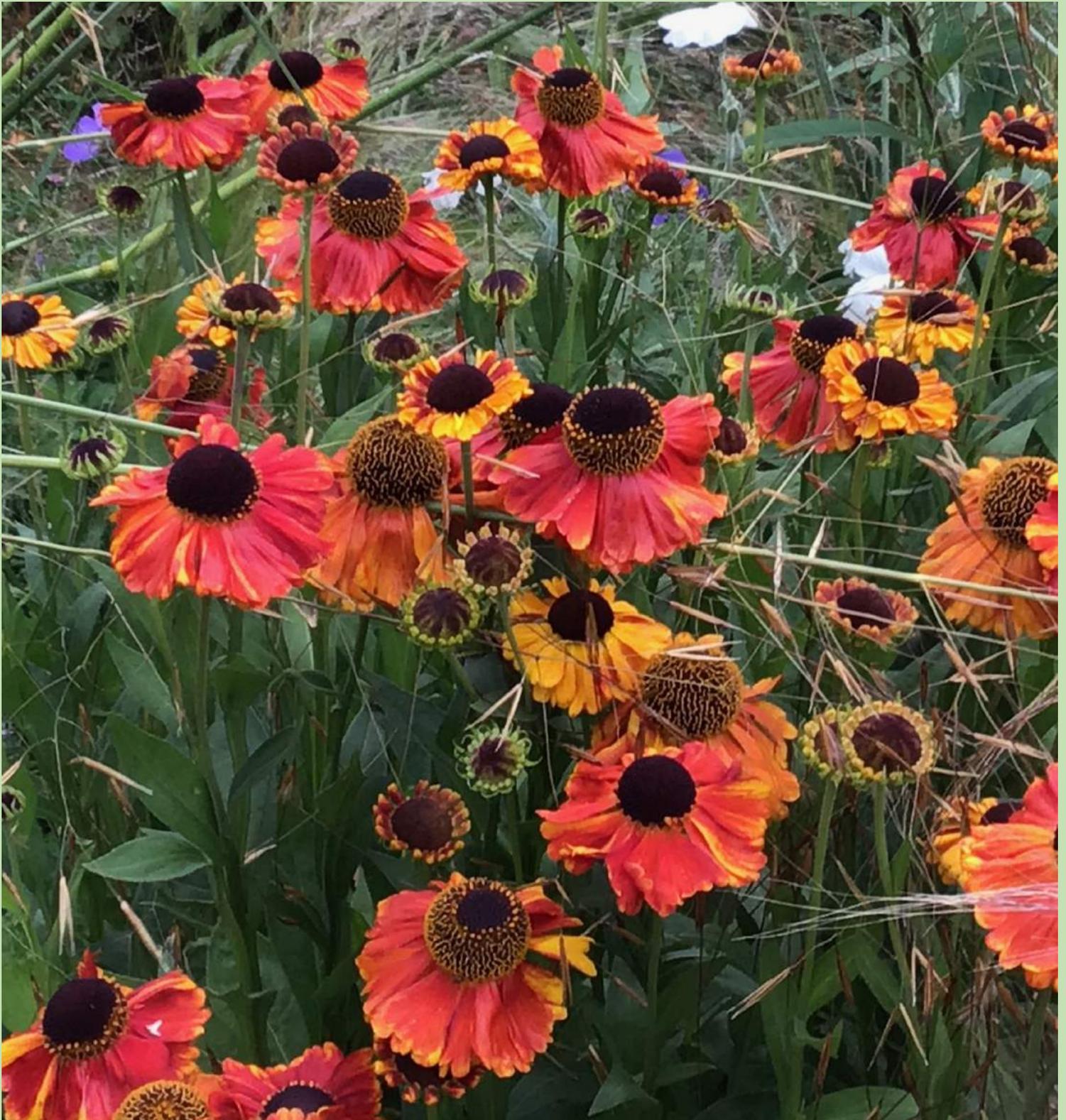


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**I**t is that time of year again for the Flower Show. After the troubles of the recent past, we deserve the very best weather for this year's Show. See page 7 for full details of all the events that are happening on the day. Where to park, how to enter and have a chance to win a prize. Make the most of this terrific event, many of the villagers have put in their time and efforts to make it happen.

*Some sad news with the deaths of some of our longtime residents of the village. Within this issue, there are some lovely words to read, from the people that know them very well.*

*Fairlight End again raised a huge amount for charity from their Open Garden Sunday, they also kindly donated some of these gifts to our Village Hall fund.*

*We have two interesting articles in this issue, one from Andy Dinsdale regarding the Strandliners' campaign to clean up the plastic that is polluting our beaches and oceans. Haydon Luke and Martin King take us back to the Summer of 1943 with a compelling tale of some very brave men, to whom we should all be eternally grateful. RBR*

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Just writing to let you know we raised over £3k for charity at Fairlight End on Sunday 13th June 2021. £2.4k for the traditional nursing charities supported by the National Garden Scheme, £600.00 for Pett Village Hall who supported the event by providing car parking and toilet facilities. Our small but loyal army of cake bakers once again powered the cake stand. Robin and I are grateful to them and to all our helpers on the day.

*Best wishes Chris and Robin Hutt*

## Remembering - Church Flower Festival

It gets harder to remember how life was before the pandemic but one event we are anxious to resuscitate is the Church Flower Festival. The Flower Festival weekend 2021 will be on the first weekend in October (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October). You may wonder why it will not be earlier in the year. The reasons include the uncertain weather and also the uncertain pandemic progress.

The tribute we can pay to those we have loved and admired and who have died is to dedicate a flower arrangement at the Flower Festival to the memory of the deceased. Your name as sponsor will be listed at the back of the church and also on the programme. Each flower arrangement will have a card in front of it naming the loved one who is remembered. And one thing I am sure of is that the arrangements will provide a beautiful farewell to the summer season as well as to those we loved.

The theme of the arrangements this year will be Glamour and Glitz. As before, there will be all sorts of stalls and a raffle and delicious refreshments. Do get in touch with me if you are thinking of sponsoring an arrangement or if you fancy helping at one of the stalls or if you have any queries about the Festival.

*Angela Hawksley, Pett Parochial Church Council*  
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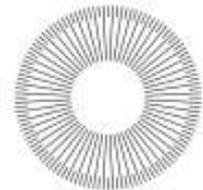
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At the time of writing, we await government announcements on the Covid-19 guidelines, which may affect the planning of our show. We have high hopes of a successful day.

After a dismal Spring cold and wet, we finally have had some sunshine to encourage the crops to grow and nurture fantastic entries in the flower, fruit and vegetable classes.

If you are not a gardener, take a look at the other classes in Home Produce and Crafts. The Cherry and Almond cake recipe is very tasty, always a popular class.

Check out the schedule on the Village Website [www.pettnet.org.uk](http://www.pettnet.org.uk).

All those cups to be won!

Could the winners of 2019 Flower Show cups and trophies please return them to Louise Bowles, Fairholme, Pett Road, Pett. She will be in between 10.00 and 12.00 on Saturday 3rd July. If you can't make that date, you can email her to arrange a convenient time. Email: [lou.bowles192@gmail.com](mailto:lou.bowles192@gmail.com).

We are always incredible grateful for donations to the stalls

The **Tombola, Pick a Bottle and Raffle** are delighted to receive donations ahead of the day. They can be dropped off with any Committee Member, **please see back of the schedule.**

**Books, Puzzles and Toys.** Always a popular pitch so please bring them along on the day.

**Produce.** Also, on the day. Edible items for the stall, where all those spare fruit and vegetables not worthy of entry can be sold, along with pickles and preserves.

**Refreshments** are being organised by the WI team. If you can make cakes or savoury snacks, please advise our **WI Events co-ordinator, Sara Dann on 07813 106832**, who will be co-ordinating the assortment.

We shall also have concessions stalls from local businesses and groups. There are still some spaces on the site plan, so if anyone is interested, please contact **Hon Treasurer Paul Brown. Stanton House, Pett Road, Pett TN35 4EY; phone 07836 660555 or email [paulhvbrown@gmail.com](mailto:paulhvbrown@gmail.com)**

**Parking.** As the Village Hall car park will be set out with stalls, parking will be in the adjacent field.

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**JOINT STATEMENT BY PETT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PVHMC) AND THE ARCHIVE RESOURCE CENTRE (ARC) COMMITTEE**

For the last couple of years or so discussions have been taking place between the Pett Village Hall Management Committee (PVHMC) and the Archive Resource Centre (ARC) Committee about ARC using part of the Gallery at Pett Village Hall for the ARC's office and archive storage facility.

Good progress was made to the point where ARC had converted a part of the Gallery for their use. While both PVHMC and ARC remained committed to this agreement, it has recently become clear to both parties that there are serious practical difficulties in making the arrangement work.

It is therefore with regret that the PVHMC and ARC Committee have both decided to terminate the arrangement immediately on mutually agreed terms. ARC will now be looking for more suitable premises.

The PVHMC are confident that the newly-converted office space in the Gallery will be put to good use and will be an additional asset for the Hall.

The PVHMC wish ARC all the very best for success in their venture and trust that they will find more suitable premises as soon as possible.

**Tim Rothwell, Chair PVHMC and Richard Bradshaw, Chair ARC Committee,  
8 June 2021**

## Christine Harris 24 October 1925 - 26 May 2021



The families of Christine Harris would like to thank all family, friends, and carers for their messages of condolence regarding her passing.

Christine was born into the Cooke Dynasty, the daughter of Reginald Cooke and Gladys Begbie, in 1925. She spent the majority of her life in and around Pett.

Unfortunately, due to the death of her mother at an early age, she spent much of her life suffering with anxiety and depression.

She attended Pett School and, not enjoying sport, discovered that if she was slow getting changed, by the time she got to the recreation field it was time to go back! She was however an avid Girl Guide, and we have her badges to prove it!

She achieved her Pitman Secretarial Diploma and was employed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries during the war.

She loved dancing and music, especially Country and Western, and told us that, in a different time, she would have liked to have become a photographer.

After marrying and having a family, and including a spell in Gloucestershire, she settled back in Fairlight. She then got a part-time job at Pett Level Stores, working for the infamous 'Joe' and Linda Goldsmith. She stayed there for many happy years.

Her second marriage to 'Jimmy' Harris brought her back to Pett for a further 40 plus years.

She was involved in all aspects of village life:

- jumble sales - she took upon herself to wash, iron, and label everything prior to the sale
- collecting for charity door to door
- fetes and the Flower Show, which was pioneered by her father
- anything to do with The Lifeboat/Coastguard Association/The Beach Club, all with close family connections.
- And, of course, both Churches

Physically for her age she was in good health. Supported by carers she had her final wish which was to stay in her own home. She was happy sitting in her front sun porch, watching and acknowledging people as they walked past. They would pop in for a chat and to admire her Poinsettias.

She leaves behind, two daughters, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great great grandson. **Marie and Lorna plus all the families**



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**In memory of Susan (Sue) Baker**  
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Sue had been a resident of Friars Hill for many years and only had to leave her home a couple of years ago due to poor health. Sue was a bright, cheerful member of our community, always seeing the positives. She loved her home and garden, feeding the birds and caring for her cats. She rarely went away herself but would always be very willing to look after others' cats, including my own, and look after gardens, water house plants etc.

Her funeral took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Icklesham church where her husband Alec was buried. A small group of people (as necessitated by Covid restrictions) gathered in the church, heard about Sue's life and listened to 'Abide with me' and 'Jerusalem' played on the organ. (As we were not allowed to sing). **Gill Plank (neighbour since 1984)**

"Having had a morning appointment at Bexhill Hospital, I only managed to get to Icklesham Church just as the funeral service finished and everyone was coming out of the church. But in time to follow the coffin and small party of mourners into the churchyard for the moving committal and burial. It was quite idyllic, as it stopped raining almost at once and there was sweet birdsong all around, carrying in the moist air ~ a Garden Warbler (or was it a Blackcap ~ I can never be sure of the difference in their songs?), a Wren, and a Chaffinch with a Collared Dove crooning away in the background. I threw a nosegay of Rosemary (for remembrance) from Sue's hedge onto the coffin, also a handful of earth. The family wreaths were set aside to be placed onto the grave when the earth work was completed. Afterwards people relaxed and chatted informally, and I got to speak with Sue's sister Jennifer and some of the relatives I slightly knew, and also met others". **Cynthia Reavell (a neighbour since 1975)**

Sue was a lovely lady, had a great sense of humour and always ready for a laugh. We've missed her not being there the last few years. We often had a cuppa with a slice of cake and she reminisced about the old days and her early days in the cottage. Happy memories.

**Fran and Ray (next door neighbours)**

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## Strandliners and the Fairlight Cove adventures

Little did I know that when I was taken on beachcombing walks with my parents in the late '60's at Pett Level and around the headland at Cliff End that nearly 50 years later I would be returning with an army of local volunteers to beachcomb in a very different way.

Whilst those early visits focused on sea glass, fossils and other natural treasures, these modern days visits are for a different reason and a reaction to modern day lifestyles and materials. The berms at Fairlight Cove were created as part of a major project to protect the erosion of the cliffs, but a subsequent secondary effect was to collect human flotsam and jetsam.

**Strandliners** is the local community interest company (not-for-profit) that came about from my numerous beach walks whilst searching for an elusive treasure I had once been lucky enough to see when a participant discovered a sea bean on a community event, I was leading back in 2005 (visit [www.strandliners.org](http://www.strandliners.org) to find out more!). I was so surprised by this very rare find that I walked many beaches many times in the hope I could find a sea bean myself. One of the outcomes was that I learnt about the manmade items that were being increasingly found on the beach and found identifying the items and their sources was fascinating. This was a new field of scientific discovery, and very forensic (I wrote my first article about this in 2015 ([www.strandliners.org/blog/](http://www.strandliners.org/blog/))!

**Where does it all come from?** Understanding this helps to inform campaigns focused on environmental change. For example, The Marine Conservation Society started tracking marine litter in the U.K back in 1994 and one major result of this has been the plastic bag tax. Other campaigns developed from marine litter data collection have been a change in material of sanitary products (even though that still has a long way to go). The present potential change driven by data collected and used as evidence is a deposit return scheme for drinking containers, so maybe we will see less bottles and cans littering our environment in the future. "Where waste has value there will be less litter". Strandliners engages with local communities to help identify, and gather data, about this marine litter.

### **Fairlight Cove Adventures**

There were two Fairlight Cove events (September 2020 and May 2021) where overall 14 sessions were held with small groups. Within each group there were trained Strandliners volunteers, who had experience in sorting and identifying plastic pollution for surveys, as well as fantastic volunteers from Fairlight and Pett who were able to see the site and join in the process involved. The process for these sessions was slightly different to the



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usual as it was not possible to survey as forensically due to the high amount of rubbish found.

The meeting point for each session was the Smugglers Pub and Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat (PLIRB) where we donned hard hats and set forth. The walk around Cliff End headland towards the berms took between 30 and 50 minutes as we had to allow for the falling tide and walk as far away from the potentially crumbling cliff as possible, but it did mean we saw necklace snail egg cases and cuttlefish eggs amongst other hidden marine wildlife. The highlights each time were the fulmar (Northern hemisphere relation of the albatross and the Strandliners' logo) with their stiff-winged and the ravens carrying out parental duties with a growing family.

Once at the survey site we rested! Walking on shingle, in rock pools and over rocks can be exhausting! And then the work started. As a reduced survey, we separated everything into 3 categories: bottles, polystyrene and general rubbish. The reason being that a large proportion of the mess was polystyrene and Strandliners were recording bottles as part of the response to the Government's consultation for a Deposit Return Scheme consultation (the results and response are on the website now).

The work was quite demanding in that there were pieces of polystyrene in ever-decreasing size at every step. Sometimes you could be sitting in one spot for 30 minutes continually collecting polystyrene before moving on. Indeed there is one area that had six clean ups in total! The deeper you delved and the more driftwood you moved, the more polystyrene was discovered! The reeds and pampas grass caused their own difficulties poking and grazing the volunteers; maybe hard hats were not enough armour!

So, what was found? There was **historical rubbish** [*1970's lollipop stick*]; **inland rubbish** [*blue/red betting/catalogue shop pens*]; **polystyrene galore** [*some with marine animal bite marks*]; **container spill remains** [*HP ink cartridge from a 2014 spill in the mid Atlantic*]; **balloons** [*Mylar foil, latex & meteorological*]; **fish crates**; **buoys**; **takeaway containers**; **transatlantic rubbish** [*U.S fishing equipment*]; and **much, much, more**. In total we filled 162 bags, of which over 50% was polystyrene by volume, and counted 1,329 bottles. **All this weighed over 500 kg.** (*If you'd like a preview of the final results I shall be giving a presentation either online or at a local venue shortly*).

But if you remember the walk in was tricky, how were all the bags to be removed safely? That is where the wonderful PLIRB and crew came to the rescue. They planned a session at the end of each of the clean ups (2020 & 2021) to motor around the headland and remove the bags as part of a training exercise. So all the bagged rubbish, bottles and polystyrene came

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back to the Pett Level slipway and were stacked as neatly as possible, ready for Biffa to collect as arranged with Rother District Council.

## And what next?

Strandliners will look at the possibility of another weeklong project in the spring of 2022 as only through multiple surveys can trends be discovered, and then we can lobby for change at source. *If you wish to be part of this or any of Strandliners other projects please visit the [www.strandliners.org](http://www.strandliners.org), we also have a membership scheme to help fund our work.*



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*Andy Dinsdale June 2021*

## A Voluntary Role in the Parish

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Our extended weekend opening with a rota of volunteer presence at the boathouse continues. A rota means we can deploy extra water safety patrols, plus provide a rescue-ready and First Aid presence as needed. Frequent safety issues currently include persons being cut off at Cliff End or on sandbanks by the rising tide. Also, frequent rock falls continue, whilst using inflatables is another risk. So, if you host visitors this summer, please warn them of dangers and advise checking local beach safety signs and tide times.

When we have first aiders present at the boathouse, our First Aid sign is outside. This service is already proving useful for beach visitors and, currently, the most frequent injury we're seeing is cuts from slips on rocks.

In other news, after the pandemic cut across our fundraising last year, we've now gladly received two major grants to help us meet our running costs for 2021. Firstly, a discretionary grant of just under £5,000 has been gratefully received from Rother



*Councillor Andrew Mier on his recent visit to the boathouse*

District Council. Ward Councillor Andrew Mier and local MP Sally-Ann Hart have each visited the boathouse in recent weeks to show support for us and to see how (and why) this funding is so necessary to keep our charity afloat.



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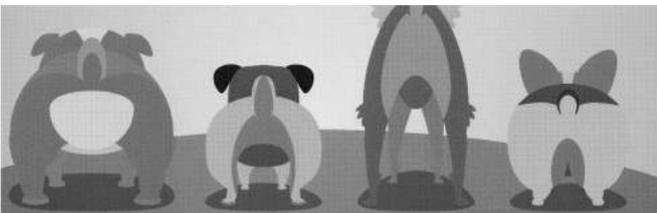


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## Pett Level Independent Rescue

We have also now received a grant donation from the Rye Community Charity shop. As this charity sadly had to close down this year, grants were offered as part of the disbursement of their own funds. We are very thankful to all involved for the grant of the additional £5,000 we needed to fully cover our running costs for this year.

So now we are in the grateful position of now 'just' fundraising for specific projects and towards next year's running costs. There are several ongoing activities for this:

- PLIRB volunteer Stella is now the proud owner of several quails. Stella's based in Fairlight and has started a nest-egg fundraiser by donating 25p for every dozen eggs sold at £2. To order, please contact her on 07947 402122.
- Our rescheduled Open Day is still planned for Sunday 29th August 2021. This event includes the [Homewood Leisure Hot Tub Grand Draw](#). Tickets will be available right up to the draw date from the boathouse.
- Our Calendar Photo Competition now has entries but needs more! If you'd like to contribute a photo, [full details are online here](#) and on our website.

Until next time, stay safe, take care and be beach aware. If you'd like to keep in touch, please check out our website <https://plirb.com> and our social media: Twitter [@PLIRBRescue](#); Facebook [@PettLevelRescueBoat](#) and Instagram [@pettlevelindyrescueboat](#).

***Sally-Ann Hart, MP for Hastings and Rye, on a recent visit to the boathouse.***



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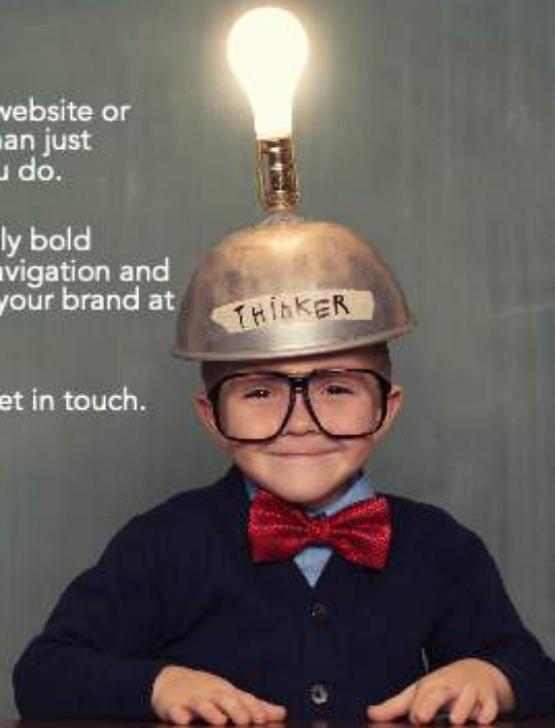
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SUNDAY 18TH JULY	10.30am, St Andrew's, Fairlight, Visit of the Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazlewood
SUNDAY 25TH JULY	10.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Pett

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A big thank you to all who have donated to the Friends so far this year. We have received a total of £1,425. This will go towards the cost of repairs and improvements in the church (there are always many of those!)

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Details for payments are as follows:

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Account 54871860 Sort Code 30-96-26 Thank you! Gill Plank**

### **Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes**

We were blessed with great weather again for the Coffee Morning and Community Library, so, although we are now permitted to gather indoors, we chose to set up the library and some of the coffee morning tables outside, which made for a convivial gathering. The more the merrier, so if you are still thinking about joining us, do come and see what there is. We also set up a small show and tell table last month - so please bring along your recent craft makes to inspire the rest of us. Next Coffee Morning and Community Library **10.00 to 12.00, 7th July.**

Inadvertently, we spread our tables too far down the disabled parking area. We apologised to the lady who needed a disabled space and will ensure that we leave plenty of room in future. This will be easier to achieve during the Summer months, as Jane will not be bringing the jigsaws in July and August. However, we are still happy to collect your returns and you may continue to borrow jigsaws from Jane Sweaney. Please phone her on 07788 410342.

We hope to have a new selection of books next month and, for our younger borrowers, have been asked for board books, which we are trying to track down.

As it was not in the Magazine last month, we will reiterate that Ore library has reopened as a Community Library with a stock of over 4,000 titles. Current opening days/hours: Tues, Thurs, Sat, 10.00 - 16.00. More volunteers required. <http://www.orecommunitylibrary.org.uk> **Anna and Vivien**

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## My Gardening Blog - Gill Plank

Sun and warmth, what a wonderful change. My little plants are responding to it (although they do need watering, but I won't complain!). They don't respond as energetically as the weeds however but that is a constant complaint of us gardeners.

Everything is weeks behind normal. All vegetables have a huge amount of growing to do and certainly nothing (except lettuce and radishes) will be ready to eat this month. I grew my own tomatoes from seed for the first time and ended up with two trays of 24 plants. Whilst these were slowly growing, I acquired various other plants from friends and neighbours and now have dozens of tomato plants in greenhouse, planters, hanging baskets and even in the vegetable patch. This is because I cannot bear to throw them away so I tell them they can choose to grow or die, it is out of my hands.....

The bees seem to be doing a great job on the blossom, especially the blackberry plants which are in full flower. Incidentally, initially I had 2 small plants of cultivated blackberry which I planted on one side of the greenhouse - this gives them a lot of sun and also shades some of the greenhouse. The plants have now migrated under the lawn and pop up in all sorts of nearby places. I have trained one lot along the vegetable patch fence but am aware they will try a takeover job there.

Flowers and shrubs are doing well. I have managed to train 3 clematis plants up a dead tree and am enjoying roses, pansies, poppies, sweet William and geraniums. Lavender bushes are almost ready for the bees and the sweetbriar roses that give my cottage its name are providing a wonderful perfume.

On the bird front there has been a bit of a lull although this week there are many blue tits whizzing around the garden and feeding merrily. Starlings have returned after several years' absence and along with the return of the sparrows are a joy to watch again. Another frequent visitor recently is a jay (or maybe two at different times). It has been very keen to feed on the peanuts hanging on the willow tree as opposed to the feeders nearer the house, so I assume it is either finding it hard to find food or is happier feeding secretly. I have also seen greenfinches which have been missing for a long time.

Evening brings badgers and foxes and, increasingly, bats and the sound of owls. There have been some fabulous sunsets but sunrises have been rather obscured by the recent sea mists. I am making good use of my sunshade that I bought in a sale at the end of last year. Could have done with it last summer but not possible due to lockdown!

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## The Garden Club - June Harris



It was an uplifting experience for us all as many members of the gardening club met up again for the first time since March last year, just before the world changed so disastrously. We were finally able to go ahead with our planned visit, arranged in 2019 for the 2020 schedule, to professional garden designer Kristina Clode's own garden at Waterworks Cottages in Brede. Kristina and her family moved into their house about thirteen years ago, but began work in earnest on the garden ten years ago when, with plant machinery on hand for their house extension, they could divert the diggers to the property's land. Kristina told us the garden was one steep slope, from the front gate to the back garden boundary, so the first job was to "move the mountain", levelling and evening up the ground, digging out the pond, zoning and creating different areas and generally turning an unusable plot into the foundations for the artistic and colourful garden it is today.

From the lane, a path leads from the gate through the front garden which comprises a lovely wildflower meadow, full of summer colour. When successful these can be so enchanting, bucolic and nostalgic, belying the considerable amount of blood, sweat and tears expended to achieve the final aim! Kristina told us she began with a standard wildflower seed mix for clay soil, to which she has added over the years many more species. As is often advised, the successful cultivation of yellow rattle is the key to a healthy and varied meadow as Kristina herself discovered. In the early days it often appeared, disappointingly however, that some plants were missing, but the following year, up they popped! The pretty purple and lilac orchids we also have here in Pett, were a particular concern as they appeared to have been unsuccessful, but then one year, there they were and they have settled and multiplied since. Kristina has consulted Fergus from Great Dixter on occasions regarding issues with the meadow, but his response is always reassuring, basically, don't worry, be patient and they will appear - and they do! Nowadays this most successful meadow has a long succession of interest from fritillaries in spring to wild carrots in the autumn, with the balance of plants also changing each year as nature dictates.

The garden continues down the side of the house, where there is a small courtyard area with simple wooden bench seating and a fire pit, called by the family, The Fire Circle. High hornbeam hedging, already there when they moved in, but overgrown and spindly, now tamed and layered, surrounds it and creates a secluded and self-contained social space, handy for the house. From here the garden then opens out at the back of the house, where a sizeable lawn is surrounded by luxuriant flower and shrub borders, specimen trees, and a separate prolific vegetable garden with two greenhouses containing tender plants.

Kristina had also very kindly arranged for us to visit another, this time naturally wild meadow, back in the village. The view from this meadow and adjacent house and garden is stunning - literally visible (just) across the Brede valley is Fairlight Church! To the east a similar view reaches right across, with Icklesham to the right and Rye Bay straight ahead - breathtaking scenery!

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## continued The Garden Club - June Harris

Our visit to Brede concluded very sociably as we all adjourned to the Red Lion pub for lunch. We ate in the pretty garden, enjoying the food, company and summer sunshine - it felt good to be able to socialise (almost) as normal and we were all grateful for the opportunity. We will be visiting Borde Hill gardens in July - details will be sent out by email to all members in due course, plus, advance notice that in August we will be holding our annual plant sale fundraiser and social in the village, so this is a plea to nurture seedlings and divide perennials to donate!

## The 833 Lottery Club returns to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

At the start of last year, the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve established The 833 Lottery Club in order to generate funds to support the new Discovery Centre. For an annual fee of just £24 per ticket, 60% of which is used to support the Discovery Centre, members have 12 chances to win in the monthly lottery draw.



The draw takes place on the second Saturday of each month. The first three draws took place at the old cabins, and just as plans were being made to move into the new centre lockdown happened. For the past fourteen months the draw had been taking place in the background but finally, on the 12<sup>th</sup> June the draw moved back to Rye Harbour and into the new Discovery Centre. The winning numbers were drawn by local artist Bob Greenhalf.

Liz Grant, the Discovery Centre manager, said "It is fantastic to finally welcome The 833 Lottery Club. We hope to establish the second Saturday of the month as a Friends' Day, and the draw is a key part of that. With funds generated by the club we are now planning our first investment, outside litter bins, and are looking for other much needed items over the coming months".



If you want to know more about The 833 Lottery Club then they can be contacted at [the833club@outlook.com](mailto:the833club@outlook.com). Information leaflets are also available at the Discovery Centre.

**Left to right, Liz Grant, Bob Greenhalf, and club administrators Clare Donovan and Mike Wilkins. In the background is 'Plovers', an installation by Bob Greenhalf dedicated to many of the sponsors of the new Discover Centre.**

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## The Summer of '43 - Connecticut Yankee comes to Pett Level by Haydon Luke, with additional material researched by Martin King

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For the skies over Europe were still dominated by the Luftwaffe whose powerful aircraft and experienced pilots were determined that they would exact a high price from the USAAF for their attacks on German cities. Despite the big formations, defensive armaments and fighter escorts, the American bomber crews sustained heavy casualties. Losses of 30 or more aircraft [per mission flown]—300 men—were not uncommon throughout that summer. John Luckadoo, a pilot in the 100th Bomb Group recalled that he “calculated a 400 percent turnover in the first 90 days” of combat. In 1943, bomber crews were tasked with a 25-mission tour of duty. Most crews never made it past their fifth.”

Just how high that price was can be understood from these statistics. A total of 350,000 airmen served with the United States Eighth Air Force in England, and of this number, 26,000 were killed, or 7.42 percent. Compared to the percentages of other military branches - U.S. Marines 3.29%, U.S. Army 2.25%, and U.S. Navy 0.41% - the Air Corps sustained the heaviest losses.

The story of one aircraft, a B17 Flying Fortress, which crashed at Pett Level illustrates the reality and the horror behind those statistics. The conclusion of the incident, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1943, was recorded in the War Diary of the Coast Defence Battery based on Toot Rock as follows:



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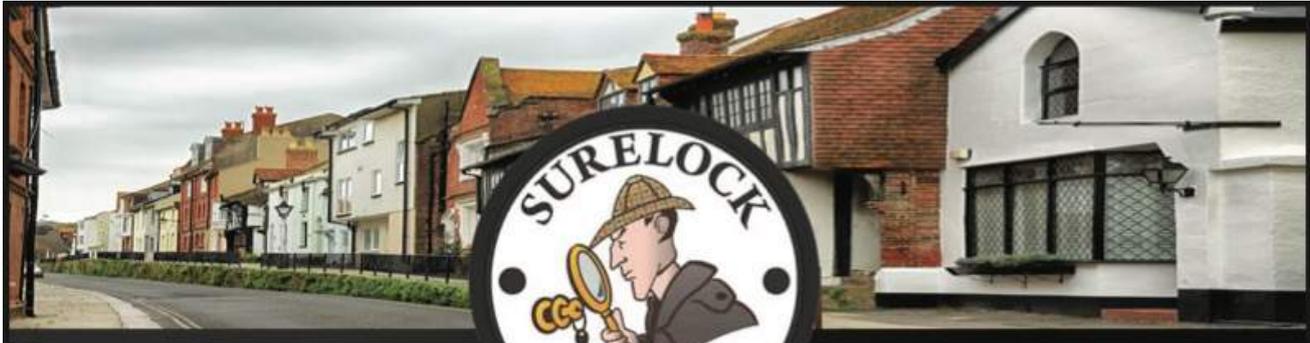
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This is the story of the first of those aircraft. The B17 which made it home was 42-2970, named Connecticut Yankee, led by Bill Pegram flying as part of the 324 Bomb Squadron in the 91st Bomb Group, USAAF, from Bassingbourn in Cambridgeshire. She must have been a lucky aircraft because she had completed 25 missions by April of 1943. That made her a contender for a return to the USA and a triumphal tour of US cities to drum up support for War Bonds. But instead, she and her crew continued to fly in combat across the hostile European skies. The final trip which concluded in the mud of Romney Marsh was her 38th mission - a remarkable survival rate.



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Connecticut Yankee's luck ran out on the 6th of September on the ill-fated mission to Stuttgart. Ill-fated because almost everything that could go wrong did go wrong for the 181 aircraft from the first Bomb Wing flying from their bases in Cambridgeshire. For a start the primary target, the Bosch factories in Stuttgart, was at the limit of the maximum range for B17s. Ideally the raid would have been a quick 'in and out' to the target, drop bombs and return to base.



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## The Summer of '43 - Connecticut Yankee comes to Pett Level

If that had been the case, relatively speaking, everything would have been fine but it was not to be.

The weather intervened, with heavy cloud cover over most of NW France and Germany. The poor visibility interfered with the outward flight. The squadrons became disorganized and separated with many aircraft becoming detached from the main formations leaving them vulnerable to being picked off by German fighters. Thus the initial 181 aircraft were reduced to 151 and not all of those even found the primary target but were reduced to lone attacks on various 'targets of opportunity' as best they could before attempting the journey home, isolated and without escorts, to run the gauntlet of rampaging enemy fighters.

For the aircraft still together in the main force, things were no better. As usual, as the flying fortresses approached German territory, fighters attacked with their experienced pilots using well tried tactics. The assaults were violent, head-on passes that resulted in high casualties among the lead crews. Yet, despite the fierce opposition, the bombers continued toward the Bosch factory. Once over the target, however, the mission unravelled even further. A cloud front had unexpectedly moved in, obscuring any view of the target from the bombardiers perched in the noses of their B-17s 25,000 feet above the city.

General Robert Travis, aerial commander of the mission, made the fateful decision to circle the target and wait for the clouds to move. As the bomber formation circled the target, the tight combat boxes of B-17s became easy targets for enemy fighters. In all, three passes were made and still the clouds had not broken, whilst all the while precious fuel was being burned and B-17s were being picked off by fighters and anti-aircraft artillery.

The B-17s had been over the target for nearly thirty minutes when the bombs in the lead aircraft finally dropped. The bombs missed the target almost completely. Forty-five B-17s failed to return to England that night.

The obvious confusion in the air over Stuttgart and the heavy casualties sustained yet again caused many men to begin to doubt the leadership of the air campaign. A survivor of the Stuttgart mission recalled, "We began to wonder if they were trying to kill all of us. There were fewer and fewer guys returning every day."

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Among the aircraft that made it to the target was Connecticut Yankee. Piloted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt William G Pegram he and his crew were flying only their second mission in the aircraft, as No. 3 of the Lead Element of the Low Squadron. The aircraft took flak damage over the target, knocking out an inboard engine before the aircraft turned for home hoping to avoid further attention from enemy fighters.

The safety of the English coast was a long way away. Worse, fuel consumption was high in the remaining engines, causing two to run dry while over the Channel. Eventually Connecticut Yankee made landfall on one good engine but was losing altitude. As its tank emptied the final engine cut out. But, even though the Sussex coast was below, the drama of the flight was still playing out.

Since there was still enough altitude to do so, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Pegram ordered the crew to bail out. However, the chute of the navigator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Robert S Cosgrove, would not open when he pulled the ripcord. He had to tear off the canvas cover as he fell through the air to get the canopy released. The chute of the left waist gunner, Sgt Frederick E Hutchinson, opened inside the fuselage as he jumped, leaving him dangling outside the plane. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt Hans W Wobst, gathered up the chute and pushed it out, saving Sgt Hutchinson's life. The rest of the crew, except for Lt. Pegram, bailed out safely.

In the final act of that eventful day Lt Pegram put Connecticut Yankee down in a wheels-up, dead-stick, belly landing in the partially flooded fields of Romney Marsh near Pett Level. Although the muddy soil acted like grease, allowing a relatively smooth landing, she was badly damaged structurally. Because of the combined damage from flak and the rough landing, Connecticut Yankee was declared salvage and never flew again. Not so the crew. The pressure of active service in the USAAF was relentless. The surviving crew members returned to their base and within days they were back in combat.



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## Thankfulness

This term we are exploring the Value of **thankfulness**.

There can be no doubt that we have had an extremely challenging time over the last 12 months or so.

Life has been different for us all and it has not been easy in many respects.

Here at Guestling Bradshaw, we are reminding ourselves about the things in our life for which we should be thankful.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things our pupils are thankful for.

Mrs Andrews



We are grateful for our wonderful school, with its fantastic views of the beautiful countryside.



We are grateful for all the different ways we have been learning this year. We are thankful for our books and computers, our outdoor learning areas and our teachers who help us to become great learners.

Last week, during our whole school, remote assembly I asked our children to think about some of the simple, everyday things that we should be grateful for, but sometimes we may forget about. Here are some the responses:  
Daniel in Year 4 spoke about being grateful for the law- how it helps us keep safe. Adam in Year 2 was grateful for having shelter- a home. Orla in Year 3 said thank you for our hospitals and Peggy (Y5) talked about the simple necessity of fresh water and food. Jessamy reminded us how fortunate we are to have toilets! Something we may take for granted. Sofia in year 1 spoke about the animals and creatures of our world- even the humble bumblebee!

**Let us be grateful for the bee!**  
**An Exciting Competition for all children:** Some of our children are entering a national competition that BBC Radio have launched- 'The Big Bee Challenge'. Please click [here](#) to find out more.



## The Summer of '43 - Connecticut Yankee comes to Pett Level

But what happened to them thereafter I cannot recount. In practice, tracing the subsequent service histories of the crew members from the aircraft is difficult. It is not even possible to say for sure who survived the war and who did not because 80% of the centralised US military personnel records from WW2 were destroyed by a fire in the 1970s.

It is possible to pick up details of some individuals from unit history websites and from the War Cemetery records at Madingley (above) but it is something of a hit and miss process.

What is certain is that they were young men from all parts of the United States. They came, quite literally, 'from sea to shining sea' - from Massachusetts to California, from Montana to Florida. They were part of a massive air armada and flew, in daylight, in conditions of extreme peril and danger to help defeat Nazi Germany. Some, when the European war was winding down, were reassigned to the Far East putting their lives once more in jeopardy to help defeat Japan. They touched our part of Sussex briefly and were gone again almost in an instant.

But I hope this account of that brief acquaintance is in some measure an acknowledgement of the thanks we owe them, and many thousands like them, for their part in the final victory.

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Dear readers,

This update is being written on the day that it was announced that the much anticipated end of the Covid lockdown had been deferred from 21st June to 19th July. Despite some Covid-related restrictions continuing to be in place, we have had good attendances and the Monday evening quiz has proved very popular.

On most weekends we have been able to offer pop-up food events and with a variety of food (BBQ, tacos, pizza, seafood etc) and intend to continue with this arrangement until we are able to re-open the kitchen.

We have increased our range of ales and currently have two additional ales to supplement the regular 'Harvey's Best'. We continue to offer three lager beers.

If you are amongst the members who have visited the Club this year, then many thanks for your support. If not, please come down.....you will probably like it!!

Please monitor your emails and the Club Facebook page and notice board to keep up to date with all that's happening. *Best wishes and stay safe*

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## Nature Notes - Alan Kenworthy

It seems that meadows are in vogue. Recently the gardening club visited a couple of gardens that both had meadows incorporated into their garden design and many bigger gardens such as Great Dixter for example have substantial amounts of space devoted to meadows. So, is it just a fashion thing like ornamental alliums or striking exotic grasses? Certainly not. The first statistic quoted in many presentations or environmental television programmes is that since the end of the second world war, the UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows. The programmes then go on to explain the consequences of that to the natural world. The reason we have lost so many meadows is simple - we have changed our farming practices. We have changed our farming practices in order to provide food for the baby boomer generation, and now their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We have intensified farming by using fertilizers and pesticides to increase yield and have largely stopped the practice of crop rotation which left a field fallow for a year. Also, hay crops have been replaced by silage. This has had a knock-on effect on insect populations - some German entomologists have measured the loss of insect biomass to be 70% in only 20 years. The species that depend on insects - the birds, the bats, and the small mammals are all in trouble, not to mention us humans who would not survive the loss of crops that are pollinated by insects.

So, growing meadows has a serious purpose in trying to replace some of that 97%. There has also been a movement on social media using the hash-tag #nomowmay which encourages people to stop mowing their lawn to let flowers grow at a time when our pollinating insects need them most. There is also a corresponding movement to encourage local authorities to stop mowing grass verges and other large public spaces. Many people complain that it is neglectful and untidy, but it is far too important for mere aesthetics. Let's face it, a vast expanse of mown grass is just dreary and boring, whereas a sward full of daisies and buttercups and dandelions and whatever else pops up is beautiful and much more interesting.

We have had a patch of lawn for 5 or 6 years now, that is mowed only once a year in September. We have introduced various species like ox-eye daisies and snake's head fritillaries with mixed results, but mostly it does its own thing. At the moment it is ablaze with red clover, daisies, bird's-foot trefoil, and foxgloves, and it will soon be full of wild carrot and ragwort. Not only does it change through the year, but the mix of plants changes from year to year. You can't say that about a boring green lawn

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This year we have gone the whole hog (despite being veggies) and left the whole lawn to grow naturally. It is tidied, and its grace and elegance enhanced, by mowing a strip round the edges and mowing paths through it. I have again tried to increase the diversity by planting 100 plug plants, all of which are common native plants such as knapweed, bedstraws, toadflax, etc. 10 species in all, and it will be interesting to see how that goes. It can be hard work, especially in September when it gets mown, but the results are worth it. Those results also include an increase in the variety of insects visiting the garden - last year I recorded 120 new species of insect that I had not recorded before and this year I'm finding many more.

So, will this halt or reverse the decline in biodiversity? Well it's a start, but there is much more that has got to change if we are to reach a sustainable equilibrium. So why not give it a try - let your grass grow and see what comes up. It may end up as just long grass (unlikely) or you may find that it's full of poppies and orchids. Even if you just get grass there will be lots of variety in the heads of the grasses and it will have its own beauty as it waves in the breeze.



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**Thank you!**

We didn't have to go too far to source May's meeting speakers as we turned to two of our own members. First we heard from Hilary Dymott who gave us a really illuminating talk about the recent history of Pett WI's involvement with community projects. During the 9 years of Hilary's membership of Pett WI she has been the driving force behind many of our initiatives. We are so grateful for her passion for everything she gets involved with and her incredible attention to detail with her project management. We - and the community at large - are so incredibly fortunate to have her in our own WI!

The latest of the Hilary-led projects for us is our support of the Conquest Hospital's MacDonald Ward in respect of their current Courtyard Makeover appeal. We are delighted to be working with our friends at Hastings & Ore WI on this as we felt that our combined efforts would strengthen the awareness and fundraising potential for the ward. To start with we are helping to coordinate a launch event at the ward (date to be confirmed) for invited guests of the MacDonald ward led by Matron Mark Chamberlain. Mark was also a guest speaker for us at our May meeting and said how impressed he had been when he met with Hilary to discuss how best we could assist the ward with their scheme. In fact I think Mark was slightly overawed and totally impressed with the organisational capabilities of Hilary and her Pett WI Community Aid team! Well, Mark, this is the WI you know! This ward has such a significance to many of us and the courtyard, which is one of 21 at the Conquest Hospital, is in real need of a make-over for the use of its patients, visitors and staff! If you would be interested in supporting the appeal please do visit the MacDonald Ward Facebook page or their Just Giving page at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/macdonaldcourtyard>

We are still taking items to Rye FoodBank on a fortnightly basis and of course ensuring any financial donations also get to those in need. Thank you as ever for your continuing support. 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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I have previously announced that there would be a village event on Saturday 7 August. However, the Pett Level Preservation Trust annual lunch is on that day, so we have had to think again. We have settled on Sunday 29 August and the event will be a celebration of the end of covid restrictions - at least, I hope so - and a thank you from the parish council to everyone in the village for how they have coped with the covid crisis. In order to make this a fun afternoon, there will be a Punch and Judy show for the children (and all feeling nostalgic), as well as a balloon artist, free ice cream, refreshments and bubbly (not champagne, but probably Prosecco), with, to finish, a Bubble Show Finale. All are welcome. You should have time for both this and the Rescue Boat open day!

The date of the next council meeting will depend whether we still have to maintain social distancing and so whether the Holman room can be used or we have to move to the main hall when it is available. The date will be announced as soon as it is fixed.

I am pleased to report that the work on the tennis court drainage is well under way and should be complete by the time you receive this issue. We are grateful to Rother DC for a grant towards this work. I understand that, once the drainage work is complete, the Tennis Club will be having the surface of the court cleaned.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see another request for a volunteer to take on the role of Flood Warden, which is still vacant. However, I very pleased to announce that Marcus Foster, who lives in the village and is an arboricultural consultant, has agreed to act as Tree Warden. I am sure that the village will benefit from his expertise.

Regarding the surgery at Guestling, I fear that we are not going to see a practice take it over. Dr Chris Chinery has continued to make efforts to encourage one of the local practices to take it on, but our MP, Sally-Ann Hart, has had a response from the CCG, indicating that it is unlikely to change its position. What is perhaps most disappointing is that it appears that the application by the Beaconsfield Road practice only specified Guestling as the area it would cover, so, even had the application been approved, patients in Pett (and Fairlight) would not have been eligible to apply to be registered there. Sadly, this means that our protests have been in vain and we shall have to remain with the Old Town or the Harold Road practice. It does not appear that patients' wishes (rather perhaps than their needs) are a factor to be taken into account.

It is pleasing to see the Royal Oak open again under the management of Robin Lyons, who is known to many, at least partly from his time managing  
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the Beach Club. We wish Robin, who, by the time you receive this issue, will have been joined by his brother as chef, success in his new venture.

Finally, I have to report the deaths of three long-standing and well-known village residents: Christine Harris, Rosemary Butler and Bob Osborne. There is a tribute to Christine elsewhere in this issue and tributes to the others may appear in due course. Our sympathy goes to all three families.



### **Punch comes to Pett – Judy too**

**Sunday 29 August – 2.30–5.00 pm  
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## continued Pett WI News - Belinda Woods

Also at our May meeting we had a very interesting insight from Icklesham resident Sandra Clark who talked about her career in care. She also brought us right up to date with her “side hustle” which is her Funky Hen boutique which she runs as a local business from home. We are excited to have Sandra working with us on a special fundraising event later this year - more details soon!

From mid-July we are hoping to meet in person again and although in August we don't hold a meeting we really hope to be resuming again at Pett Village Hall in September. Our current membership stands at 42 and to keep it manageable we are this year capping it at 45. We are now enjoying regular coffee morning events and a new Ladies that Munch Club as well as an online What's App social group. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant group please make contact with our secretary Amanda at [pettwisec@gmail.com](mailto:pettwisec@gmail.com)



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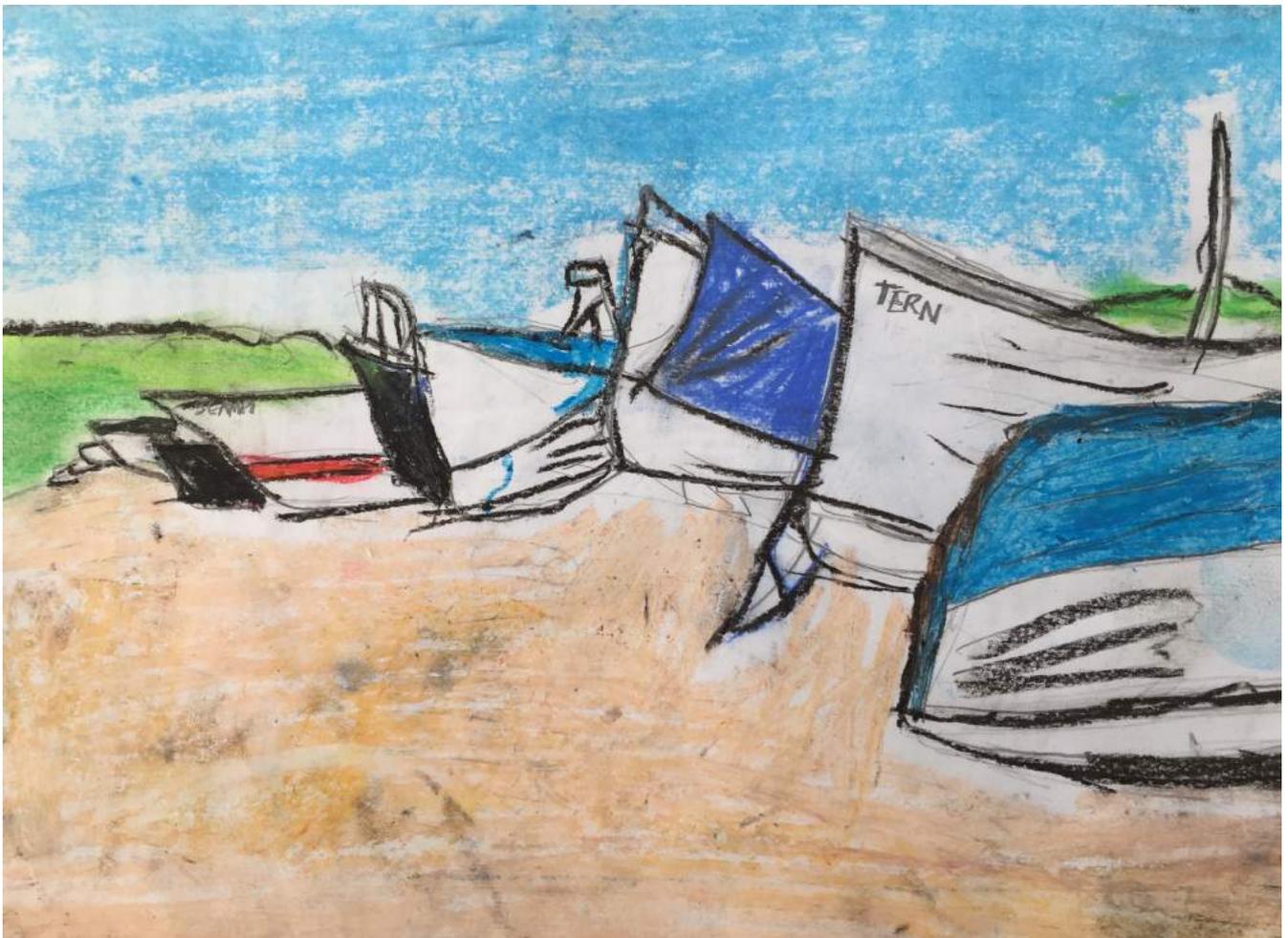
## Postcard Design Competition Winner

The Pett Level Preservation Trust are delighted to announce the winner of this year's 'Design a Pett Level postcard' competition. Congratulations to Ava (age 11), whose picture impressed our judge, local artist Annie Soudain, for its lovely composition and colours.

The breadth and quality of entries this year was so good that in addition to awarding a winner, Annie singled out four further entries that she felt deserved a special commendation. The Highly Commended entries came from Mika (age 7), Teddy (age 5), Mikey (age 6) and Zoe (age 13).

The winning postcard will be on sale for £1 at village venues and events over the summer months and can be purchased direct (e-mail [lolahall@fastmail.fm](mailto:lolahall@fastmail.fm) for details). 2022 competition details will be announced in the New Year. All proceeds to the Pett Level Preservation Trust.

***Below the winning design for this year's Pett Level Preservation Trust Postcard Competition by Ava aged 11.***



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<b>ULTIMATE</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>PLUMBING PLUS</b>	<b>SERVICE PLUS</b>
£29.99	£18.99	£14.99	£10.99	£10.99

For a full breakdown of costs and what each plan includes - visit [www.ecoheatsussex.com](http://www.ecoheatsussex.com)

Conditions Apply

## Why Ecoheat?

- + A local company
- + Same day parts for repairs
- + Unlimited call outs on plans
- + 10% discount on any work not included in your plan

For more info, call Andy on: 07809573389



**JULY 2021**
**RYE(HARBOUR)**

Date		HEIGHTS ABOVE ORDNANCE DATUM (NEWLYN)			
		High Water			
		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m
1	TH □	03 36	2.7	15 53	3.0
2	F	04 29	2.4	16 44	2.7
3	SA	05 27	2.2	17 44	2.4
4	<b>SU</b>	06 35	2.1	18 53	2.4
5	M	07 41	2.2	19 59	2.4
6	TU	08 37	2.4	20 54	2.6
7	W	09 26	2.7	21 42	2.8
8	TH	10 09	2.9	22 23	2.9
9	F	10 47	3.1	23 01	3.0
10	SA ●	11 24	3.2	23 37	3.1
11	<b>SU</b>	11 59	3.3		
12	M	00 12	3.2	12 31	3.4
13	TU	00 45	3.2	13 06	3.4
14	W	01 19	3.2	13 42	3.4
15	TH	01 58	3.2	14 23	3.4
16	F	02 41	3.1	15 09	3.3
17	SA □	03 31	2.9	16 01	3.1
18	<b>SU</b>	04 30	2.7	17 04	2.9
19	M	05 44	2.5	18 16	2.8
20	TU	07 07	2.6	19 34	2.9
21	W	08 18	2.7	20 46	3.0
22	TH	09 22	3.0	21 51	3.3
23	F	10 20	3.3	22 50	3.5
24	SA ○	11 11	3.6	23 41	3.6
25	<b>SU</b>	11 58	3.8		
26	M	00 25	3.6	12 38	3.8
27	TU	01 05	3.5	13 18	3.8
28	W	01 43	3.4	13 58	3.7
29	TH	02 23	3.2	14 37	3.5
30	F	03 03	2.9	15 16	3.2
31	SA □	03 46	2.6	15 59	2.8

**ADD ON 1 HOUR IF IT IS BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

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**Time Zone UT(GMT)**

## VILLAGE CONTACTS & OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

<i>Allotments</i>	Libby Rothwell	07714 340674	libby.rothwell891@gmail.com
<i>Archive Resource Centre</i>	David Breakell	812964	info@thearc.uk
<i>Badminton</i>	Anne & Paul Wadey	316209	pawadey@tiscali.co.uk
<i>Bowls Club</i>	Eddie Quinlan	431463	
<i>British Legion</i>	Brian Green	812450	toffee35@gotadsl.co.uk
<i>Cricket Club</i>	Andrew Dunlop	813368	
<i>Dance Fitness</i>	Laura Mitchell	07527 105352	lauramitchell6@sky.com
<i>Flower Show</i>	Philippa Strickland	814384	pstrickl@icloud.com
<i>Gardening Club</i>	Bob Harris	815151	bob.june@btopenworld.com
<i>Neighbourhood Watch</i>	Caroline Turner	813368	littlebudspett@gmail.com
<i>Pett Churches</i>			
- Church Wardens	Angela Hawksley	812705	angela.hawksley3@gmail.com
	John Case	812224	johncase@me.com
- Friends	Gill Plank	812154	gillplank@yahoo.co.uk
- St Nicholas	Fran Rogers	812964	
<i>Pett Level Preservation Trust</i>	Theresa Noutch	814370	theresanoutch@aol.com
<i>Pilates</i>	Annie Cuthbert	01797 225186	tb.cuthbert@btinternet.com
<i>POPP</i>	Sheila Thomas	01303 237778	
<i>Pole Dancing</i>	Jane Baldwin	07403 256148	jane@mrzen.co.uk
<i>PVH Committee</i>	Tim Rothwell	07850 469314	tim.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Eric Butler	814869	Joanbutler369@yahoo.co.uk
<i>Stoolball</i>	Janet Fuller	01303 873227	
<i>Tennis Club</i>	Stuart Ware	815197	petttennisclub@gmail.com
<i>The Club</i>	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
<i>Village Voices</i>	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
<i>WI</i>	Amanda Leeson	07968 443646	pettwi.sec@gmail.com
<i>Yoga Class</i>	Robin Hutt	813182	robinhutt@btinternet.com

### ROOMS FOR HIRE

<i>Methodist Chapel</i>	Wendy Hatch	01424 812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
<i>Sports Pavilion</i>	Stuart Ware	01424 815197	sjw@meadowshed.co.uk
<i>Village Hall</i>	Clare Walker	07718 518053	clare.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
<i>New Beach Club</i>		01424 812080	info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk

***PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION***

<i>Conquest &amp; Eastbourne Hospitals</i>	0300 131 4500
<i>Harold Road Surgery</i>	01424 720878
<i>Hastings Old Town Surgery (Ice House)</i>	01424 452800
<i>Samaritans</i>	116 123
<i>Citizens Advice</i>	03444 111 444
<i>RSPCA Emergency Services</i>	0300 1234 999

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?



**Roads, road markings, verges, signs, drains, potholes, fallen trees, footpaths, etc**  
<https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem>  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk>  
0345 6080190



Councillor Keith Glazier 07957 377844 [cldr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk)

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**Planning, refuse & recycling, fly-tipping & pollution, dog & pest control, beach bye-laws**

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/residents>  
01424 787000

Councillors Andrew Meir 01424 814178 [cldr.andrew.mier@rother.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.andrew.mier@rother.gov.uk)  
Roger Bird 01424 813636 [cldr.roger.bird@rother.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.roger.bird@rother.gov.uk)

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**Pett Level - Sea Wall**

Environment Agency 03708 506 506

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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); 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](http://PettNet.org.uk)

### Councillors

Alan Crouch ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	01424 813145	<a href="mailto:cldr.alan.crouch@pettnet.org.uk">cldr.alan.crouch@pettnet.org.uk</a>
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Andrew Dunlop	01424 813368	<a href="mailto:cldr.andrew.dunlop@pettnet.org.uk">cldr.andrew.dunlop@pettnet.org.uk</a>
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### Parish Clerk

Mary Philo 01797 270790 [clerk@pettnet.org.uk](mailto:clerk@pettnet.org.uk)

Island Cottage, Swan Street, Wittersham, Kent, TN30 7PH

### Tree Warden

Marcus Foster 07812 024070 [mail@marcus-foster.com](mailto:mail@marcus-foster.com)

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<b>GAS LEAKS</b>	National Gas Emergency Service	0800 111 999
<b>POWER CUT</b>	UK Power Networks	105
<b>WATER LEAK</b>	Southern Water emergency service	0800 820 999




**PETT FLOWER  
SHOW & FAYRE**

**PETT VILLAGE HALL**  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**'We'll Meet Again'**

The show will be open at 2.00 pm

**Chris Saint**  
has kindly consented to distribute the  
Trophies and Prizes at 4.30 pm

*Staging of all exhibits must be completed  
Between 8.30 am and 10.15 am*




Elizabeth R  
1953

**Pett & Fairlight**

**FLOWER SHOW**

to be held at  
**The Beach Club**  
PETT LEVEL

**Saturday, August 1st. 1953.**  
**2.30 to 6 p.m.**

**Entries Close July 31st. 12 noon**

All Exhibits to be at Hall by 12 noon  
& staged by 12.30 p.m.

The Hall and Marquees will be cleared  
except for Judges and Officials at 1 p.m.

Exhibits will be auctioned unless removed  
between 5 & 5.30 p.m.

**Special Prizes Presented by**  
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