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## EDITORIAL

On the last weekend of the month the clocks go forward and that means more light in the evenings! There are many events to enjoy coming up in April. We have the W.I. Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd April raising funds for the Conquest Hospital's MacDonald Ward Courtyard Makeover Appeal. On Easter Saturday, 16th April, an event for all the family at the Village Hall, a Makers Market and Brocante, see pages 28 and 29 for more details.

Pett Cricket Club has two matches over the Easter weekend with the seconds travelling to Crowhurst Park and Westfield, the visitors on Easter Sunday. By the way, the Cricket Club are always on the look out for new players.

Also in this edition, we have another authentic Italian recipe from Angela, cod and potatoes, sounds terrific. Have you got any recipes you would like to share?

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***Happy Easter to all our readers. RBR***

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## PETT PARISH COUNCIL - DAVID PENFOLD, CHAIR

The council met in March. It agreed to pay for the Platinum Jubilee footpath map that I have mentioned previously; towards this we have had a grant from Rother District Council, but, as I said last month, the project has to be completed by June in order to obtain the grant. I have invited the Lord Lieutenant to be present at the unveiling ceremony.

The council also agreed that I should sign the new allotments lease, which runs to 2025, and decided to look at alternatives to Speedwatch as a way of reducing speeding through the village.

Although the proposed development is in Fairlight, the council agreed to resubmit its objections to the proposal for a housing estate at Wakeham's Farm; this was rejected by the Rother planning committee, but it has gone to appeal. The council's submission was modified to emphasise the potential problem of increased foul water going to the treatment plant, but not being treated and therefore affecting the Marsham Sewer, which, of course, runs through Pett Level.

I was happy to attend the Commissioning Service at the parish church for Rev. Jonathan Meyer. Already Rector at Winchelsea and Icklesham, he has agreed to take Pett under his wing as well. The service was well attended and a collection made towards Ukraine charities. With regard to the latter, local councils are looking at how they can help.

I have attended two seminars in recent weeks, the first on how Sussex Police plan to use data in a more constructive way, turning millions of records of phone calls, crimes, investigations and court trials into a tool to drive productivity and make people safer. The new database system will enable officers to predict trends, identify serial offenders, study crime hotspots and devote more time to victims. The Chief Constable, Jo Shiner, stated that, whilst people argue that there should be more police officers on the beat, the use of data analytics will help make better decisions on where that visibility should be. Thus, it is now even more important that any crime, however minor, is reported to the police and not just posted on Facebook or notified to Neighbourhood Watch. And you must get a crime number, not just an incident number.

The second seminar was on how Rother are improving the way they handle planning enforcements. Since the new system was introduced, the number of outstanding enforcement cases has been reduced by 37% with a new triage system in operation. Details of the enforcement procedure are given in the council's enforcement plan (see the appendix for details). This can be accessed at <https://www.rother.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Local-Enforcement-Plan-Policy-2022.pdf>. It is perhaps worth noting that 40% of complaints turn out not to be planning breaches at all, but often disputes between neighbours.

The annual parish meeting is on 28 April; organisations in the parish will be asked if they wish to say something about their activities. Incidentally, they can benefit from the new Rother Community Lottery; see <https://www.rothercommunitylottery.co.uk/>.

Finally, it is great to see so many events happening in the village again. Please remember that if you are organising an event, it is worth putting it on Pettnet. Send the details or some artwork to Mary Philo, the parish clerk, and she will upload them.



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## GARDENING CLUB - JUNE HARRIS

This month's meeting was a change to the planned schedule due to illness, so we were immensely grateful to Kathrine Lynn for stepping in at, almost literally, the last moment to deliver a talk entitled "Tiptoe Through the Tulips". Kathrine is a keen and knowledgeable amateur gardener who gave us a colourful, interesting and very informative insight into the history, production and culture of this lovely spring flower.

Tulips were first known to be cultivated in the Ottoman Empire in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and their name is thought to derive from the huge bulb shaped headdress, called a Tulipan, worn by Sultan Suleiman II, the ruler at the time. Tulips came originally from Turkey and China, where the hot dry summers and cold dry winters provided the best conditions for their successful growth - they are not happy in wet, heavy ground where they are likely to rot. We are accustomed to visiting gardens nowadays, but even in the 15<sup>th</sup> century tulip gardens were open to the public, who were encouraged to walk among and appreciate the flowers. An Austrian ambassador of the time, visiting Sultan Suleiman, was given some bulbs, thereby introducing them to Europe and over time Carolus Clusius, a notable botanist, further developed them in Holland in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, collecting seed, crossing and hybridising and producing bulbs for sale. Then, in 1593 the Hortus Botanicus in London was designed and created by Clusius to a plan still recognisable today, in the process firmly establishing tulip growing in this country. Indeed by 1742 a nurseryman's catalogue listed 665 tulip varieties!



Many will have heard of "Tulipmania" a period during which even a single tulip bulb could command a fantastic price of 1000 florins at a time when the average annual salary was 150 florins! It all began when growers exhibited "flaming" tulips, with flowers of one colour marked with what appeared to be a flame pattern in a contrasting colour and they quickly became highly prized as it was wrongly believed they were a very rare hybrid - in fact the markings were due to a virus! Everyone wanted to obtain these prized bulbs which they believed would make them rich, resulting in what amounted to a gambling frenzy, with prices rising madly as the demand increased and purchases often pledged in promissory notes, until one fateful day, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1637, the bulbs at auction did not sell and thereafter prices tumbled with many losing all their money or becoming heavily indebted - Tulipmania was deemed madness and was no more!

Kathrine's talk was beautifully illustrated with slides of many lovely tulips we can all buy today and photos of the vast Dutch bulb fields, huge rainbow blocks of commercial flowers, carefully husbanded to remove rogue colours or poor specimens from the serried ranks of specific colours. The bulbs are harvested in July, the flowers being cut off and discarded to enable the goodness to go into the bulb's development and the plants lifted and dried off. Nowadays most of the work is done by enormous machines which plant the bulbs embedded in lengths of netting, which at harvest time is then hauled from the ground and rolled up, still with the bulb in place. In 2017 Dutch growers exported over 2 billion bulbs and 77% of the world's bulbs come from The Netherlands!

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## GARDENING CLUB - continued

Kathrine offered growing tips for getting the best out of tulips, including planting firm, plump bulbs in November - December up to ten inches deep in prepared ground, using grit for drainage if necessary, or planting in pots if the soil is completely unsuitable, fertilising and watering when planting. She also showed many slides of different varieties of tulip, some early to flower, others late, explaining that, by choosing carefully, it is possible to have these lovely plants in flower from early April until the end of May. She also dispelled the myth of the "Black Tulip"! Despite the name and the strenuous efforts of many growers over the centuries, even the darkest bulbs are shades of purple.



The evening concluded with slides of Keukenhof, the world-renowned stylised tulip and bulb gardens near Amsterdam, which Kathrine has visited many times over the years, where tulips are celebrated so creatively and in their masses from April-May only each year.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Catherine Holman room at Pett VH, will feature another popular flower, with Christine Bartlett delivering a talk entitled "Orchidmania - History of Orchids."

## UKRAINE - ANGELA HAWKSLEY

When I was young, some people were a bit surprised that I could dance the Charleston with confidence. If they asked I used to explain that I learnt it during the Hungarian Revolution. In 1956, thousands of Hungarians escaped from Russian brutality and very many in this country raised money for the refugees in all sorts of different ways. A girl at my school taught the Charleston for sixpence per pupil. Also, I still have a small table which my mother bought for me at that time. She told me it was made by a Hungarian lawyer who was trying to requalify in this country.

These rather trivial personal reminiscences may well reflect current diverse fund-raising in aid of Ukrainians. I hope so. Funding will be needed for a long time.

Our new Priest-in-charge in Pett, Jonathan Meyer, has also pointed out that, even if we cannot invite refugees to live in our homes, we should make sure that we welcome them to our country in whatever way we can.

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In February members warmly welcomed Ian Roberts, Managing Director from Hastings International Piano Concerto Competition who treated them to an inspiring talk about the history of the competition. Ian explained how the competition has evolved since its early days when it was part of the Hastings Music Festival to become an internationally renowned competition for young concert pianists from around the world who compete for the first prize of £15,000 and the opportunity to perform with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a two-night final. Ian engaged a full house with his anecdotes and spoke passionately about his goal to provide opportunities for children from all backgrounds to engage with music and reap the benefits it can bring to their whole life.



What a great relief to Paul Stapley and Laura Mitchell that they had timed their Pett Half Marathon on the day before Storm Eunice made her presence felt! They raised a fabulous £1,100 towards our Pett WICAID (Community Aid) Rye Foodbank appeal. Huge thanks to them both and everyone who donated!

In these continuing difficult times if you know anyone who is struggling to pay their bills, having to go without anything or juggling to cope please contact Rye Foodbank. They are able to support and help people with different problems in different ways. They have specialist advisors on hand for benefits, housing and debt. Please give them a call or pop in to visit on Wednesdays between 1 and 3pm at the Baptist Hall Cinque Ports Street Rye 07526 349847 [ryefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:ryefoodbank@gmail.com).

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY - JONATHAN MEYER

Many of you may not be aware that you now have a new Priest in Charge at Pett. I am delighted to have been licensed to your parish on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I am looking forward to working with the people of Pett and making links with my existing parishes of Winchelsea and Icklesham whenever that is possible. One of my duties will be to contribute something to your magazine from time to time. I apologise if this month seems to focus on Winchelsea but the thoughts underlying my reflection are intended to be universal. In future I look forward to meeting Pett people and no doubt I will find themes that resonate with you in particular.

It is not possible to write any kind of reflection or sermon for that matter at present without thinking about the dreadful situation in Ukraine. As so often happens when something of this magnitude takes place the news is almost entirely dominated by it. Certainly we need to be aware of the horrors taking place but as I constantly pray we need also to remember those other parts of the world where needless suffering is taking place. In some ways the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan at present is almost worse.

In the season of Lent we are using the Bishops Lent course, “Comfort Ye My People”. It is a series of reflections from different Christians and clergy within the diocese. It is worth looking at his introduction, which starts,

“I’m very well, thank you.” That’s the response we normally give when people ask. It takes quite a lot of courage to say something else. So we live with the stuff that makes us not very well. And that can be a very heavy burden to bear.

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to lay down the things that burden us. Lent is a season of safety when we can admit that not all is well. It gives us permission to review our lives and be honest about how we damage ourselves, other people and the world we inhabit.



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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY continued

I rather doubt he realised the significance these opening comments would have for us in the last couple of weeks. Things seemed to be improving with regard to the Covid pandemic and we were beginning to look forward and suddenly we are faced with greater problems. He goes on to refer to those words of Jesus,

“Come unto me those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”

Perhaps this is the most important message of the gospels and indeed of this Lenten period as we prepare for Easter. In a shared humanity we can acknowledge what is wrong with the world and with our own lives and doing so together and in community in a strange way is a comfort and strength to us.

Many people have been seeking to raise money to support Ukraine and unprecedented sums have been raised in a short period. In Winchelsea we had an impromptu piano recital given by one of the young competitors from the international Hastings piano competition. He is Half Russian and had travelled from Moscow where he was studying. He cannot now return but has family in America. He was only too delighted to be able to play for us and support Ukraine. The event raised £5845 and I know people have given more money in other ways. It was supported by people from both Pett and Icklesham as well as Rye and other parishes.

Although it was a fantastic community effort that is not why I have raised it in this context. For me the most powerful aspect to the evening was being able to gather with between 250 and 300 people (standing room only) to acknowledge the enormity of what is happening, to accept that there is a limit to what we can do but most important of all to remember that we come together in our humanity. Some came without faith, some in faith; we came in different ways and yet there was a sense of shared need, shared fears and anxieties.

I believe Jesus does help us bear our burdens, seeking to understand that at least in part is what we should do during Lent and then we will be truly ready to accept and celebrate the risen Christ this Easter and always.

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(Based on words of Jesus, John 10, verse 10)

## Humility

This term we are exploring the Value of **Humility**. This can be quite a difficult concept for young children but we have started by talking about what it means to be humble and not too boastful, recognizing that in all our success, we have had the help of other.

We also discussed how people show humility by putting others first. We have been thinking about the people of Ukraine and how we might help them over the coming months.

Mrs Andrews



### A School Prayer

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and those who are affected by war.

We pray for all those who are afraid, that your comforting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death, that they will choose peace.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



Children wore their scouting group uniforms to school on the 22nd February to celebrate Founders' Day.

Part of their motto is **"to help other people at all times."**



We had a wonderful World Book Day last week. This year we asked the children to dress to represent a word to celebrate our rich and varied vocabulary.

It was wonderful to see all the fantastic costumes and interesting ideas!

Some of my favourites were:

'discombobulated', 'kaleidoscopic', 'suspect', 'contagious', 'extravaganza', 'adventurous' and 'poisonous'.

Buddy in year 4 made and designed his own T-shirt with the word 'Peace' in response to the war in the Ukraine. He included other words such as: friendship, love and positivity.

They were also challenged to transform a potato into a book character- the results were amazing!

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## LA CUCINA DI ANGELA - Patate e baccalá (Cod and potatoes)

The origin of this recipe is very old, from around 1431, when Pietro Querini (a merchant from Venice) shipwrecked close to the Norwegian coast. When he came back to Italy, he imported this unknown fish called "cod" and introduced it to the Italian menu with all his methods for cooking, preservation and storage. During the following centuries cod became very popular in Italy, particularly in the south, and although there are different recipes from north to south, the Pugliese way of cooking it is for me one of the best. I grew up in a seaside town with the smell of baccalá – or cod fish – as my mum used to prepare it particularly around Christmas (frying it as the Italian tradition requires), but also during the year it can be a nice change to introduce into your cuisine.

### FOR 3-4 PEOPLE

400g potatoes

35-40g finely chopped onions

40g finely chopped celery

250-270g cod (without skin and in fillets)

150g tinned tomatoes

4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

50g green pitted olives

1.5 litres water (approx)

Some crostini bread



Peel the potatoes and cut them into big chunks. Heat the olive oil in a large casserole, then add the onion, celery, and olives. Toss the potatoes in the casserole for no more than 30 seconds, adding a bit of water and mixing with all the other ingredients and leave to cook without the lid for no more than three to five minutes. Add the tomato sauce and some water until the potatoes are almost covered and the tomatoes sauce is quite liquid, then leave it to cook until the potatoes are almost ready (it should take more or less 20 minutes). Make sure the tomato sauce doesn't thicken too much by adding some water occasionally, or it will stick to the pan and easily burn the ingredients.

When the potatoes are almost cooked lay the cod under those, towards the edge of the casserole and cover it by all the ingredients. Continue cooking for ten minutes or more, making sure the cod is covered by the tomato sauce as well, which should also partially covers the potatoes. This is a quite slow cook recipe, therefore needs cooking without the lid. That's why this needs the addition of small quantities of water from time to time to stop the tomato sauce from thickening too much, as it will evaporate quite quickly while cooking. You can let the sauce thicken a little bit only towards the end, when it is ready. Add some crostini bread on the side of the plate when serving and..

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## HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY PETT VILLAGE HALL

30th March 2022, that day is the anniversary of 20 years since the opening of second Pett Village Hall. The ceremony was performed by Paul Merton, the television and radio celebrity, who was a resident at that time, he declared the hall open. There are some extracts below taken from the Parish News of that time.

This new building replaced the old wooden building, which was located on the same side of the road, but nearer the church, there is a house now on that site, the clue is in the name. That land for the original hall was donated in 1923 by Mr and Mrs Frank Dennett, in memory of their son, who was killed in action in 1917.

The new village hall was built on land which was another generous gift from residents, Evelyn and David Darnell, By December 1998, a leaflet outlining the plans for the new hall had been sent to all residents. In April 1999, the initial fundraising plan was drawn up and the first event held. Money had been committed for the project from our Parish Council, Rother and ESCC. The National Charities Board were in possession of the application form and busy plan.



The Parish Magazine reported in July 1999, the formation of the fundraising group known as the **Friends of New Pett Village Hall**, who would be the driving force behind raising funds to build the new hall. Amazing people, with an unselfish commitment to the community. Some are still amongst us and others have moved on. Next time you are in the hall take a look around and appreciate what we have and give thanks to them.

## EXTRACTS FROM MARCH 2002 PETT PARISH NEWS

**PETT VILLAGE HALL GRAND OPENING:** Saturday 30th March 2002 starting at 2pm. The moment we have all been waiting for, a great celebration for the whole parish to enjoy. The opening ceremony is combined with the Easter Fayre, which will commence at 2.00pm with stalls and games and competitions. Paul Merton will perform the opening ceremony at 3.00pm. This will be followed by a children's tea with an entertainer. There will also be our annual Easter Bonnet competition for children and adults. Refreshments, bric a brac, book and cake stalls.

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## NATURE NOTES - ALAN KENWORTHY

Spring is well under way now and things are moving quickly. Queen bumblebees are feeding themselves up after their hibernation and are looking for nesting sites. By the time you read this many of the spring bulbs will have finished flowering and hopefully the clocks will have been put back to where they belong. At this time of year though, sources of nectar and pollen can be quite scarce. We have a Flowering Currant and we grow Dwarf Comfrey, both of which are great plants for early foraging insects. Another good plant that I have tried, and failed, to grow is *Mahonia japonica*. This is an evergreen shrub that flowers through the winter and into the early spring and there are a few other *Mahonia* species available that give a similar boost to our beleaguered pollinators. If you want to improve the lot of early pollinators, then don't forget the humble Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*) with its attractive spotty leaves and pinky-purple flowers. This common plant readily grows just about anywhere, so I was quite surprised to learn that it is not a native plant. If you have a passion for native plants, then there is a native species of Lungwort, the Narrow-leaved Lungwort (*Pulmonaria longifolia*), but you would need to travel to a small area around the Solent to see it growing wild. (Most pollinators are not that concerned about national boundaries, fortunately.)



As I have written in this column before, pollinators evolved before flowers did. Before flowers evolved pollen would be wind-blown (as it still is for grasses) or occasionally transported by insects that found the pollen almost by accident. Evolution then favoured species that were more noticeable either visually - hence coloured petals - or from their scent. It makes me wonder whether the fact that humans find flower scent attractive is actually an evolutionary influence? In its random wandering through time, evolution has come up with many wonderful and bizarre ways for plants to ensure that their pollen gets to fertilize another flower. From the trigger plants of Australia that dab pollen onto the back of an insect when it lands on its petals to the Cuckoo Pint that traps insects in a chamber and then releases pollen onto them, and the Snapdragons that are so choosy that only bumblebees can force their way through the tight petals to get their nectar reward and a liberal covering of pollen.

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## NATURE NOTES continued

This preferential habit where one species of plant prefers a specific pollinator, and that pollinator equally prefers the specific plant, is very common in the natural world and is often taken to the extreme. (A dangerous extreme because if one species goes extinct, they both do.) One example among many is the Madagascan orchid that has a 12-inch nectar tube that can only be reached by a hawkmoth that has an equally long tongue. The moth is Wallace's Sphinx Moth, predicted by Darwin in 1862, and Wallace 5 years later and the orchid is the Malagasy Star Orchid. The moth was described as a full species in its own right only last year - *Xanthopan praedicta*.

I came across another really bizarre example of pollination mechanisms recently - that of closed flowers being pollinated by bats. The closed flowers are to be found on a tropical tree or shrub of the genus *Dillenia*. Because the trees grow in rainforests, if they were to open their flowers, then the pollen would get washed away by the rain. (Presumably other rainforest species took the easier evolutionary step of having their flowers face downwards!) If the flower is not visited by bats, then it is possible for the flowers to self-pollinate, but that has a very low success rate and they rarely set seed. If a bat does visit the flower, then it can't get at the nectar and pollen because the flower is closed, so the only option available to the bat is to rip off the corolla (petals) to lap up the nectar. This evolutionary dance has been fine tuned by the trees so that copious quantities of nectar are produced only for a very short period at night when the bats are active. Nature never ceases to amaze.

## SUGGESTIONS FROM ANGELA HAWKSLEY

*It sounds a bit smug, but I really do think our magazine is better than the other village magazines. It is useful, informative, entertaining and easy to read. Very occasionally the articles are too long for me but that is my only criticism. I am very grateful to the Editor and his team.*

*In the March edition, the Editor asks for more and different contributions. Some years ago I thought it would be a good idea for one of us to contribute a short poem (or part of a longer poem) and explain briefly why that poem means a lot. I started it off but that was it! Nobody else contributed a poem.*

*I wonder now whether we could have a series of say, book recommendations or suggestions of places to visit. It would also be interesting each month to read about an item in the Archive Resource Centre.*



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With winter nets coming to an end, we are now looking forward to the cricket season starting!  
We have 5 friendly fixtures in April:

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Home vs Westfield  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Away vs Hastings Priory 2nds  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Home vs Hastings Priory 3rds  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Away vs Robertsbridge



Work has started on the Cricket Pitch on the Recreation Ground with plenty of mowing and rolling of the wicket along with some tidying of the pavilion to make sure we're ready for the season.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Pett CC Quiz night, it was a great evening and we're very grateful to the money raised which will go towards maintenance and general running of the club.

With the season quickly approaching, please get in touch if you'd like to be involved in the club - new players are always welcome!

A vertical advertisement for a bungee jumping event. The background is yellow and orange. At the top, it says "st michael's hospice" in blue. Below that, "BUNGEE ON THE BEACH" is written in large, bold, blue letters. A red banner in the middle says "Saturday 7th May The Stade Hastings Old Town 10am - 6pm". Below the banner, it says "£25 per jumper Tandem jumps available 160ft!". At the bottom, it says "The ultimate adrenaline fuelled event - are you brave enough?". A circular inset shows a person bungee jumping over a landscape. A red starburst at the bottom right says "New for 2022!". At the very bottom, it says "Sign up today! www.stmichaelsospice.com/bungee or call 01424 456396" and "Registered charity number 288462". There are logos for "stm" and "HASTINGS" at the bottom.

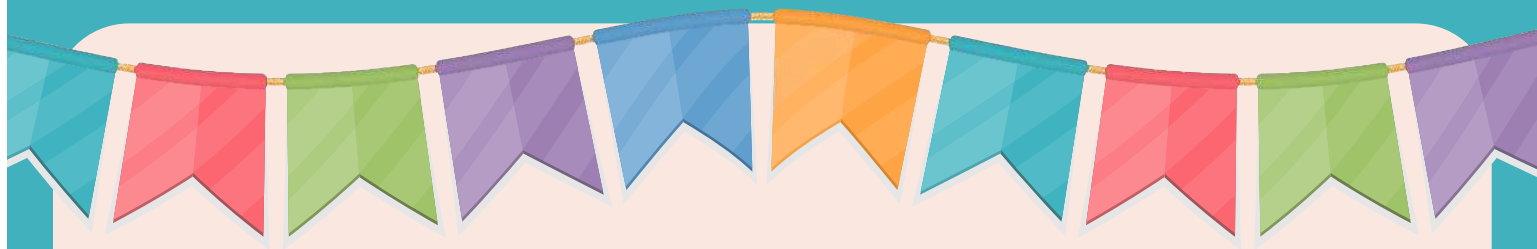
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## SATURDAY 30 JULY 2022 - CELEBRATIONS



The AGM was held at Pett Village Hall on Wednesday 2 March at 19.00 hours. The meeting was well attended with positive comments on the 2021 show, held for the first time at Pett Village Hall.

In her report, the Chairman said how pleased the Committee were that the community had supported the Show particularly by the number of entries, which had been expected to be lower than previous years. The whole atmosphere had been fantastic and it was great to see friends catching up after lockdown.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers for their support and hard work on the day. The Show had been a financial success and there is an opportunity to support local causes. Requests had been made by Pett WI fundraising for the Macdonald Courtyard Garden at the Conquest Hospital, the Archive Resource Centre at Pett Methodist church for equipment to document local history and Pett Church for improvements to the heating at St Nicholas Pett Level. £600 has been donated to the causes.

The Chairman expressed her gratitude to the Committee members for their support. They give thoughtful advice, creative ideas and commitment to making the Show a success. Although not a Committee Member, thanks also to Sue Dengate and her buddies for administering the entries.

The Schedule is nearing completion and the Committee have decided to distribute it with the May edition of Pett Parish News.

For those wishing to be creative, the Schedule will be available on Pettnet shortly. The theme of Celebrations obvious features in the Art and Young Peoples classes:

- Young People (under 5; child and helper): Paint or draw a picture of The Queen
- Young People\_(5-8 Years): Make a crown; Paint or draw a palace; Grow a marigold in a 4 inch (or smaller) pot
- Young People (9-14 Years): Paint or draw a picture of a street party; Make a Platinum Jubilee souvenir; Grow a pot (4 inch or smaller) of mint
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On the matter of "holding", we find that our recent Book of the Month of that title has been made into a TV series. We only have one copy of *Holding* by Graham Norton, so first come first served if you would like to borrow it. Our book choice this month is unlikely to appear on TV, although it is on the perennially popular topic of baking. Called *Tea Time* by Jackie Brooks, it has a discussion of tea, some ideas for sandwiches, is packed with recipes for cupcakes, cakes, slices, scones, shortbread, cheesecakes and tarts and is well illustrated. We always have a selection of cookery books and try to include some specialist areas such as diabetic or gluten-free requirements.

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## PICK OF THE PODCASTS - RICHARD BRADSHAW

I always look forward to In Our Time presented by Melvyn Bragg. This Radio 4 production has been on air for over 20 years. The attractions of this programme for me, includes the diversity of content, along with the in-depth knowledge of the invited experts and most importantly, Melvyn Bragg,

Bragg keeps it all on track. It seems to me that he has always done his homework, he appears to know the subject and always asks incisive questions of his guests. The topics might not always be of immediately interest to me, but I have learned to be open minded because there is always hidden gold in this production.

One example of that hidden gold was the episode featuring William and Caroline Herschel and their importance in the field of astronomy. William seemingly more famous, but Caroline's contribution was surprising. The lengths they had to go to without the assistance of any modern conveniences, William spent hours polishing his telescope mirrors and Caroline originally brought from Germany, as William's domestic support became a giant in the field of astronomy.

Some more examples of content that have surprised me and filled in huge chunks of my ignorance. The Temperance Movement programme, they were instrumental in ensuring children were educated. More recently, I heard the episode on Thomas Hardy's Poetry. I have read some of his novels, but his prolific output of poetry was outside my realm of knowledge. An interesting listen.

Other subjects covered covered include The Talmud, The Evolution of Horses. Lorca the Spanish playwright and poet, The Doomsday Book and Eleanor of Aquitaine. There is also a huge back catalogue of material.

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## PETT GUARDIANS

Last month I made the fatal mistake of writing my Guardians update before the work-party was due to take place. Seventy mile per hour winds scuppered that work-party (although a couple of Guardians bravely turned up). We did, however, regroup the following Saturday. We managed to clear most of the woody waste (thanks to Tim Jury for taking away two large trailer loads), planted the primroses around the memorial garden and finished trimming the back hedge.

We are planning one more work party before the summer (on Saturday 2nd April). There are still a couple of piles of woody waste to remove, we will thin out a Euonymus bush where the shed used to be to let in more light, and finally we hope to sort out the two piles of clay from newly dug graves (the idea is to form a couple of banks on either side of the entrance to the twitten from the main churchyard). I am also hoping that by then we will have some chestnut stakes (kindly donated to the Guardians by a member of our community) and we can start to put up information signs describing the variety of insects, reptiles and plants that can be found in our churchyard.

*As ever, if you want to know more about what we are doing please give me a call on 07710 080148.*



*Right: The new boundary of the Memorial Garden created with small rocks from the old wall. The Guardians have planted the primroses.*



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## PETT ON THE KNIT - HEATHER GODWIN

At the beginning of March I received the following email:

*Dear Pett on the Knit,*

*I am delighted to say that we have received your wonderful knitted donations, thank you so much. We look forward to delivering the knitted items, as they will undoubtedly make a big difference to those in need. Thank you for your support, we truly appreciate it.*

*All the latest information from Knit for Peace can be found in our monthly newsletter and on our Facebook page!*

*With warm wishes from all the team*

*Lucy*

The news from war-torn Ukraine brings into sharp perspective how our small contributions can make a big difference to the individuals receiving them. Our Pett on the Knit project is to knit squares for blankets, which are then crocheted together, but Knit for Peace accepts anything knitted with love: baby clothes, knitted toys, hats, scarves, gloves, socks.....

The dimensions and pattern for the squares are repeated below. Squares should measure 12.5cms (5 inches) square, be made of synthetic DK wool. and knitted on No 4mm (old fashioned No 8) needles.

### **Blanket Square Pattern:** (knit diagonally)

Cast on 1 stitch.

Row 1: kf&b (2 stitches)

Row 2: K1, kf&b (3 stitches)

Row 3: K1, kf&b, k1 (4 stitches)

Row 4: K1, kf&b, k2 (5 stitches)

Row 5: K1, kf&b, k3 (6 stitches)

Row 6: K1, \*K1, kf&b, knit to end of row\*

Repeat the 6th Row from \* to \* until side of square is exactly 12.5cm.

Begin to decrease.

Next Row: K1, k2tog, knit to end of row.

Repeat this row until 2 stitches remain.

Next Row: K 2 together.

Tidy up wool ends by sewing into square.

Abbreviations: K = Knit, Kf&b = knit into the front and back of the same stitch, K2tog= knit two stitches together.



If you need any wool, let me know. I have quite a bit now, thanks to the generosity of people in the village. If you have any squares or items to donate please bring them to the Coffee Mornings, or to me at 2 Brambletye, Pett Road, near the Methodist Church. I can always come and collect - any questions please contact me on 07977 100 296 or [heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk) or [heathergodwin19@gmail.com](mailto:heathergodwin19@gmail.com)

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## PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT



April has swiftly arrived and spring is in the air! The daffodils are blooming and the fields are alive with the new lambs. At Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat we hope everyone across the parish is well and enjoying the lighter evenings and warmer weather.

- We were thrilled that the PLIRB Charity Shed re-opened on Sunday 3 April, and will continue to run every Sunday from 10am to 4pm (weather permitting!). This much-loved and busy stall raises enormously valuable funds for us. We are hugely grateful to everyone who contributes bric-a-brac items and to all those who give up their time to support the stall. Please do stop by to view the goodies on sale - including our PLIRB branded merchandise!
- At the same time, our popular Charity Shed Online Auction also re-started on Sunday 3 April with some great objects up for grab! If you have any saleable items to donate, please think of us and drop your items down to the boathouse on a Sunday morning, where one of our volunteers will be grateful to receive them. To find out more about the online auction and the items on offer, please visit our Facebook page.
- A huge shout out to Lucy Hogg who completed her amazing five-month open water Polar Bear swimming challenge to raise funds for PLIRB! Lucy has always been a keen swimmer and regularly takes to the water off the slip at Pett Level. Lucy signed up for the challenge which ran from November to March and requires 1000 metres of swimming per month in just a swim suit - no wet suits allowed! We are incredibly proud and thankful to Lucy and everyone who supported this impressive feat!
- We have been delighted to welcome new volunteer crew to PLIRB over recent months and are immensely proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. We now train twice a week - on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The mid-week sessions are incredibly valuable to focus on specific tasks, procedures and first aid, develop skills and knowledge and prepare for the weekend exercise. They also provide an opportunity for crew to ask questions and take part in a fun quiz! New volunteers are ALWAYS welcome at PLIRB - there are many roles to fill, from beach, boat and base crew, to fundraising and administrative activities. Visit us for a cup of tea and to find out more!
- As we continue to grow as a team of volunteers, we need to invest in additional equipment for the crew - for which we are always so grateful to our supporters for helping to fund. We are investigating new dry suits to keep volunteers warm, safe and dry and highly visible out on the water. We were delighted to welcome Northern Diver to the boathouse to explore new kit options - more updates will follow!
- The Great British Spring Clean is currently taking place, ending on 10 April. Co-ordinated by Keep Britain Tidy, the campaign promotes that every small act can make a difference to protecting the environment. The message is simple - join the campaign and pledge to pick up as much litter as you can from your local beach and countryside.
- The Be Water Aware campaign runs from 25 April to 1 May, focusing on drowning prevention and water safety. To support this annual campaign, PLIRB regularly provides guidance and advice to raise awareness to be safe in and around the waters at Pett Level. Stop by the boathouse on a Sunday morning for tide and wind information - and for any practical guidance.



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## PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT continued

- As the Easter holiday approaches, the beaches at Pett Level will become busier with local residents enjoying the outdoors and the many visitors who love to enjoy the wonderful surroundings. Where possible, we aim to keep the boathouse open for longer during the holiday weekends, to provide support and beach safety information. Follow us on Facebook for more information!

As the spring and summer continue, PLIRB will be out and about in the community - joining you at local fairs and festivals and fundraising at various locations and present. We will keep you posted on where you will find us!

To keep in touch, find out more and to purchase our merchandise, please check out our website <https://plirb.com> and our social media: Twitter [@PLIRBRescue](https://twitter.com/PLIRBRescue); Facebook [@PettLevelRescueBoat](https://facebook.com/PettLevelRescueBoat) and [@supportingPLIRB](https://facebook.com/supportingPLIRB) and Instagram [@pettlevelindyrescueboat](https://instagram.com/pettlevelindyrescueboat).

## FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 - PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

September seems a long way away but, as far as I'm concerned, time flies by so it is never too early to start thinking about items for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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## CHURCH NEWS & TIMES - JOHN CASE, CHURCHWARDEN

It was very pleasing to see so many people attend the recent special licensing service for the Revd Jonathan Meyer, our new Priest-in Charge for Pett & Pett Level. Dr Edward Dowler, the Archdeacon for Hastings, oversaw the formal part of the licensing service after which the congregation enjoyed a magnificent afternoon tea, with an amazing array of delicious home-made cakes. Our thanks go to all who made cakes and served teas and coffees. You all made Jonathan feel very welcome!

### New Church Treasurer

I'm pleased to say that Heather Godwin has accepted the role of Treasurer for the Pett Parochial Church Council (PCC) with immediate effect. We are delighted that Heather is joining us and I know that her wealth of experience in the charity, public and private sectors will be of great benefit to the churches here in Pett & Pett Level as we move forward.

#### 3RD APRIL - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am	Pett, St Mary and St Peter	Parish Communion	Revd J. Meyer
11.00am	Winchelsea, St Thomas	Parish Eucharist	Revd J. Meyer

#### 10TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

8:30am	Pett Level, St Nicholas,	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J. Meyer
9.30am	Icklesham, St Nicolas	Parish Communion	Revd J. Meyer
11.00am	Winchelsea, St Thomas	Parish Eucharist	Revd J. Meyer
5.00pm	Winchelsea, St Thomas	Evening Service with Hymns & Readings of the Passion	Revd J. Meyer

#### 14TH APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm	Winchelsea, St Thomas	Holy Communion with Washing of the Feet	Revd J. Meyer
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#### 15TH APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm	Icklesham - St Nicolas	Service of Meditation on the Cross	Revd J. Meyer
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#### 16TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm	Winchelsea, St. Thomas,	Easter Vigil, Service of Light	Revd J. Meyer
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#### 17TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

5.45am	Winchelsea Beach	Dawn Service Eucharist on the Beach	Revd J. Meyer
9.30am	Icklesham, St. Nicolas,	Parish Eucharist	TBC
9:30am	Pett, St. Mary and St. Peter	Parish Eucharist	Revd J. Meyer
11.00am	Winchelsea, St Thomas	Parish Eucharist	Revd J. Meyer

#### 24TH APRIL - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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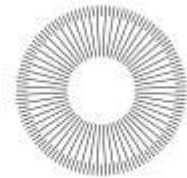
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- The New Beach Club, Pett Level
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- Judging will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the winner will be announced on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022
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6 W	01 46	3.3	14 03	3.0
7 TH	02 09	3.0	14 29	2.6
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Pett Level - The New Beach Club  
Pett - Telephone box opposite The Royal Oak on Elms Lane  
Pett - Village Hall



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR UTILITIES

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

## POST OFFICE

The POST OFFICE is open on Monday and Thursday, 12:45 to 3pm, at Pett Methodist Church



THE NEAREST PRIORITY POST BOXES FOR THE RETURN OF COVID TESTS ARE IN PETT OPPOSITE FRENCH COURT LANE AND AT THE FAIRLIGHT POST OFFICE

## BUSES

### Pett: 347

Chick Hill to Hastings Queens Road

Buses (from Pett) run approximately every 2 hours from 8:20 to 15:45 Monday to Friday; on Saturday approximately 8:25 and 14:00; no service on Sunday

### Pett Level: 101

Hastings to Rye (and onwards) via Fairlight and Pett Level:

Buses approximately every hour from 07:30 to 19:20 (to Rye) and from 09:20 to 18:20 (to Hastings) Monday to Saturday; on Sunday every other hour from 09:40 to 17:40 (to Rye) and from 10:50 to 16:50 (to Hastings)



For more information visit <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/> or get the Stagecoach App

## COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES & CONTACTS

Recreation ground and play area (except the bowling green, sports pavilions, tennis courts and cricket pitch which are leased to the Pett Sports Association)	PPC
Defibrillator and phone kiosk opposite the Royal Oak	PPC
War memorial at Pett Church	PPC
Several roadside benches, noticeboards and village signs	PPC
Website (PettNet); Pett & Pett Level News Magazine	PPC
Roads (inc Road Markings, Road Signs, Drains, Potholes, fallen trees)	ESCC
Verges & Footpaths	ESCC
Planning (applications, decisions, appeals, etc)	RDC
Refuse & Recycling	RDC
Fly-Tipping & Pollution	RDC
Dog & Pest Control	RDC
Beach Bye-Laws	RDC
Sea Wall at Pett Level	EA

### PETT PARISH COUNCIL (PPC)

In addition to the above responsibilities PPC can also provide a parish wide view on planning applications. PPC 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.

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#### FLOOD WARDEN

VACANCY



### ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL (RDC)

01424 787000; www.rother.gov.uk/residents

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Roger Bird	01424 813636	cllr.roger.bird@rother.gov.uk



### EAST SUSSEX COUNCIL (ESCC)

www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem

0345 6080190; www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Councillor Keith Glazier	07957 377844	cllr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk
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### THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA)

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<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
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<i>Pett Churches</i>			
- <i>Warden</i>	John Case	812244	johncase@me.com
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- <i>St Nicholas</i>	Fran Rogers	812964	
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<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
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<i>Yoga Class</i>	Robin Hutt	813182	robinhutt@btinternet.com
<b>ROOMS FOR HIRE</b>			
<i>Methodist Chapel</i>	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
<i>Sports Pavilion</i>	Stuart Ware	815197	sjw@meadowshed.co.uk
<i>Village Hall</i>	Clare Walker	07718 518053	clare.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
<i>New Beach Club</i>		812080	info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk

**PETT VILLAGE  
HALL  
500 CLUB  
WINNERS  
FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

**1ST BRENDA KIRKHAM  
2ND ANGELA HOWARD  
3RD CAROL GLASSON  
DRAW DATE 2ND MARCH 2022**

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# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Pett Village Hall

The 2022 Annual Parish Meeting  
takes place on

**Thursday 28 April at 7.30 pm**

**Wine available from 7.00 pm**

We hope to have a speaker on a  
local topic and the various  
organisations in the parish will be  
asked to say something about their  
activities

There will be a report from the  
Chairman of the Parish Council on  
the last year's activities

Then **YOU** will have an opportunity  
to discuss any matters that you feel  
are of importance to the  
community.

**ALL PETT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME  
SO PLEASE COME ALONG.**