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## Dear Readers

We have been so fortunate with the weather over the summer, and many of us have been able to take advantage of the easing of lockdown. Pubs are reopening, as well as the village post office, and some village activities including open-air church services. With reopening traffic is on the increase, and you can read in this magazine a report of the first of regular meetings between our parish council and East Sussex Highways exploring the traffic issues we have within Pett and Pett Level.

This move towards the 'new normal' continues in September. Read this month about volunteering within our community, Pett Puzzles, free allotments and ride and stride. You can support those of us in greatest need by donating to the WI Rye foodbank collections. And you can save the date for the Pett Flower Show and Fayre in 2021 (24<sup>th</sup> July).

Not listed in this magazine are other activities at the village hall and elsewhere, such as Mandy's Tomboogie Classes, badminton, Pilates, yoga, pole dancing, New Beach Club Zoom Quiz, dance fitness and others. Because at present things are changeable, we do not provide a village diary as it may already be out of date when the magazine is distributed (as an example the bus timetables should be treated with extreme caution). However, this is something that we would like to restart for future editions and would like to ask for a volunteer to support us in developing and maintaining the diary. If you are interested, then please get in touch.



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## **Community Volunteering**

Many thanks to Jen Moore who helped to wash the algae off the play ground equipment on a lovely sunny afternoon. The children and her niece and nephew pictured here first enjoyed the tennis courts, playing football on the grass, fooling around in the play area and watching the cricket game. Jen who is a fan of Pett and Pett Level News mentioned that the new booking system for the tennis courts was great. Whilst the cleaning was going on we saw two other groups come and make use of the court. Just how summers here in England should be.

Mary Philo, Clerk, Pett Parish Council clerk@pettnet.org.uk

Dear Editor

## PLPT Garden Party 2020: a welcomed afternoon of music, wine and appreciation.

August 1st saw the XXth year of the Pett Level Preservation Trust garden party – but for obvious reasons this year was very different to those before. These past few months have seen a shadow cast over our everyday lives, especially where socialising and seeing family and friends is concerned.

As 2020 has been out of the ordinary, it was only fitting that this special annual event was a bit unusual too. Led magnificently by Zana Duthie, the PLPT team ensured that the event was meticulously planned out with every last detail thought through, careful to keep everyone's safety in mind.

A warm afternoon breeze was welcome after a week of blistering heat. As we walked past the coastguards' cottages and up towards the Toot on Sunday 1st August we were greeted with a seating map which led us down to a real-life teddy bears' picnic (with sheep in the place of bears, of course). Accompanied with the sweet and mellow sounds of Hastings' finest; Los Twangueros, guests were shown to their designated group areas where individual luncheon boxes, filled with an array of vol-au-vents and scones marvellously prepared by Ros, were awaiting our arrival.

Although different from the usual affair, it was an event that guests had all been eager to enjoy, with the preceding months feeling longer than they have in previous years. People were reunited with familiar faces from across the lawn during an afternoon of relaxation and fun. It reminded us all just how long it has been, and of course, that it's lovely to enjoy a glass of wine in the sun, surrounded by friends.

If imagining a social event during a global pandemic, one would assume it could only be stale affair with anxiety and anticipation in the air – this was the opposite. In some amazing way it instead held an air of relief and happiness. And, although we all remained cautious and at a distance, not wanting to forget recent and ongoing events, it was a time that enabled PLPT supporters to reconnect and remember just how lucky we are to live in such a glorious haven with nature all around

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## **Pett Level Preservation Trust Annual Garden Party**

### A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PLPT COMMITTEE

What a wonderful afternoon we all had at the PLPT garden party.

We would like to thank you all for making it such a great event. I would especially like to thank Roz Webb for her brilliant picnic boxes. Pure genius.

Also thanks to all those who helped set before during and after plus Los Tangueros, whose music lifted our spirits.

A big thank you to all those who gave prizes for the raffle, this added to the final amount raised, which was a generous £1600. Thank you all so much.

Zana Duthie

Dear Editor

### PETT METHODIST CHAPEL

Well, just like everything else we have sadly not been able to get together to worship. At the start of lockdown our building work had to stop, but fortunately it restarted and having a vacant building meant that there was no worry of passing infection on! The work inside on our main hall is now finished and it looks wonderful; new walls, new ceiling, new heaters. The external work is almost finished and means we have a new roof on the porch. Somehow it hadn't collapsed on us as the roof joists were like dust! The lead work on the join to the building has been channelled into the brick work and details done so well. It is great to see workmen doing a good job and being proud of their work. Thanks Booker & Best!

We are taking part in the Ride & Stride event for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust, who gave us a grant for the work and so the hall will be open for all to see on Saturday September 12th. We will make sure a one-way system is in place and COVID 19 safeguarding guidelines are in place.

Sadly we still don't know when we will re-open for worship. We have been 'meeting' on Zoom for a weekly session which has included prayer, Bible study, Compline (new to us!), sharing songs, poems & stories and more. Church Council by zoom is next!

The Camp Fire Church has also sprung up online, which Pen Wilcock & Grace Garner have been working hard on and welcomes people from other parts of the world as well.

During July some of us have been joining in the outdoor worship with the Anglicans. We have found it so good to meet and worship together! We are all finding that we are still church even though we are not in the building!

God Bless, Wendy Hatch

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## PETT PUZZLES (JIGSAW LIBRARY)

I have been planning to set up a village jigsaw library for quite some time and, with the advent of lockdown, I have finally managed to clear enough space in the attic to hold a good collection. I love doing jigsaws myself and have always made a point of raiding the jigsaw stall at the Flower Show to add to my collection.

I am still in the process of cataloguing the puzzles which have been donated so far, but there must be at least 50 of them. They range from 300 pieces to 1500 pieces at the moment with most being 1000 pieces. However, I have quite a good range of 500-piece puzzles with Extra Large pieces which make up to the size of a normal 1000-piece puzzle. Most of these have been donated by my 88-year-old father-in-law and are perfect for those with poor eyesight or limited manual dexterity.

I am planning to create a paper catalogue which can be delivered to anyone who would like one. I am hoping I might also be able to produce an online version as well. I am going to bring a selection of puzzles to the community library/village coffee morning each month. Jigsaws may be collected or returned at the community library/coffee morning or else I can deliver and collect anywhere in the village. All jigsaws will be quarantined for a week between loans and boxes treated with anti-bacterial spray. I am not charging anything for the loan of a jigsaws.

The Jigsaw Library is basically for people like me who love doing jigsaws and I would dearly like to reach people who maybe can't get out much and don't have access to internet (Facebook, Pett on the Net etc.) So, if you know anyone, be it friend, relative or neighbour who you think might be interested, please pass on these details to them.

I am Jane Sweaney, I live at Oakhurst and my phone number is 07788 410342. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining this scheme or else pop along to the next community library/coffee morning at Pett Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd September.







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# If you are interested then contact us to arrange a chat





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# Pett WI Community Aid Campaign (WICAID)



# Pett WI launch Rye Food Bank Appeal to provide emergency support for local people in crisis

### COVID-19 CRISIS & FOOD POVERTY

Food bank demands up!
Food bank donations down!

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the fact that people can find themselves in crisis at any time - illness, disability, family breakdown or the loss of a job can happen to any of us.

The UK economy has been battered by the coronavirus pandemic and unemployment is on the increase. Rye and the surrounding area has a high number of jobs and businesses involved in hospitality and tourism and, as a result, Rye Food Bank has experienced a big increase in demand over the last few months - in a ward that already suffers from high child-poverty. 40% of children in Rye live in households below the poverty line - which is within the 20% most deprived wards in England according to the Sussex Community Foundation.

Food Banks are reliant on donations from their local community, so Pett WI's objective is to raise awareness of local food poverty and organise the collection of both food and non-food items in our local communities of Pett, Pett Level, Fairlight and Icklesham.

With kind permission of the Pett Village Hall Committee, our first collection point is now available at PVH.

**We're collecting:** Non-perishable, in-date food (tins, packets, cartons), Toiletries, Sanitary Products, Household Products

Where: Pett Village Hall. Due to on-going Covid-19 circumstances, access to PVH is currently limited, so if you experience any difficulties please contact Campaign Co-ordinator, Hilary Dymott on 07768 323131 or hldymott@gmail.com

**Financial donations:** Alternatively, our team will be happy to shop for items if you prefer to contribute money rather than goods. Donations can either be made by cheque (made payable to Pett WI) and sent to Jane Sweaney at "Oakhurst", Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HG or made directly into the Pett WI Bank Account - Lloyds Bank - Sort Code: 30-98-97 - Account No: 70587368 - with the reference for both as "Food Bank" please.

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Food banks provide a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people in crisis. In order to get help from a food bank you need to be referred with a voucher, which can be issued by a number of local community organisations (for instance schools, GPs and advice agencies).

If you are in financial crisis, please call **0808 2082138** for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank. To access the Rye Food Bank look under the Bexhill Food Bank section.

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# PETT AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

### Mini Autumn Show

With so much uncertainty around the future government guidelines concerning the pandemic, the Committee have had to take the hard decision that they will not be able to organise a Mini Show in October. We hope our supporters are not disappointed. There are aspects of the show, however, that the Committee wish to continue.

# Please send more pictures of what you would have entered!

The Committee would like all those keen gardeners, flower arrangers, cooks and craft people out there to continue to submit photographs of vegetables, fruit, flowers and flower arrangements (in fact, anything) that they would have entered into the show to demonstrate all the hard work that has been put into the growing season and related activities. These will continue to be displayed on the Pett Flower Show page of Pettnet (https://www.pettnet.org.uk/pett-virtual-flower-show-2020); there will no judging.

Please send a jpeg file (between 1 and 2 megabytes), together with your name and a description of the exhibit, to pstrickl@icloud.com.

## **Design a Tea Towel**

Following our virtual show in July, the Committee wish to extend this competition for Young People. Those who have already entered do not need to do so again, unless, of course, they want to submit another design.

All Young People, 14 Years and Under: **Design a tea towel illustrating the Flower Show** (design A4 size). The winning design will be printed and sold at next year's show. Prizes will be awarded. At present there is no closing date; one will be announced in due course.

Please send a JPEG photograph (between 1 and 2 megabytes in size with the design filling the picture) along with the following details: Name; Address; Phone number; Email address; and the Age of the young person. Entries should be sent to pstrickl@icloud.com.

The entries will be catalogued by the committee administration and displayed on the Pett Flower Show page of the village website Pett on the net (www.pettnet.org.uk).

# Pett Flower Show and Fayre 2021

The Committee have taken the decision to book Pett Village Hall for the last Saturday in July 2021 for the Show. If you would like to join the Committee and help make the event a great occasion for the village, you will be very welcome. For more information, please contact Philippa Strickland (pstrickl@icloud.com).





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# PETT AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

## Virtual Show for Young People's Classes 2020

Members of the committee met on neutral ground to review the entries. The weather conditions were a challenge! It was agreed that everyone is a winner. The prize money has been divided across all the entries as the standard was so high and all the young people are to be congratulated on their talent. Their entries can be seen on Pettnet (https://www.pettnet.org.uk/pett-virtual-flower-show-2020).

### Classes

### 5-8 Years

77. Make a vegetable four-eyed monster

Joint 1st Prize: Emily Shearer (age 8) and Alfie Barnard (age 5)

78. Paint or draw a picture of 'Bright Eyes'

Joint 1st Prize: Emily Shearer (age 8) and Alfie Barnard (age 5)

### 9-14 Years

80. Paint or draw a picture of 'Bright Eyes'

Joint 1st Prize: Zoe White (age 12) and Evie White (age 9)

81 Make a pair of glasses using gingerbread

First Prize: Evie White (age 9)

All Young People, 14 Years and Under

83aDesign a tea towel illustrating the Flower Show (design A4 size).

The Committee is extending the competition to allow for further entries.

Joint winners at this stage (whose entries will be carried forward).

Emily Shearer (age 8) and Zoe White (age 12)

MODEL-MAKING (SCRATCH-BUILT OR FROM A KIT)

92 A representation of a real-life object, such as a ship, a train, an aeroplane or a car, in any medium.

Joint winners 1st prize:

Zoe White (age 12), Alfie Barnard (age 5), Aiden Barnard (age 10) and Emily Shearer (age 8)

94 A miniature scene (or single object).

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  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - aluminium foil



Pile the crumpled cheese into the centre of a large square of foil. Evenly space the olives on top of the cheese, followed by the tomatoes. Sprinkle the capers and spring onions on top along with the garlic. Add the Thyme or Oregano to the pile and drizzle 2 tablespoons of olive oil over the top. Season with black pepper. Double wrap the foil parcel making sure it is sealed and put on a baking sheet. Place in oven for 15-20 mins or until the cheese is bubbling and browning on top (look inside to check). When ready, open up the foil, give it a little stir and serve.

Serve with flatbreads, pitta bread, crusty bread, carrot or cucumber batons.

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# MY GARDEN BLOG - GILL PLANK

Has anyone still got a green lawn? Mine is various shades of brown and looking more like an African savannah than a lawn in 'our green and pleasant land'! The recent heat has been intense and not good for our gardens. The wildflowers (I will not call them weeds) are obviously able to live in drought conditions and now carpet much of my 'field'. It does make one wonder why we spend so much time on lawns. I am told there is a move towards wildflowers gardens instead so perhaps that is the answer.

One duck has at last produced ducklings – 6 to start with down to 3 as I write. I have provided a small tray for them to swim in and they are very cute to watch. It is quite a long way to come all the way up the garden steps, plus hazards such as magpies, seagulls and crows - for some sunflower seeds and cat food for mum, but it is clearly worth it.



There has been quite a lot of woodpecker (lesser spotted) activity which has been seen raiding bee larvae from the bee houses. They also enjoy rummaging in the bark of the willow tree. The green woodpeckers are still happy with the numerous anthills.

Vegetables are doing reasonably well but requiring much watering. I have a very good runner and French bean crop, loads of spinach and kale and a good supply of onions and potatoes. Some carrots are still growing but I am still relying on my neighbour for beetroot! The greenhouse is bursting with tomatoes and peppers, but the cucumbers and courgettes are completely non-existent – neighbours to the rescue again so plenty of bartering with my runner beans acting as very strong currency.

Plums are ripening and ready to eat and shortly there will be apples and pears so more time to spend picking and freezing. It is amazing that the fruit trees have enough moisture, but I suppose if we think back to the wet winter (hard to imagine now) their roots can reach a long way down.

Evenings at this time of year are lovely, as are the many calls of owls. Mango, Bertie and I always have a walk around the garden at dusk - they become fully awake then and Mango goes off hunting. I'm never sure what Bertie does; he hasn't brought me any offerings so either he sleeps all day and all night or catches and eats in situ. Mango is doing well keeping the rat population down (only baby ones but it stops them growing up!).

Today (August 11<sup>th</sup>) I had a real example of the current heat. I picked some plums in the morning and they were left in the trug outside on a table. At 6 p.m. when I went to bring them in they were cooked!!!

When I next write it will be September and we will be heading for Autumn – what a scary thought. I hope we will have had rain by then.

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### PETT PARISH COUNCIL - DAVID PENFOLD - CHAIR

No council meeting in August, but much has been happening, mainly at Pett Level. I mentioned visitors' cars last month but did not realise then how much of an issue this would become. Pett Level and Winchelsea Beach have been overwhelmed with visitors during the hot spell that we are still experiencing as I write. There have been two main problems, litter and inconsiderate, possibly dangerous, parking.



Discussions have been (and are being) held with county and district councillors, Highways and the police and it is hoped that a policy regarding the traffic problem will be agreed. possibly to cover a wider area. One aspect of this, also relevant elsewhere in the village, is that in law drivers have a right to park anywhere on the highway (including verges), as long as there are no formal parking restrictions and they don't park dangerously. Although there have been over 40 tickets issued in Camber for dangerous parking, none nearer home – as yet! A particularly dangerous place is near the bend by the toilets in Pett Level; I hope that a solution to this will be found soon.

Litter is the other problem; Rother have been notified and past experience shows that the bins will be cleared. How much other litter will be removed remains to be seen. It has been suggested that removing the bins may be an option, together with signs asking people to take their litter home. I know it is a problem for the residents of Pett Level, but all I can say is that, in common with the traffic issue, efforts are being made to solve the problem. Finally on this topic, a reminder that you can report overflowing litter bins and, of course, other issues at https://www.rother.gov.uk/transport-roads-and-parking/report-a-fault/

Visitors are clearly not going to read what I write here and so they will continue to park irresponsibly until some way is found to control this. However, I hope that, if you are a resident, you will consider your neighbours when you park, especially if you have a large vehicle. It may well be legal to park on verges, but not only does it upset your neighbours, it also damages the verges and so affects everyone's quality of life, not to mention making it difficult for people with prams and pushchairs to get along the pavement.

Nevertheless, while I know that social distancing is still important, I would ask that, if you can't get past someone without getting too close to them, please wait until your way is clear, rather than walking in the road. It would be silly to take measures to avoid covid-19 infection if you then get knocked down by a passing car!

There has also been concern at Pett Level that bathers may be hit by jet-skis. I am told that the jet-skiers, if that is the term, have agreed to stay farther out, so thank you to the person who talked to them.

'Summer is icumen in', as the old song says, but today it brings problems not just to the lamb looking for its mother. And this summer has brought more than we would have wished. Nevertheless, I think that the covid crisis has shown that the community in Pett and Pett Level is strong and I trust that it will continue to be so. And, talking about the community, many thanks to Caroline Turner for taking on Neighbourhood Watch.



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# STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONS MEETING WITH EAST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS

Shortly before the Covid lockdown commenced, parish council representatives had an SLR (Strengthening Local Relations) meeting with representatives from East Sussex Highways. The following topics were discussed:

- Chick Hill Slow Road Markings: An additional SLOW marking has been added on the road as a result of the meeting.
- The State of the Pavements: It was suggested that some pavements needed resurfacing and the grass removing. However, the Highways Steward had reviewed the pavements and determined that they had not deteriorated enough to require repair. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the paths would benefit from creeping earth being shoveled off. Highways were requested to consider scheduling this.
- Speed Reduction for Friars Hill: The road is narrowed by overgrown hedges, particularly near to Chapel Lane. The Highways Steward would be asked to inspect the road again and ask the property owner to cut back their hedge to reveal a hidden road sign.
- Lay-by opposite the Methodist chapel: It had been noted that parking in this lay-by led to a situation where there is not room for vehicles travelling in opposite directions to pass. The Highways Steward was asked to review the hedges there and Highways to look back on Google maps for when the lay-by had been marked with hatching (while they have not been able to find it, local knowledge confirms that it was there). Other possible solutions were discussed, but no conclusion reached.
- Pett Level and Canal Bank: Speeding and danger trying to exit Canal Bank. The deep potholes on the bend by the public toilets have now been filled and the road resurfaced. Highways agreed to review the signage again.
- Parking on the Pavement: Parking on the pavement verges is destroying the verges and is also making it difficult for pedestrians to walk along with prams and pushchairs and for people to exit their drives safely. However, PCSOs will only deal with dangerously parked vehicles even if the parking may be very inconsiderate. For more trees to be planted on the verge, a licence from Highways is necessary.
- **Dog fouling of pavements**: Again, for signs to be put up, a licence from Highways is required.
- Drainage on the road from Pett Level to Winchelsea Beach: The Highways Steward had reviewed the road and requested some drains to be cleared. The Highways Steward was asked to check the missing road surface on the road direction from Rye shortly before the Pett Level Gateway.
- Pannel Lane: The position taken by Highways with regard to the proposed passing places in Pannel Lane was raised, but no conclusion reached. These parking places have since been approved by the Rother Planning Committee.
- Speeding through the Village: This is a constant issue in spite of the various bends on Pett Road. Pett Level sees high-speed traffic at rush hour in a place without any pavements. In order for any measures to be taken, the first step would be to ascertain actual vehicle speeds and numbers. Depending on the 'mean' figures, Highways would consider what measures would be appropriate.



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- Potholes in lay-bys: Various large lay-bys currently have very large holes and cars are grounding trying to get back on to the road: near to Lunsford Farm; the Rye side of Pett Level gateway; opposite the coastguard cottages at Pett Level. The lay-by near Lunsford Farm had been reported and type 1 used to fill the hole but the drop from the tarmac to the lay-by was still considerable. Some tarmac was subsequently laid to remove the drop. The Highways Steward was asked to review the informal parking areas at Pett Level.
- Missing White Lines from the Royal Oak towards Chick Hill: These have now been replaced.
- Community Driving Responsible Code: Do any villages in Sussex have one already? Should residents be made more aware about how they drive and park? Highways officers were not aware of any parish having a Community Responsible Driving Code.

A further meeting is scheduled for early September. If there are other issues that you feel should be raised, please inform the Parish Clerk or the Chairman of the parish council

### ON THE BEACH AT PETT LEVEL

We are continuing to follow Government guidelines and have been pleased to see so many members return to the Club.



Our Monday night Quiz will continue online. This is such a popular evening that, with the current restrictions on gatherings, it would be impossible to meet at the Club at present. Our continued thanks go to Matt for his willingness and dedication. Details of how to join in can be found on our website.

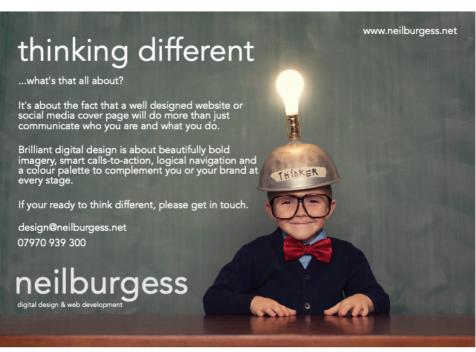
As we said last month, it is with great sadness the 69th Harvest Home Auction will not be held at the New Beach Club at the end of September. (This is for the same reason as the quiz above). This event has always been a very popular, and entertaining, evening raising money for Hastings and Rye Harbour RNLI. In previous years you may recollect receiving leaflets through your doors requesting items to be left outside for collection on the morning of the auction.

Not wishing to let a year of fundraising lapse 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 sponsored, weather-permitting, flexible, social distancing event to be held on the last weekend of September, NOT the first or second as previously stated. If you are not able to sponsor anyone you will be able to donate to the fund at the New Beach Club from the end of August.

Please check the Club website for details of opening hours and food events.

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

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## PETT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW) UPDATE

Dear Resident,

### **Hastings Independent Press 17th July 2020**

Hopefully, a few of you may have seen the article on rural crime in the Hastings Independent Press 17th July 2020. It was good to see our Pett NHW scheme got a mention. The focus of the article was farm crime but our concerns regarding the spate of garden / allotment shed break ins was also



included.

### **Looking for Volunteers**

Pett NHW is part of Rother NHW who are currently looking to recruit keen volunteers in the following capacities to build on the work already developed by their current Chairman over the last seven years.

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If you can bring new perspectives and fresh ideas to the running of Rother NHW and have an hour or two to spare on a regular basis, then contact the chairman, Ted Kemp, to learn if any of these positions are right for you. Email: chairman@rothernhw.co.uk

## **Plans for August**

This month I plan to register our Pett NHW scheme with the national ourwatch.org.uk site, including the area we cover, and also try to sort out the new village signs.

It is possible to join Pett NHW at any time. If you would like to join, please feel free to email me littlebudspett@gmail.com or call 01424 813368 and leave a message.

Best regards, Caroline Turner Volunteer Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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## NATURE NOTES - ALAN KENWORTHY

We had an interesting evening last week. We went up to the Firehills in Hastings Country Park looking for glow-worms and we found some. Glow-worms are not worms, they are beetles. They get the name worm because the female has no wings or wing-cases and so looks like a larva or caterpillar. The female climbs up onto a bank with an open view of the night sky and turns her light on in the hope that a male will be flying past and be attracted to the light. The light is produced from a chemical reaction between a molecule called luciferin and oxygen. This reaction takes a while to get started so the insect is not able to flash her light on and off like the fire-flies found in warmer climes. There are 2 species of glow-worm in the UK - the common glow-worm (*Lampyris noctiluca* which translates as 'night shining fire light') and the lesser glow-worm (*Phosphaenus hemipterus*) which is much smaller and very rare and only found in a few locations mainly in Hampshire, though there have been sightings in Sussex.

We found 3 common glow-worms but though they are a common species, they are rarely seen. The most obvious reason is that we mostly don't spend much time in the dark. We drive in brightly lit cars from one brightly lit building to another and most of the way we are probably on roads lit by street lamps (though thankfully not in Pett). There's no point in a glow-worm turning her light on in a brightly lit town because the males would be confused if not dazzled by all the artificial lighting. Light pollution is a big problem for much of the natural world and has a negative or deadly effect on amphibians, mammals, insects and birds by disrupting their sleep and foraging patterns. Even plants are adversely affected by artificial light when the day length doesn't fit their natural cycle.

Glow-worms also prefer undisturbed open grassland, such as that found in Hastings Country Park. It is no coincidence that most suitable habitat is in coastal areas because such land is often unfit for either housing or agriculture. Coastal areas are often the last refuge of declining species. Because glow-worms are not often seen, or recorded their conservation status is uncertain, but I have seen a figure of 3.5% decline which considering the plight of most of the UK's wildlife is quite mild.

I have recently found 2 rare species on Pett Level sea wall. (It doesn't get much more coastal than that.) When I say rare, their conservation status is 'Nationally Scarce B' which means that they are found in between 31 and 100 hectads. One hectad is a 10km by 10km square and there are about 3000 hectads in the UK. The first species I found was an Adonis ladybird. It is a fairly standard ladybird - red with black spots - but it is much smaller than the common 7-spot ladybird being less than 3.5mm long and it has 7 spots in a different arrangement and a cute face. It was happily hoovering up aphids on a hogweed plant. The other species was a male ruderal bumblebee. I was doing a bumblebee survey so that was what I was supposed to be looking for. The ladybird was just by-catch as it were. We have found the ruderal bumblebee there occasionally, rather than frequently over the last decade or so and it has not had the benefit of the habitat work that has been done mostly in Kent, though some has been done locally. Hopefully, the conditions created by the Covid-19 crisis - the 'anthropause' as it has been termed, has given some of our rarer species a bit of breathing space this year which will allow them to come back stronger next year. Certainly the male ruderal bee I found was a good healthy specimen.

I'm hoping to put photos of all of the insects mentioned above (except the lesser glow-worm which I haven't seen), on <a href="https://www.pettnats.blogspot.co.uk">www.pettnats.blogspot.co.uk</a>.



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coffee machine is on order, the cooking equipment will be installed in a fortnight and the fine detail of the servery area has been agreed with fabricators. Once again, locally-sourced Sweet Chestnut will be the surface material as it will be on a new screen at the centre's west end to protect the sub-station and other services.

Quotes are in for the internal fit-out, which includes the retail area, information panels, hands-on activities & AV screens, as well as toilets, offices, meeting room, volunteer room and the amazing education area made flexible by folding wall-panels.

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With a strong division of labour, each colony is a 'superorganism' made of thousands of hardworking individuals serving a common cause – their colony and queen. But life is far from peaceful. Every ant hill is a miniature kingdom at war with its neighbouring ant hills. Epic battles are fought daily on these downs, and every summer squadrons of winged ants take to the skies in an attempt to establish new colonies. It's a perilous mission – certain death awaits them if they land in occupied territory.

Down under the ant hill, other ants work on the aphid farm. Root-feeding aphids are herded and 'milked' for their honeydew – a hi-energy drink which helps fuel the colony. Ants also obtain a similar sugary syrup from the caterpillars of Chalk Hill Blue butterflies. When these caterpillars are ready to pupate they are carried underground and adopted by the ant colony. Upon emergence, the subterranean homesick blue butterflies scramble back to the surface and escape to the summer skies.

Ant hills don't just benefit ants; their angles and aspects create a unique micro-habitat on chalk downland. Their sun-baked slopes are great for basking butterflies, grasshoppers and lizards and their soft, sifted soil is loved by mosses, grasses and flowers. This softness is also their vulnerability. Every ant lives in fear of the great winged terror from the sky – the green woodpecker. Its brutal bill and sticky harpoon tongue can cause carnage in a colony. Winged monsters, kingdoms at war – it's a veritable Game of Thrones out there on the South Downs in September.

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#### PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT

September's here! And of course the volunteers at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat hope it finds our friends and supporters from Pett Parish all safe and well!

Since our last update, things have been busy. As restrictions have slowly lifted, we've cautiously re-started our Sunday training sessions in ways which are as safe and socially-distanced as possible. As you're

all aware, there's a good outdoor footprint at our boathouse for distancing, but inside the base and lookout it's rather snug, so we're taking extra care and precautions as appropriate.

But of course, extra care brings extra cost. To help mitigate this our volunteers put an appeal on social media, for support with PPE to aid our return to the boathouse, and the result was a fantastic community response! Individuals, community clubs and businesses, all kinds of people offered to help and we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who responded so positively. This includes several anonymous individuals, one of whom donated fabric which another sewed into masks for us; and a kind individual who donated disposable gloves.



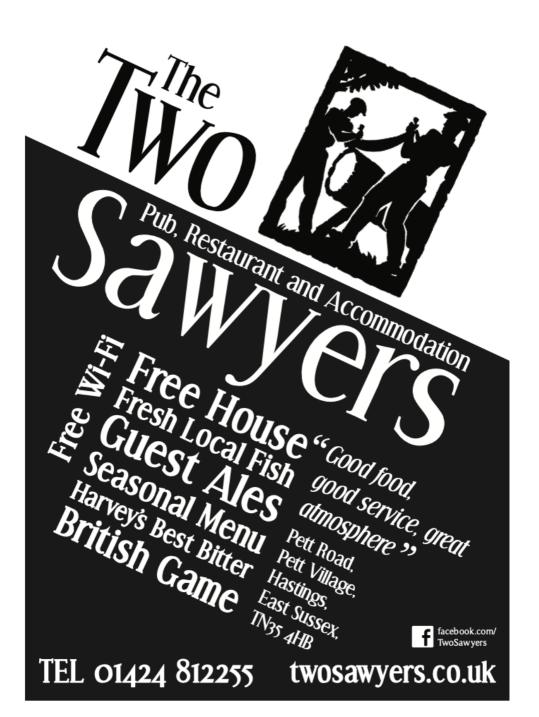
We'd also like to say a public thank you to Dawn Hyland, whose sewing group made some masks for us, plus Darren McCathy and members of the Freemason Lodge of the White Rock No.7891, who donated 6 boxes of disposable masks, 6 boxes of disposable gloves and 10 litres of hand gel - plus a cheque for £100 to help the extra equipment and cleaning costs along!

And what else has been going on? A fair bit actually ...

- Our committee received a letter of thanks from Border Force, commending our volunteers on high standards of work in a recent multi-agency incident.
- We've had two winners since we started participating in the Weather Lottery.
- Barbara's Charity Shed remains open, but still for sale of existing items only. As part of the 'new normal' *donated items cannot be accepted currently*.
- On the 13th September, there's an SOS of a different kind than we're used to! Friend of the PLIRB, <u>Sean O'Sullivan of SOS</u> <u>Entertainment</u> is completing a charity bike ride to raise money for the PLIRB. Originally, he was part of the London to Brighton ride, but since L2B has been cancelled, Sean's organised a personal cycle session of the same 55 mile distance but on a more local route, to finish at our boathouse on the day, so look out for him then!



Until next time, stay up to date with us using our website at <a href="https://plirb.com">https://plirb.com</a> or our social media: Twitter <a href="mailto:@PLIRBRescue">@PLIRBRescue</a> and Facebook <a href="mailto:@PettLevelRescueBoat">@PettLevelRescueBoat</a>. And of course, please take care, stay beach aware, and keep healthy and well too!



#### RICHARD'S RUMINATIONS - THE RECTOR, RICHARD BARRON

#### MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

I think we all need a bit of encouragement, so here's something for you to enjoy.

Patrick Gilbert was adopted when he was one week old. His father was African and his mother, Indian. For as long as he could remember, Patrick longed to meet his birth mother so that he could ask her the circumstances of his adoption. All he knew was that she came from Pondicherry in India.

As a young man, Patrick sought to make a living as a musician in London. It wasn't easy. One day, when things were particularly bad, Patrick challenged God and said, "If you are real, send me a miracle". Over the next few days, good things happened, one of which was the offer of a job on a cruise ship. The ship cruised the Mediterranean after which, Patrick was offered a place on the next cruise to India. Looking at the itinerary, Patrick was excited to see that the ship was due to stop at Pondicherry. However, a cyclone prevented the ship from docking there, so it stayed in Madras. By this time the whole ship knew of Patrick's longing to try and obtain some information about his birth mother, so the Cruise Director organised a coach trip from Madras to Pondicherry for Patrick and some of the passengers.

Pondicherry is a city of 1 million people and Patrick knew that he only had a few hours and little chance of success to find out any meaningful information. While passing a school he remembered someone telling him that a school was a good place to enquire because of their record keeping. So Patrick went in and asked if they knew anyone with his mother's name. He was told that there was a part-time teacher of that name who happened to be teaching at the school that day. They showed him a photo and in that picture he saw an image of himself. Incredibly, she turned out to be his mother. Had it not been for the cyclone, Patrick would have visited Pondicherry on a different day and his mother would not have been teaching at that school.

15 years earlier she had become a Christian and had asked God to forgive her for giving away her child. She prayed regularly that he would grow up to be a Christian and that one day they might meet. Miraculously, God answered the requests of both mother and son.

Returning to the ship, the captain, the crew and the passengers celebrated Patrick's good fortune. Today, Patrick is married with a family and is training for ordination. He is still in touch with his mother and they have been able to meet on a number of occasions over the years.

I hope this story lifts your spirit, but may it also act as a reminder that when you need a miracle, God is listening, and it is worth asking for nothing is impossible for Him.

#### SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES CURRENTLY ASSUMED TO BE HELD IN THE OPEN AIR – ALL AT 10:30AM

6<sup>th</sup> September St Andrews, Fairlight 13<sup>th</sup> September St Mary & St Peter, Pett 20<sup>th</sup> September St Andrews, Fairlight

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We have transcribed the above timetables from those provided by Stagecoach. If you spot any errors or know of any changes then please let us know.

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Pett Level - Sea Wall

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**PETT PARISH COUNCIL** may be able to help you find out who to contact if you have a problem, can help escalate if your problem is not being dealt with, and can assist in lobbying the relevant authorities in the event of continued poor service.

The Council are responsible for: the maintenance of recreation ground and play area (with the exception of the bowling green, sports pavilions, tennis courts and cricket

pitch which are leased to the Pett Sports Association); the defibrillator and phone kiosk opposite the Royal Oak; the war memorial at Pett Church; several roadside benches, noticeboards and village signs; Website (PettNet) [and encourages the use of Facebook]; Pett & Pett Level News Magazine. The Council also can provide a parish wide view on planning applications but the Local Planning Authority who makes the decision is Rother District Council.

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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### What are the options?

#### 8 mile circular walk starting from Fairlight Church

In Pett and Fairlight there will be an organised walk starting at Fairlight Church at 10.30am, 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. We will then head back up to Fairlight. The total length of the walk is 8 miles, but there will be options to finish your walk at either Pett or Guestling churches where transport will be available to take you back to Fairlight Church.

**Do your own thing!** - if the organised walk doesn't appeal, you can choose to walk, run, cycle or ride a route of your own choice and length. The important thing is to have fun, get out into the country, get some exercise and raise much needed funds for our church buildings.

Sponsorship forms and further details are available from: John Case, Nine Acres, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings, TN35 4HE email: johncase@me.com Phone: 01424 812224