad, of course, to say farewell to Richard but we can certainly make the best of the situation by opening our hearts and minds to new possibilities. For example, we may share more services with other parishes, possibly Guestling, or even parishes further afield. This may have to be a pattern for the future and so we can, at least, try it out during the time we are without a Rector.

There is no reason to feel pessimistic! Christianity has survived far worse turmoil in the past and has survived. The Holy Trinity of God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit will support us and look after us. It is sometimes difficult to remember to be joyful but I am sure that more can be achieved in joy than in gloom.

Over the next few months we will be thinking of how we will remember Richard. We will remember that he wanted very much to increase the size of the congregation as he had done in his previous parish. To assist that endeavour he tried a mission initiative. We will certainly remember his sermons (or addresses or homilies). They were clear and not at all solemn or pompous.

We will also remember Richard's efforts during the pandemic to provide us with support by online messages and sermons and services and more recently by the popular introduction of open-air services which started in July and will continue throughout August. (Quiet and peaceful dogs can also attend!)

Most of all, I suppose, we will remember Richard's sweet peas. He qualified in horticulture before he was ordained and no one could fail to be impressed by the Rectory garden under his care. And what a really lovely flower to specialise in: loved by all for the varied colours and incomparable smell!

Richard and his wife Kath will be moving to Worthing and so they will still be near the sea. I am sure that churches there will welcome his help in leading services and I hope there is a horticultural show for his sweet peas to enter. So here is an extract from a poem by that (thankfully little known) Pett Level poet. It is a Lament for Richard to chant as he meanders over to Worthing:

So how will Pett remember me And what will I remember? The dampness of the church's walls And water in the entrance?

The lack of any toilets there And constant want of money? The congregation ageing fast Rejecting any changes?

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Angela Hawksley, Churchwarden





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Church News

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

I once met a man who told me his cousin had married a girl whose aunt had a great friend whose father had always enjoyed annual general meetings. That is the nearest I have come to finding anyone who looks forward to an annual meeting! And so it is with some diffidence that I recommend to you the Pett Church Annual Meeting on 11th August at 7.30pm in Pett Church.

- ***** Why bother to come?
- * You can find out about the financial situation of Pett Church.
- * You can find out about what's been going on during the year 2019/20.
- ** You will have the reassurance of a cleaned church and social distancing. And it will be a cool refuge from the terrific August heat (!!)
- * Pett Church is part of village life and it may be a good thing to take part in it just a little.
- * You can ask questions or, dare I say it, offer criticisms.
- ** You can leave the meeting when you want to! Although it shouldn't last too long anyway!
- * Nobody will ask you for money (well, not directly, and probably not indirectly)

ALL ARE WELCOME! DO COME!

Angela Hawksley Churchwarden, St. Mary and St. Peter, Pett

Civic Service

Like a lot of events we were looking forward to, our Civic Service has had to be postponed and will now take place in the spring. As you know, we were hoping to celebrate all the activities that go on in these villages and thank all those who do so much for us. We also want to invite our Councillors and Member of Parliament and, most importantly, the High Sheriff of East Sussex. We will also tell Guestling Bradshaw School when we have a new date

After the service, we will enjoy a buffet lunch at Pett Village Hall.

2021 is going to be a busy year! Let's hope there won't be some new Corona virus variant!

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Rector's Ruminations - Richard Barron

The Debt Eraser.

The woman at the supermarket checkout looked embarrassed and tearful as she handed back most of her shopping to the cashier. Her weekly food voucher had been refused, yet another victim of a government computer error. She counted out what little cash she had in the hope that she could afford at least a few basic items. Two frightened looking children clung to her legs for reassurance, perhaps feeling the disapproval of the other customers waiting impatiently in the queue. An older couple glared at the woman, willing her to get out of the way. A younger woman rhythmically tapped her credit card on her laden shopping trolley. Then a young man in jeans and tee shirt suddenly came forward from somewhere at the back of the queue, pushed past the disapproving customers and said to the woman, 'Hey! Don't worry, I'll pay this for you.' It was obvious he wasn't going to take no for an answer, she baulked but soon relented and he helped her pack her shopping and wished her a great weekend as she walked away. It was wonderful to witness that woman's relief and gratitude at such an act of generosity.

On another occasion a crowd at a university graduation ceremony were stunned when the guest speaker, an alumnus, announced that he and his family would cover the student debt of the entire graduating year. One student with a debt of £80,000 was amongst those who broke down in tears of joy and disbelief.

Generosity is a wonderful gift. I know this, because I and my family have been a recipient of wonderful generosity. Many years ago I became very ill. The doctor recommended a spell of recuperation in a warm country. Financially that was out of the question. But several people united together to enable me and the whole family to fly to Tenerife for our first ever holiday abroad. It was a wonderful gift, for which I will be forever grateful. It also achieved the goal of aiding my recovery.

We all know what it is like to be in debt. We've had to pay for homes, vehicles, holidays and other things and we know the sense of relief when a bill has finally been paid. But there is a debt that none of us can ever fully pay and that is the debt of sin.

Sin is the collective term for the things we do wrong; those times when we offend someone, lose our temper, make a mistake, break a promise, put ourselves before others. Sin is what condemns us and gives us a bad conscience. We know we are not perfect. Other people know it too and sometimes accuse us. Worst of all, God knows it! But wouldn't it be wonderful if someone would pay our debt, wipe our slate and give us a clean conscience?

That's what Jesus does! He is like the young man in the supermarket. If we agree to His help, He will pay our debt to God, wipe our slate and give us a clean conscience. In addition, He opens the way to a new life in heaven for all eternity. No-one is more generous than God! He is the ultimate debt eraser. Have you let Him erase your debts?

Pett Church worship in August. All services start at 10.30am

It is probable, that the churches in the Benefice of Fairlight and Pett will continue the pattern of Open Air Worship for August. If so, it is likely to be as follows

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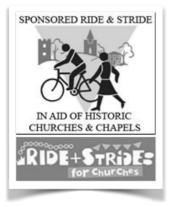
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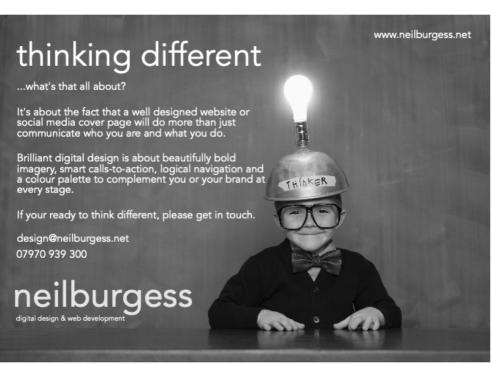


Every year the Sussex Historic Churches Trust organises a Ride & Stride Sponsored event to raise funds for both the Trust and for local church across Sussex. The county wide event has unfortunately been cancelled this year due to the uncertainty of Covid-19, but local churches are being encouraged to hold their own event.

In Pett and Fairlight there will be an organised 8 mile walk starting at Fairlight church, walking across country to Pett Church, where it will possible to stop for a picnic lunch, before heading off to Guestling Church, where tea and cakes will be available, and finally heading back up to Fairlight.

This is only one option, you can choose to cycle a route of your choice, run or walk as much or as little as you wish. The important thing is to have fun, get out into the country, get some exercise and raise much needed funds for our church buildings.

We hope as many people as possible will take part. To register and for more details please contact John Case on johncase@me.com or by phone on 01424 812224





Great Green Bush Cricket by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust



The sound of silence

I'm a huge fan of sci-fi B-movies and they don't come any better (or worse) than 1957's *Beginning of the End*. It's the usual story; overeager government scientists intent on increasing crop yield inadvertently create giant irradiated grasshoppers the size of doubler decker buses, which set about destroying Chicago. There are some similar creatures lurking around Sussex. OK,



they're not going to come stomping around Sompting any day soon but they're still mighty impressive.

The Great Green Bush Cricket can claim to be Britain's biggest insect. Yet this Godzilla of the undergrowth is surprisingly hard to see. Its long, leaf-like body blends in amongst the brambles rendering it almost invisible. Bug eyes, impressive jaws and twirling antennae give it some monster movie credentials but there's nothing to fear from this harmless native.

There are about 35 species of crickets and grasshoppers (Orthoptera) in Britain. Crickets differ from grasshoppers by having much longer, thread-like antennae and they 'sing' by rubbing their wings together (while grasshoppers rub their legs against their wings). This song, or stridulation, is the

male's way of romancing a female - who, if interested, will reply. The best chance of finding the Great Green Bush Cricket is to head out on a warm August evening and listen for their downland duets - a loud, incessant rattle. Imagine an enthusiastic maraca player.

I recently went for a walk through the flower-rich meadows of Sussex Wildlife Trust's Southerham reserve. I was blown away by the wall of sound created by hundreds of crickets and grasshoppers but it became apparent that not everyone could hear this orthopteran orchestra. The sad truth is that as we get older our ears can't tune in to the higher frequencies produced by these insects and species by species they fall silent. I have a compilation CD of the chirps and buzzes of Britain's crickets and grasshoppers - a sort of 'Now That's What I Call Stridulation'. I played it this morning and track 24 had gone. It was there a few years ago but now... silence. I've started to lose my crickets. The beginning of the end.

It isn't just me who will be hearing less wildlife in the future. Our countryside is becoming quieter as crickets, bees and birds vanish. Wildflower meadows, the home to crickets and grasshoppers, have been lost and the wildlife that depends on them have silently disappeared. The 'Silent Spring' predicted by Rachel Carson in 1962 has seeped across every season. This August, get out and listen to the sounds of summer before they fade

Famous Pett Residents - Cecil Walter Bacon



For two comparatively small villages, Pett & Pett Level has had its fair share of notable artists over the years, but perhaps none more so than Cecil Walter Bacon, who was born in Battle in 1905, and lived for many years in Pett with his wife and family. His output was both considerable and impressive, designing striking posters for the London Underground, British Railways, the Post Office Bank, in addition to numerous book jackets for a diverse range of authors including Raymond Chandler and H.V Morton. For over 30 years he was also a regular illustrator for the Radio Times and designed two notable covers for that magazine - The Festival of Britain cover (1951) and 'The Queen Returns' (1953). His association with the Radio Times, which began in 1935, lasted until 1968 and his work would have been familiar to millions of people over that long period of

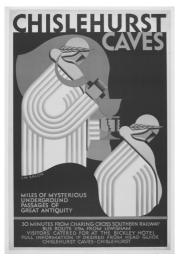
time. A particularly poignant Radio Times cover of Bacon's was the Christmas 1943 edition, which depicted a soldier holding a sprig of holly. (see page 31)

Cecil, who was born in 1905, was educated at Sutton Valence School and St Lawrence College in Ramsgate before studying at Hastings School of Art under Philip Cole from 1923 to 1925. He then joined a commercial studio and advertising agency in London in 1926. Cecil was noted for his distinctive pen and ink drawings on scraperboard, and in 1951 he published 'Scraperboard Drawing', a classic text book on the subject. In 1929 Cecil married Irene Proctor and they had two sons, Jeremy and Nick, who will be known to many Pett & Pett Level residents. Nick lives in Hastings and Jeremy lives in Rye.

CWB, as he signed his paintings, went freelance in 1929 where his talents and abilities were quickly recognised by a range of organisations including London Underground and British Railways, and his distinctive posters enlivened many a train journey and are now in great demand by collectors across the world.



During WW2 he served in the Royal Air Force as a Leading Aircraftsman, before, in 1942, being assigned to work for the Ministry of Information, producing iconic propaganda artwork which is now very collectable.



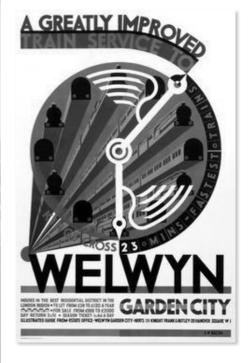
A number of exhibitions have celebrated Bacon's contribution to poster and book design, but the most recent was in 1984 at the Hastings Museum and Gallery. Given his importance in 20th century design, it is high time that a major exhibition of his work is staged, bringing his distinctive artwork to a new generation of admirers.

Cecil died on the 12 August 1992 and he is buried in the churchyard of St Mary and St Peter in Pett, along with his wife. Shortly before he died he undertook a commission to design a cover for the Pett Parish magazine, and as you can see, it is still in use today. How many other village magazines can boast a distinctive cover by a world renowned illustrator! I reckon not many!

John Case



Poster for The Ministry of Labour & National Service, 1939 (Imperial War Museum)



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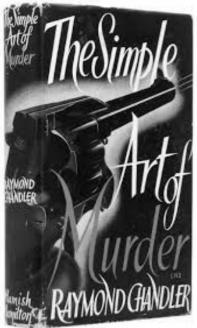


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Cecil Walter Bacon - some examples of artwork

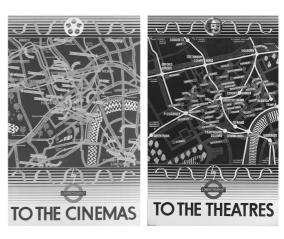




Two Jacket illustrations for the first UK editions of crime novels by Raymond Chandler



Radio Time Cover Christmas, 1943



Posters for London Transport, 1930s



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Nature Notes by Alan Kenworthy

Nature is well connected - not in the sense that it knows all the right people, but rather that each species has some connection to a number of different We have common ragwort growing in the garden and that is the food plant of the cinnabar moth caterpillar. I noticed some cinnabar moth caterpillars behaving rather strangely by flicking their tails. Then I noticed an ichneumon wasp which turned out to be a parasitoid of cinnabar moth caterpillars. There is a very clear distinction between a parasite and a parasitoid - parasites live off their hosts, maybe taking food or energy from their host but not doing any serious harm. Think mistletoe and cuckoos (the bird). Parasitoids use their host and eventually kill them. case of ichneumon wasps, the females have a needle shaped ovipositor which they use to inject eggs into the caterpillars. The eggs will hatch and eat the caterpillar from the inside leaving all the vital organs until last, and sometimes even letting the caterpillar pupate before they burst out to complete their own life cycle. Yes, gruesome and often cited to rebuff the idea of a benevolent creator. know if the tail waving of the caterpillars was a defence against the ichneumon wasp, or an indication that they had already been parasitized.

I also found a very much smaller species of ichneumon wasp (about 6-7 mm) on our nasturtiums, which, when it had been identified turned out to be *Diplazon laetatorius*, a parasitoid of hoverfly larvae. Certain hoverfly larvae are aphidophagous which just means that they eat aphids, and our nasturtiums have plenty of black-fly for them to eat. The ichneumon wasp in this case was male, so no ovipositor and nothing for the hoverfly larvae to worry about except that he was probably on the lookout for a female with eggs that needed to be fertilized. (Note that there are about 2,500 species of ichneumon wasp in the UK.)

Having sorted out all those connections, I then found another insect with a very long ovipositor. I knew that some species of ichneumon wasp are able to detect hosts that are wood-boring insects and can push their ovipositor into their hosts even when they are deep inside a tree or branch, but in this case the insect wasn't an ichneumon wasp: it was in a different family altogether - the Evanioidea - though it is still a wasp. This particular wasp goes by the marvellous name of Gasteruption jaculator. As the Latin scholars amongst you will know, that means 'stomach erupting javelin thrower'! Gaster is the name given to the abdomen of wasps and bees because what would normally be the first segment of the abdomen in other insects forms the 'wasp waist' in bees, wasps, and ants. (Yes, it's pedantic.)

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The eruption refers to the eggs delivered via the 'javelin'. The ovipositor in this case is longer that the rest of the insect but it is not used to inject its host. It is a parasitoid of solitary bee and wasp species and it is thought that it can detect the vibrations of the bee grubs inside their brood cells. The ovipositor penetrates the sealed up cell and lays its eggs next to the bee grub. When the eggs hatch they will polish off the rest of the nectar and pollen left by the bee for its offspring, and then consume the bee grub itself. It then has a cosy home for the winter and will emerge in the summer to start the process over

again. It is not choosy about hosts and will use the mason bee nests in your bee hotels as well as the underground nests of mining bees.

Despite all the gruesomeness, there are some beautiful insects to be found out there of all shapes and sizes. Even if the connection is only between plant and pollinator, or plant and herbivore it can be fun to follow the connections and to see where they lead. Should you wish to see photos of some of the beautiful insects as well as the ichneumon wasps mentioned above go to www.pettnats.blogspot.co.uk



Picture: Gasteruption jaculator which means stomach erupting javelin thrower!



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We are sorry to inform you that Natalie has decided to leave. She has been running our kitchen for the past four years but feels this is the time to move on. We wish her well in the future. We hope to be able to provide food soon. Discussions are continuing to ascertain how our measures need to change to be able to do this.

At present our Monday night Quiz will continue online. Many thanks to Matt for his enthusiasm and commitment throughout this lock down. Details of how to join in can be found on our website.

We are sad to say that the 69th Harvest Home Auction will not be held at the New Beach Club at the end of September!! BUT, not wanting a year of fundraising to be missed out, there are plans to do something else to raise a few pounds for Hastings and Rye Harbour RNLI. A sponsored walk seems to be the most popular option, so the collectors, auctioneers, runners, and other helpers will be walking from one Lifeboat house to the other, a total of 11 miles, with the New Beach Club conveniently the halfway point!! This will be a weather-permitting, flexible,

social distancing event to be held on the first or second weekend of September (depending on the weather!). If you are not able to sponsor anyone there will be a donation pot for the Harvest Home at the New Beach Club from the end of August.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon. Please come and enjoy.

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The strange summer of 2020 continues into August and, at the boathouse, adjustments to the 'new normal' continue. Like other local businesses and charities, we're working hard to maintain balance in doing what we do safely and in line with restrictions, recommendations and additional risk-minimisation.

As locals are well aware, these longer summer holidays for some families mean the beaches continue to be busy. In response, and in order to carry out the maintenance and checks which keep our equipment 'rescue-ready', our volunteers maintain a low-key presence where possible and 'remote' vigilance when not at the boathouse.

This has proved to be entirely necessary as, since our last update, our volunteers have been tasked on a 'Shout' for a missing person, and another for a swimmer in difficulty. In both cases, the PLIRB crews, HM Coastguard, Lydd Search & Rescue team and emergency services were involved, as well as RNLI services for a time. For the missing person, PLIRB and Coastguard teams searched Fairlight coastline and were 'stood down' when the missing person was found to have returned home. For the swimmer, it wasn't necessary to launch as the person was brought safely to shore for medical attention from the Coastguards and South East Coast Ambulance Service.

Our situation with fundraising has remained difficult. However, we're pleased to announce that our campaign with the Weather Lottery has now been launched. Anyone who would like to play for this £25,000 weekly jackpot lottery can sign up in support of Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat, and we'll receive the profits from every £1 entry bought via the PLIRB's page. If anyone would like to find out more, please:

- Visit our dedicated page at the <u>Weather Lottery</u>.
- Visit the boathouse for a leaflet (for social distancing purposes these are in the leaflet box outside the boathouse).
- Check out our Facebook page which has more information and updates for each weekly lottery draw.
- If any of our friends in Pett would like to have extra leaflets to share at work or with friends, please let us know and we can drop some off to you.

In another update, Barbara's Charity Shed is now open when possible, but please be aware that this is for sales of existing stock only. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Barbara cannot accept donated items at this time, so please do not drop any items off. There's a full update on this on <u>our blog</u>.

We realise that other local businesses and charities are in the same boat as us in trying to raise funds and get business going again and we wish everyone well at what continues to be a difficult time.

Until next time, please stay well and also take care and stay beach aware. Remember, you can contact us through our website at https://plirb.com or our social media: Twitter @PLIRBRescue and Facebook @PettLevelRescueBoat.



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Neighbourhood Watch is about creating safe, pleasant communities rather than a fear of crime. Everyone has a right to feel safe where they live. Our scheme will work closely with Sussex Police, and existing groups such as Rother Neighbourhood Watch, Sussex Crimewatch and Sussex Countrywatch.

This month, I have met with Edward (Ted) Kemp from Rother Neighbourhood Watch and PCSO Emma Phillips, from Battle Police Station, to discuss the setting up of our new village scheme and the rural crimes we face. Also, look out for an upcoming article about the new Sussex Police rural crime team, based in Heathfield, in the next issue of the Hastings Independent our new village scheme gets a mention!

Sadly, as some of you may already be aware, Ted will be standing down from his Police Volunteer and Chairman roles in November. I know that you will join me in thanking Ted for helping set up Pett NHW. Our village scheme and wider Rother scheme are always looking for volunteers so do get in touch if you are interested in helping out.

Best regards, Caroline Turner, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



Please cut / copy your info and drop in or send to Caroline Turner, Neighbourhood Watch, Little Buds, Pett Road, TN35 4JG or email littlebudspett@gmail.com

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Cricket News by Stuart Ware

After recent changes to lockdown restrictions and with the backing of the ECB, Pett Cricket Club our season started at Pett Recreation Ground on Saturday 18th July with a home game against Robertsbridge CC.

This will be followed by 2 new competitions for this curtailed season. Firstly, through the August weekends there will be a one off August Cup competition, organised by the Sussex Cricket Foundation and League, to replace the 'normal' season. Secondly, will be the delayed and modified Sussex Slam T20 midweek competition. These will be complemented by a sprinkling of friendly matches. For full fixture and result details please keep up to date via www.pett.playcricket.com

For this return to play the club, and wider game, is in need of complying with stringent Covid-19 restrictions. These, it is hoped, will not greatly effect the overall game to be played. However, it will impact substantially on our overall game day experience. As a sample the following have been removed to allow a return to play: no use of changing rooms, no club teas at the break of play, no general use of the pavilion along with various

other social distancing requirements we have all become more familiar with. There are others too numerous to list here.

It is appreciated that we play our games on a public recreation ground and we have always greatly enjoyed the support of our wider community. At this time we would ask that should you venture to the ground when a game is being played you respect the restrictions our club and visitors are governed by at this time. Please do not take our distance or lack of engagement - that would normally be the case - as rudeness. They are simply actions that must be taken at this time to allow cricket to return to Pett.

Thank you for your support in this rather troubled season and we cannot wait to return to 'normal' cricket as soon as is permitted - it's just not such a time yet.



Stuart





Pett Level Preservation Trust

Last Few Tickets Remaining!

The PLPT Garden Party on 1st August at 1pm, will go ahead in the garden on Toot Rock. We are having a picnic, there will be fabulous picnic boxes put together by the wonderful Roz Webb. These will include sandwiches, mini quiche, sausage roll, scones, jam & cream plus a half bottle per couple of your preferred wine or a soft drink per person.

To make it easier, you can also pre-order additional bottles of wine and soft drinks. There will be a bar but we would prefer it if you could pre-order please to make social distancing easier to accomplish in the garden.

We will sit in groups of six max, and be socially distanced, two-meters apart on picnic blankets on the ground. Happy for you to bring your own chairs and we do have a few here. We hope to accommodate as many as possible but it is important that you let us know your requirements ASAP.

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or £18.50 for non-members. If you want to enter the raffle, add £1 to your ticket and we will enter
your name into the draw.

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Please keep going – if you need more wool let me know – I have one or two balls left of the original amount donated by Popps and a kind soul has donated some more – so don't stop!

PATTERN FOR SQUARES

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Repeat this row until work measures 12cm along straight edge (about 35 stitches approx)

Next row: K1, K2tog, K to end.

Repeat this row until 2 stitches left.

K 1 row.

K 2tog. Cast off.



If you are interested please let Heather know - and start knitting. Once normal service has been resumed we will meet up again at the monthly Coffee Mornings

Heather - heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk

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We usually meet on the second Tuesday of alternate months and all are welcome. For more details about what the council does and how you can get involved then contact any of the councillors below or the council pages on PettNet.org.uk

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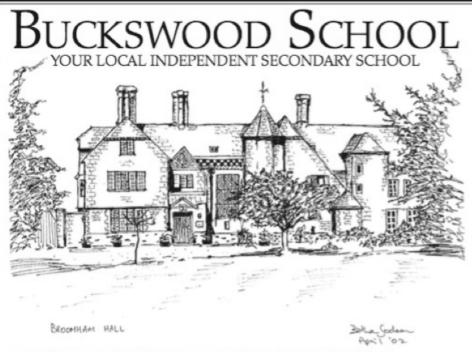
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Mon	7.30pm	Village Voices	МС	Weekly		
Tue	10.30am	POPP	VH	Weekly		
Tue	5.00pm	Yoga	VH	Weekly		
Tue	5.30pm	Weight Watchers	VH	Weekly		
Tue	7.00pm	The Club (youth club)	CF	Weekly		
Tue	7.15 pm	Pole Dancing		Weekly		
Tue	7.30pm	Gardening Club	VH	2 nd Tuesday of the month		
Tue	7.30pm	Pett Parish Council		3 rd Tue - alternative months		
Wed	6.30pm	Dance for Fitness		Weekly		
Wed	9.30am	Badminton (members only)		Weekly		
Wed	10.00am	Village Coffee Morning & Community Library		1st Wednesday of the month		
Wed	7.30pm	Pett Women's Institute	VH	3 rd Wednesday of the month		
Thu	9.30am	Yoga	VH	Weekly		
Thu	3pm	Short Mat Bowls (Sept-Apr)	VH	Weekly		
Thu	3.45 pm	'Busyart' art/craft club	CF	Weekly		
Fri	9.30am	Badminton (members only)		Weekly		
Fri	2pm	Tai Chi		Weekly		
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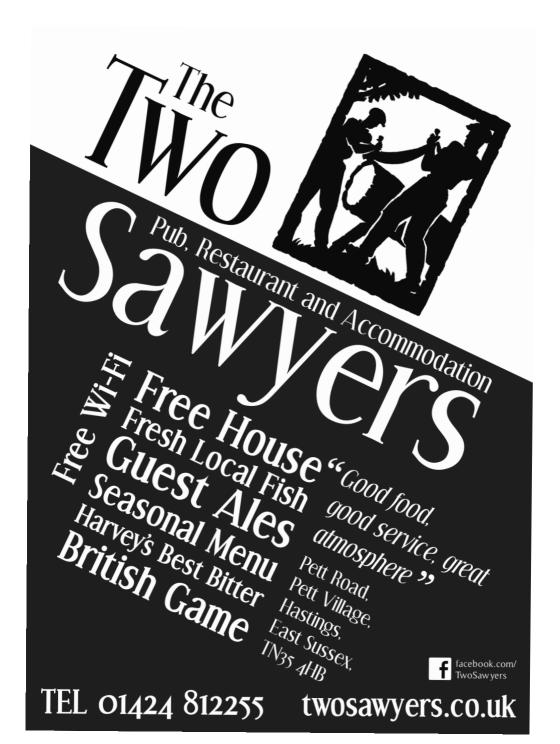
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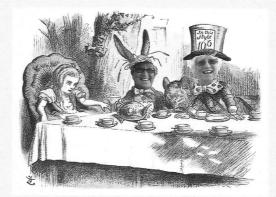
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