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Dear Editor

MAY FRONT COVER

What a marvellous piece of artwork by Shanice Bowles, must have taken some time to create. Well done Shanice, this was a joy to look at.

Tony Howard

Dear Editor

PETT CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 2022 (NOT the July Flower Show at the Village Hall)

Even to think of September may seem to reduce our appreciation of the sunny attractions of the summer. So it is with some hesitation that I ask you to think briefly of that season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and look forward just a little bit to the Pett Church Flower Festival on the weekend of 17th/18th September.

The Flower Festival is always full of a combination of variety and beauty and skill. At the same time it provides a puzzle to work out the meanings and symbolism of the flower arrangements.

So, do consider being a flower arranger or a sponsor or just make sure it features on your calendar as an unmissable event.

You may wonder what the 2022 theme will be. So do I. It is still under discussion but I should be able to tell you in the next magazine.

Angela Hawksley

PETT BOWLS CLUB

Would you like to learn how to play bowls? We are a friendly club and would welcome anyone to come along for a taster session. We meet on a Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the far corner of the recreation ground and you are very welcome to join us to see what we do. For any queries please telephone Brenda Kirkham on 01424 815022 or 07444 00 8034. We look forward to meeting you.

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IAN THE SMILING POSTIE

In April, unexpectedly, Pett Road residents received the sad news that Ian, our lovely smiling Postie, was to take early retirement because of his dodgy knees. No one was more surprised than Ian himself, who was given one day's notice that he could depart a Postie's life.



Consequently, Ian had no time to say goodbye to all his grateful customers. So, collection boxes were hastily made, placed into the Butcher's Shop (thank you, Sarah), passed around at the Coffee Morning in April and then put into TicToc (thank you, Ali).

Ian was then invited to the May Coffee Morning, with his wife, Emily, where he was presented with cards, including a picture of the Pett Road postbox (taken by talented local photographer Yolanda Wiggins), bubbly and, appropriately, Post Office Gift Vouchers which he could spend wherever he chose. Emily was given a bunch of flowers.

Later in the day I received a lovely message from Ian. 'Look, the postbox picture is hanging in my hall already. Thank you so much, Heather (and Philippa) for organising such a wonderful day and for all the generous gifts and cards. Something I will remember for the rest of my life and the people of Pett will always be in my heart. God(win) bless.'

There were several tributes to Ian on the Pett & Pett Level Community Facebook page. This one, from John Case, sums up how we felt about our smiling Postie: 'Ian was such a wonderful postman - so conscientious and dedicated, and he always greeted you with a lovely cheerful smile. Nothing was too much trouble. He is missed already and will be very hard to replace. Sending Ian best wishes for a very happy and well-earned retirement.'

Heather Godwin

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Congratulations to Sarah and Ian on their recent marriage. They exchanged their vows at a Handfasting ceremony held in the garden of The Two Sawyers. Handfasting, an ancient ceremony, is the symbolic act of a couple's hands being tied together, often with cords or ribbons, representing their union. It may be the origin of 'tying the knot'.

Sarah says "thank you to everyone that came out and supported us on our special day, it meant a lot to us."

As you know, Sarah opened The Old Butcher's Shop just before the first lock-down, and she became a lifeline for many of us in the village and beyond. And so on behalf of Pett and Pett Level I and the magazine team would like to wish them all future happiness.



Photos courtesy of Peter Felton & Mike Wilkins

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST CAR OR MOTORCYCLE?



Following on from the picture of Pett Garage in the last edition of the magazine, Mr. Arthur Farnes has shared with us the first car (BXA 749) that he bought in 1957.

Arthur recalls that he paid (in £/s/d) £27/10 for the car. Road tax was £3/10, insurance £3 and petrol (top grade) £0/1/10. Using the Bank of England Inflation Calculator (available on-line) this translates to 2021 prices of £480, £55, £53 and £0.88p respectively.

The photograph shows Arthur in his car in the front of 12 Gelebe Cottages, Elms Lane.

A competition (no prizes) - do you know what make, model and production year this car is?



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Pt* JUBILEE

It can be quite difficult to feel truly celebratory and joyful when there are such dreadful things happening all over the world, especially in Ukraine. On the other hand, constant sadness on our part will not help those who are suffering so terribly.

SO LET'S CELEBRATE THIS JUBILEE! There are very many Jubilee events going on in Hastings and in all the villages as well as in Pett. The events I want to suggest to you are both here in Pett on **SUNDAY 5TH JUNE**:

9.30am: Pett Church: CELEBRATION SERVICE paying tribute to the Queen and also to all those who do so much for our village, especially Councillors and organizers of clubs and societies. So covert republicans can also have something to celebrate!

It will also be a chance to meet Revd Jonathan Meyer who is our new priest-in-charge and will conduct the service.

12noon: Pett Recreation Ground: CELEBRATION PICNIC: bring your own picnic and garden chair and we will provide drinks. This, we hope, is going to be a relaxing peaceful time. There will be a written quiz but you are not compelled to fill it in! It would be great to have a musical accompaniment to all this. So do bring along any strolling musicians you might come across. And, of course, we do need to have a bit of sunshine!

- As I'm sure you know, Pt is the chemical symbol for Platinum as well as being an abbreviation for Pett. Its atomic number is 78. The word Platinum is the diminutive of the Spanish word Plata meaning silver. It was the Spanish who discovered it in 1735.

*Angela Hawksley
Pett Parochial Church Council*



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PETT CRICKET CLUB

May has started with mixed fortunes for both the 1st XI and 2nd XI.

The first weekend saw the 1st XI lose at home against Ringmer despite 52 not out from Ben Linklater. However the 2nd XI won their opening game against Seaford by 73 runs thanks to 96 from Paul Leitch and 61 not out from Paul Fagan.



May 14th saw a turn in results for both sides with the 1st winning by 51 runs against Bexhill with Luke Crisford taking 5-34.

The 2nd XI lost against Willingdon, Joel Greig top scoring with 60.

We've also played a couple of friendlies which has been a great opportunity for our young players to showcase their talent. Charlie Ware, Sam Bradnum and Jack Gurney all performing really well.

All of our fixtures are now on the notice board at the entrance to the Recreation Ground and it would be great to see new faces cheering the teams on.

Shout out to Jenny Crisford who never misses a game - we all appreciate your support!

It's been a warm and sunny start to the cricket season, so let's hope this continues along with some more victories for Pett CC.

Gary Chatham

CALLING ALL PETT BAKERS!

Fairlight End Garden opens for the National Gardens Scheme on **Sunday 12 June**. Charitable beneficiaries include Marie Curie Cancer Care, Macmillan Cancer Support, and Pett Village Hall.

Please bake a cake for this event and bring it to Fairlight End (opposite the Two Sawyers) on the **afternoon of Saturday 11 June or on Sunday 12 June before 10 am**. Mark your tin, plate, or box with contact details and collect after the event.



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Chris Hutt

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We had a busy, happy Coffee Morning in April, with an unusual Special Guest, thanks to Heather and Philippa. Ian, the postman to many of us for the last five years or so, came along together with his wife to celebrate his unexpected and early retirement.

We have a message from Jane that there will be no Jigsaw Library in June, July or August. If you would like to borrow or return a jigsaw during these months, please contact Jane on 07788 410342. And, of course, if you have a jigsaw to return, we are happy to take it in at the Community Library on Jane's behalf.

Our Book of the month is kindly being donated by Anna into our own small permanent collection. It is a newly published and unusual historical novel entitled and set in Winchelsea, by Alex Preston.

If you are new to the village, or not sure about the library, we run it as an adjunct to the Coffee Morning. The books come from a specially designated section of the County Library and we change them regularly. It costs nothing to borrow a book and you do not need to be a member of the public library, but we do ask that, when you borrow your first book from us, you complete a form with your contact details, which is kept under lock and key.

We look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st June, 10 - 12

Anne, Tim and Fran, Anna and Vivien

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 30 July 2022

At the time of writing this article, the big question is

WHEN IS IT GOING TO RAIN?

Crops are growing and flowers are budding even though the water butts are almost empty, so there are bound to be some fantastic entries.

Holding the Show at Pett Village Hall has saved some of the major expenses. The Committee have been able to make improvements to the staging of the entries from lessons learnt at other shows. The biggest problem in 2021 was our loudspeaker system. The megaphone just wasn't up to the task of getting announcements all around the Hall. We are employing a local audio company to set up speakers to be sure that everyone can hear the important news.

We are delighted that our fantastic WI Events team are, once again, going to take on the Refreshments with a tempting offer to suit all tastes. There will, of course, also be the Pimms Tent and the Grand Raffle. Kind volunteers have stepped forward to man these and other stalls.

The rosettes have arrived for the **DOG SHOW** and very pretty they are too. Your pets will be proud to wear one or maybe two.

In addition, there will be pitches for local organisations and businesses. We already have several but there is room for more. **Interested parties should apply for an application form to:**

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MY GARDEN BLOG GILL PLANK

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On my return the ground was like concrete and I was unable to plant anything. I have since sorted out hosepipes and watered, although that applies only to the vegetable garden and the fishpond and everything else is still waiting.

Some progress is now being made with tomatoes and cucumbers starting in the greenhouse, and peas, beans and courgettes coming up nicely in a plastic greenhouse.

It is nonetheless a beautiful time of year with tulips and hyacinths taking over from the glorious daffodils, and the fruit blossom is stunning. The many shades of green on the trees as they come into leaf is staggering, as is the blossom on the horse chestnut trees along with the rhododendrons and azaleas.

Bird life has changed a bit this year. There are plenty of blue and great tits and some long tailed tits but I have not seen a coal tit or marsh tit this season. Blackbirds, thrushes, woodpeckers, sparrows, goldfinches, wrens, robins and dunnocks are very much in evidence as are the ubiquitous wood pigeons, jackdaws, magpies and rooks. These last three are very determined to take all the bird seed from the feeders - the rooks, magpies and jackdaws by swinging on the feeders and the wood pigeons by patiently sitting underneath for the dropped seeds.

I am still visited by ducks but the numbers are dwindling. There are seven male mallards and one female. As you can imagine she is having a tricky time of it! I believe she is on eggs as twice a day she comes racing up the garden noisily to demand food. There are Canada geese goslings down on the lake.

A badger and a pair of foxes visit regularly and a couple of weeks ago I was alerted by some very strange noises. As it was dark I got my torch out and found two pairs of eyes staring back at me. These belonged to two small fox cubs who were having some sort of play fight under the camellia bush. I have not seen them since but it was lovely to see as one comes across so many killed on the roads.

One very extraordinary puzzle. Last week during the afternoon a neighbour's cat was on my lawn with something in her mouth. On closer examination it turned out to be a bat!! This little bat was very angry and baring its teeth at anything close enough. My daughter collected it carefully and placed it in the shed. It was alive and apparently undamaged but very cross. The next day it had gone so we thankfully assumed it was OK. I don't know what kind it was. It was larger than a pipistrelle - looking at my book possibly a Serotine which apparently inhabit the South Coast. The question is why was it out in the daylight and how did the cat catch it?



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NEWS FROM PETT LEVEL PRESERVATION TRUST

Although the weather continues to be variable, in terms of sightings of wildlife, spring finally seems to have sprung! On the Pett Level Preservation Trust (PLPT) land summer migrant birds have returned - sedge and reed warblers are shouting their scratchy song from the reed fringed ditches whilst in the blackthorn whitethroat and lesser whitethroat, chiff chaff and blackcap are all actively nest building. The more sedentary species, song thrush, blackbird, robin, dunnock etc are already busy feeding their young. Our scrub clearance work, undertaken by local volunteers throughout the winter, ceased in March in order to enable these species to nest undisturbed. However, mowing of the open areas to keep footpaths open and valuable habitats free of invasive species where it doesn't disturb nesting birds continues. A generous donation from a local resident has enabled us to buy a mowing machine which helps with this task enormously.

Last November we used a contractor to cut some of the grassland areas and to remove the cuttings. We are doing this to keep the areas free of invasive scrub and also to reduce the nutrients in the soil so that less common species of flowering plant are encouraged. We have started to record all these plants on the PLPT land - 132 to date - and will look to complete the task this summer. Already there are a number of wild plants in flower, the yellow umbels of Alexanders perhaps being the most obvious. This plant is a member of the group of plants called umbellifers of which the most widespread species is cow parsley. Alexanders is largely confined to coastal areas though it is noted from the occasional inland sites where it is associated with ancient monastic herb gardens. It was introduced to the UK from the Mediterranean by the Romans who used it as an all-purpose spring vegetable and tonic. Apparently, the flower buds are delicious in salads and the soft, young, blanched shoots can be cooked like asparagus although I can't vouch for any of this myself! Other umbellifers to be found include hogweed, and the hemlock water dropworts, plants that grow on the banks of the Royal Military Canal of which the wildly named corky-fruited hemlock water dropwort is the most unusual! Some of these plants are poisonous so do avoid touching them unless you are happy with your identification. As to other plants we still have the summer to look forward to - maybe we will see the return of an orchid or two this summer? I will report back in due course.



PETT LEVEL PRESERVATION TRUST

The Trust is always looking for new Friends to support its work and to help out with practical management.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of PLPT please email Theresa Nouch at theresanouch@aol.com or if you want to volunteer for practical management over the winter contact Martin King at twotrok@hotmail.co.uk.

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Hello to all of our members..... and prospective members!

2021, Covid and related issues are all now a distant (unpleasant!!) memory and the Club is going from strength to strength.

In the kitchen, Jo continues to produce an excellent, varied and interesting selection of food, all at prices well below those of the local pubs.

We are pleased to have been able to maintain our range of beers and, on some weekends, now have four real ales on offer; we also stock craft beers and our usual range of lagers, cider and soft drinks, all at very competitive prices.

Our most recent 'event' saw 'Sound Syndicate' playing at the Club on 30 April, and we took a collection for Ukraine during the course of that event which raised over £640.

The inimitable Matt Barden's popular Quiz takes place every Monday night (8pm; teams of up to six members) and regularly attracts over 12 teams. Please try it - you'll love it!!

The very popular 'Helter Skelter' will be playing on Saturday 28 May, and other 'gigs' have been booked for the Summer into the Autumn, including the excellent 'Los Twangueros'.

Arrangements for the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee at the Club had not been finalised when this copy was being written. Members will be advised via e-mail update.

Members who have provided us with an e-mail address should be receiving regular weekly e-mail updates; if you are not receiving these, please let us know your current e-mail address by messaging info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk. Also, you can continue to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with upcoming events, and new additions to Jo's ever changing menu!

We have all been through challenging times, but thank you all for your ongoing support. Membership is at the highest level it's been for some years, so please continue to come down, meet Carla and Will and enjoy the friendly atmosphere in your Club.

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GARDENING CLUB

Our first visit of the year was successful and enjoyable, despite the dull, chilly weather! About 30 members went to Bateman's, Rudyard Kipling's family home near Burwash and those who have been before appreciated the changes and upgrades made in recent years.

The lovely 17th century stone-built house sits so well in the landscape, a large but comfortable property, surrounded by its gardens. The grounds are very well kept nowadays, with a number of gardeners busily working as we wandered round. The vegetable and fruit garden has been extended and was full of healthy new plants, quite the envy of some of our group! The "no-dig" method is now employed, which entails leaving the soil's substructure and its ecosystem intact and adding deep mulches to the surface, which will be gradually incorporated renewing and enriching the ground. A long border against an attractive boundary wall was full of pretty spring planting and newly planted cherry and crab apple trees. The pond is yet to peak, but lily pads are starting to appear and there was water hyacinth in abundance to appreciate. There were also some huge borders planted with wallflowers giving off a delicious perfume. The walk past the lily pond and down to the mill through flowering meadows is very pleasant indeed and the National Trust have made a good job of renovating and conserving the mill itself. There are also designated walks around the wider estate those wishing to explore further can follow.



Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkins

The set-up at Bateman's seems to work well. The house is naturally the focal point of any visit and is largely unchanged since the Kipling family lived there. The very personable guides told us the family had so appreciated the age of the house that they sought in furnishing and modernising it to be as sympathetic as possible to its great age even then and sourced Jacobean furniture, kept all the panelling and even leather wallcoverings and introduced "modern" improvements such as bathrooms as unobtrusively as they could, in order to preserve the house's heritage.

Many artefacts, artworks and, of course, books, as well as the study Rudyard Kipling wrote in, untouched since his death, create a sense that he has just popped out for a minute. The house tour finishes in the shop, which is a short walk from the tearooms, where we all assembled to enjoy some excellent refreshments and socialise - we even had the benefit of some sunshine at last!

Our next visit will be to Ashburnham Place, near Battle, on Tuesday June 14th - details to follow. This will be a follow-up to the talk Jay Ashworth gave us in October and she will be there to show us round.

June Harris

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Last term our outdoor Easter service had to be postponed due to a snow blizzard! Luckily, the weather has been kinder to us this term and we were able to enjoy our service as a school community when the children returned to school. The whole school took part in singing and year 6 pupils led the service with telling the Easter story- a story of wonder, of sadness and darkness but in the end a story of joy and rebirth. We were also treated to a beautiful liturgical dance. Thank you to all the parents and family who joined us on this special event and Rev. Joy who ended the service with a lovely blessing.

Mrs Andrews



This term we are exploring the value of **Compassion**.

An Easter Poem By Hannah and Adam Year 3

Jesus rode a donkey in,
The people rushed to him,
Palm leaves were waved and put down,
There were no frowns,
He went to the temple to heal the sick,
The Pharisee's thought it was just a magic trick.

Thirty silver coins Judas got,
He betrayed Jesus for the lot,
Jesus shared his last supper with his friends,
He told them that soon it would be his end.

In the garden Jesus was betrayed,
All his disciples were afraid,
3 times Peter denied,
Jesus his friend was cast aside.

With the crown of thorns on his head,
Beads of blood fell, cherry-red,
Jesus died alone on the cross,
His followers grieving their loss.

Three days Jesus was in his tomb,
Above him floating was gloom,
Mary was the first to see our Lord,
A true miracle not to be ignored,

After, Jesus ascended to heaven,
In front of his disciples, eleven.



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We pray for peace throughout the world.
We pray for the people of the Ukraine and all those who are affected by war.
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom and compassion to guide their decisions.
We pray for those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort will draw near to them.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen



During our service, we remembered the people of Ukraine. As a school, we are passionate that our children feel part of the wider, global community and knowing that we all have a responsibility to support our brothers and sisters both far and near.
At the service we raised an amazing £ 500 which will be donated to The Disasters Emergency Committee- Ukrainian Appeal. Many thanks to all those who donated so generously.



Year 5 and 6 pupils created a beautiful liturgical dance while the whole school sang the hymn 'Lord of the Dance'

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In May we had a very interesting session with Steve Davies who specialises in the restoration of graves. He has shown us how to clean gravestones using the correct tools and products so as to minimise any damage to the stone and the engravings. Below shows photos of 'before' and 'after'. We do not plan to scrub every stone, and indeed one of the charms of an old churchyard are the lichen covered stones, but we now know how best to approach if stones do need cleaning, either by the family or by those who may wish to look after neglected graves.



Steve is an ex-serviceman and is very passionate about military graves - he feels that such graves should be maintained in order for us to show due respect to those who have served our country. For more information about what he does visit his website (<https://militarygraverestorer.org.uk/>) or take a look at his Facebook page (search for Military Grave Restorer).

We have also had a visit from James Duncan of Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT). We have been keeping SWT updated with what we have been doing, and we were pleased to show James the tremendous and positive changes that we have made over the past few months. James is interested in sharing information with the wider community and was impressed that we have now started to put up interpretation signs (although for us this is very early days and fairly amateurish). We are think about erecting a Guardians notice board sited somewhere in the churchyard where it will draw visitors in, but this does need some planning and discussions with the church before we can finalise.

A couple of things we are actively considering for the summer are a 'bat walk' sometime in July (a bat walk takes place in late evening, as the sun begins to set, and enables the participants to look and listen for bats as they emerge from their roosting spots) and setting up a moth trap for one night to help us more clearly identify the moths that inhabit the churchyard.

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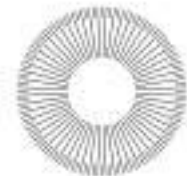
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PETT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

MAY 2022

The Pett Village Hall Management Committee held its **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on 9 May 2022, and this report summarises the decisions made.

All the current members of the **Committee and office holders were re-elected** at the AGM. The Committee has also decided to co-opt Lu and Richard Cooke on to the Committee, in recognition of the vital role they play in the running of the Hall.

New hire rates for the Hall, with a simplified structure, came into effect on 1 April 2022. Given the problem in defining what is a 'local' hirer, the Committee has decided to simplify the fees further **by abolishing the 'local' rate**. There will now be just two categories of hirer: 'regular' and 'other'. The Committee thinks this is fair and clear to everyone who uses the Hall.

According to Action in Rural Sussex (AIRS), the majority of village halls in Sussex **do not open their Committee meetings to the public**. Up to now the meetings of the Pett Village Hall Management Committee have been open to the public, although it is fair to say that attendance by members of the public is minimal. But the presence of the public at Committee meetings can make it difficult for the Committee to discuss confidential and/or contentious items, which means that special private meetings have to be convened to consider these. The Committee has therefore decided that from now on **Committee meetings (apart from the AGM) will not be open to the public**, although Pett Parish Council will still send a representative if they so wish.

After two very difficult years because of Covid, when the Hall had to rely on grants from Rother DC to stay in business, things are getting back to normal on both the financial and bookings front. The Committee is now able to start **building up its financial reserves** again. The bookings calendar for 2022 is almost full.

The Committee is asked from time to time to **waive hire fees**, usually because the hirer is a charity. In fact, quite a number of hirers are charities or provide a voluntary service. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, the Committee wants to make it clear that all hirers will normally be expected to pay the appropriate fee. There may occasionally be an event when it would not be proper to charge a fee, or perhaps charge just a reduced fee, but this will be decided by the Bookings Manager in conjunction with the Committee.

The Committee has agreed to hold an **Open Day on Sunday 18 September 2022**. All those who hold regular classes will be invited to attend to give information about their activities and hopefully potential new providers will attend to see what the Hall can offer. Everyone will be most welcome to attend. Further details will be made available nearer the time.

The Committee would like to **thank all users** for their continued support for the Hall, which celebrates its 20th birthday this year. A continuing debt of gratitude is owed to those who had the vision to commission the building and worked so hard to raise the necessary funds. **The current Committee sees it as its duty to build on that legacy and ensure the community has a modern and outstanding venue for the years to come.**

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First, a reminder about the unveiling ceremony of the **JUBILEE FOOTPATH INFORMATION BOARD**. This will be outside the Royal Oak at noon on Thursday 2 June. Parking will be in the Recreation Ground. The other events are the WI tea on the Saturday and the church service on the Sunday morning, followed by a picnic at the Recreation Ground; more details elsewhere in this issue.



At the Parish Council meeting in May, Alan Crouch was re-elected as Vice-chair and I was re-elected as Chair for the coming year. Representatives on other bodies were also appointed and responsibilities for certain aspects of the council's work (footpaths, highways and speeding, the play area, the website, etc.) were agreed. Next year is election year, so please consider whether you or someone you know should put their name forward.

The council also decided to give grants to the Archive Resource Centre, the Parish Church for cutting the grass in the churchyard, the Methodist Chapel for providing the facilities for the Post Office and the Village Hall (for provision of a room for the Little Ducklings playgroup). Even though Remembrance Sunday and Christmas are a long way off, it was also agreed to donate to the British Legion Poppy Appeal (to include a wreath for the War Memorial) and to provide funding towards Christmas trees at both St Mary and St Peter and St Nicholas churches.

It has been suggested elsewhere that the council covers all the costs of the Post Office. This is not so; the Methodist Chapel covers some of the costs, for which we should all be grateful. In that connection, the lady who runs the Post Office (on Mondays and Thursdays) needs **HELP** to move all her equipment both in and out of the chapel. Some of those who have helped have had to give this up and so we are looking for new volunteers. If you can help, please contact the clerk or myself.

The annual parish meeting on 28 April took place as planned and was attended by over 100 people. My report of the last year's activities is on Pettnet. Much of the meeting was taken up by the issue of the Exception Site proposal for the land behind Pett Road and Watermill Lane. There is much concern about this and there will be a parish council meeting in June to discuss the situation and decide, if possible, what the parish council's position is regarding this. At present, the council has no position for or against the proposals. Following last year's Housing Needs Survey, the council decided that it did not feel that there was sufficient support in the village for low-cost housing. However, it has not taken a view on the proposed site. Ben Hook, Director - Place and Climate Change at Rother District Council, has said: 'this site is being considered for inclusion into the next local plan and is being assessed for suitability. Full public consultation is part of the local plan process and residents will have the opportunity to input and comment as part of that process.' The opportunity to comment on the draft local plan will be possible later this year or early next.

Finally, I am sorry to report that Anne Roach (often called Pat) has died. She and her husband Derek lived in Pett for several years before moving to Fairlight. Pat was active in many village activities, including the sewing group that made items for sale for charity. Our sympathy goes to Derek and the rest of the family.

David Penfold, Chair of PPC

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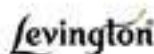
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Riso Pilaf can be served as a side dish or a main dish. In my family we used to eat this as a main dish, as an alternative to the risotto Milanese. It can also be served as a side dish with pork or even a steak. I hope you enjoy it.

340g long grain rice

Half a big onion

2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons of butter

1-2g saffron

500ml vegetable broth (stock cube)



Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius, if fan-assisted, or 170 degrees Celsius if not.

In a saucepan gently soften the onion until blonde with the olive oil and the butter. Add the rice and stir continuously for no more than two minutes until it starts to absorb the aroma of the butter and the onion.

At the same time boil the water using a separate pan and dissolve the stock cube, adding some salt according to your taste. Add the saffron and stir until the broth takes the typical brownish-orange colour.

Put the rice in a casserole with tall sides, flattening the rice at the bottom creating a layer, and gently add the broth making sure the rice is covered to a depth of at least 5cm.

Completely cover the casserole with foil folding it over the edges to seal the rice, then put into the preheated oven on the middle shelf and cook for around 30 minutes until the rice is done. You can check if it is cooked by gently lifting the foil from one edge and tasting the rice.

Once cooked wait a few minutes then rake the rice with a fork to separate the grains before serving it and ...

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Our speaker in April was James Bridger of Coastal Cocoa, Hastings. James gave an informative talk about the history of chocolate and how he left a career in IT behind and trained as a chocolatier setting up his business in 2019 first from home and then in 2020 moving to the Queens Arcade in Hastings. James now offers chocolate workshops at the arcade. One of our members left a review saying "Absolutely loved the sea salt bar of chocolate. Great as gifts and for keeping. The best chocolate I have had for ages and will be buying more. Thank you!"

<https://www.coastalcocoa.co.uk/>



Members got together in early May for a trip to see the Battle Theatrical Society's production of Calendar Girls the Musical which all agreed was a terrific interpretation of the musical which many of us had already seen in the West End and at a touring version at the Marlowe Theatre Canterbury a few years ago.

We are still taking donations for Rye Foodbank. Sadly in these worrying economic times the need for foodbanks is greater than ever. If you'd like to contribute - we're collecting non-perishable, in-date food (tins, packets, cartons), toiletries, sanitary and household products.

Pett WI Collection Points:

- Pett Village Hall (Lobby)
- The Old Butcher's Shop, Pett
- 1 Arthur's Close, Pett Road, Pett
- Pett Methodist Chapel
- "Nanini Tal", Cliff End Lane, Pett Level
- The New Beach Club, Pett Level
- Fairlight Post Office & Stores
- Wakehams Farm Shop, Fairlight
- The Barn, Shepherd's Way, Fairlight
- Midway, Commanders Walk, Fairlight

Alternatively, our team will be happy to shop for items if you prefer to contribute money rather than goods. Donations can either be made by cheque (made payable to Pett WI) and sent to Jane Sweaney at "Oakhurst", Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HG or made directly into the Pett WI Bank Account - Lloyds Bank - Sort Code: 30-98-97 - Account No: 70587368 - with the reference for both as "Food Bank" please. For more information, or if you experience any difficulties, please contact Campaign Co-ordinator, Hilary Dymott on 07768 323131. Thank you!

We have been so pleased with the take-up of tickets for our Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Saturday 4 June at Pett Village Hall and very quickly sold out! Huge thanks to the planning committee including Amanda Deller, Tracy Hedley, Jane Murray and Trish Walker for having worked so hard to put this event together. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

*Belinda Wood
(President, Pett WI)*



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GHOST MOTH

A few years ago, as the sun set over the South Downs, I was wandering through a wood on a twilight hike.

Through the trees I noticed about a dozen figures decked out in brilliant white gathering in a small clearing. I hit the floor and, buried amongst the bracken, watched as other white figures joined them. Each individual slowly started swaying, swinging hypnotically like a pendulum suspended on an invisible wire. The whole silent scene felt eerie, otherworldly, ancient. I was spellbound and barely breathing, scared I would be discovered and this mesmerising performance would end. As some of the figures swung fixed to their stations, others oscillated wildly, whirling and crashing into each other. The light was fading fast and as my surroundings dissolved into shadow the swaying white figures seemed luminous against the gloom.



Then, as the full moon rose and illuminated the glade, the action slowed, the figures retreated and I was left alone in the gloaming.

The ritual I had witnessed was the dance of the Ghost Moths: elaborate courtship behaviour performed by the males on warm summer evenings across Sussex. That moonlit glade had been temporarily transformed into a miniature moth disco where these incredible insects pirouetted, pranced, swaggered and strutted in an attempt to attract a female. More ‘Saturday Night Fever’ than ‘The Wicker Man’.

And, like tiny Travoltas, the male Ghost Moths know that to stand out on a crowded dancefloor you need a flashy white suit. Their wings are whiter than white and look as though they have been hand-painted with Tipp-Ex. The female Ghost Moth has a more subdued wardrobe and wears pale yellow wings with elegant orange swirls. Males also have another trick up their sleeve (or in this case their trouser legs). Their hind legs contain furry scent-brushes, which release pheromones into the air like an overpowering aphrodisiac. Once the ladies are lured, it’s the individual moth’s dancing which seals the deal. It can be murder on the dancefloor and scuffles start as the males try to assert their positions. It’s a behaviour known as lekking and the dominant dancers will lead a lucky lady of the lek into the surrounding shadows.

In days gone by the moth’s mysterious, ethereal waltz was interpreted as something supernatural and it has been suggested that the dance of the Ghost Moth gave rise to local legends of fairies and Will-O’The-Wisps. If anything, the reality is just as magical and spellbinding to watch.

Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

The picture above of the male Ghost Moth is copyright Patrick Roper of the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

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PETT ON THE KNIT

It seems early Summer may be here, but we are still knitting! Why don't you relax in the garden after a day's work and pick up your knitting needles, together with a cup of tea or something stronger! Jenny Grist has made another beautiful blanket to be sent to Knit for Peace. She assembles the squares we've been knitting in the twinkling of an eye and puts together amazing colour combinations.

Knit for Peace accepts anything knitted with love: baby clothes, knitted toys, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, together with the blankets which are then distributed to those in need in deserving countries at home and abroad. With the hike in fuel prices in the UK the blankets will be most welcome in this country, too, this winter.

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 the square measures 12.5 cms or 5 ins exactly.

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'm not in need of any donations of wool at the moment but 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 or heathergodwin19@gmail.com

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Date	HEIGHTS ABOVE ORDNANCE DATUM (NEWLYN)			
	High Water			
	Morning		Afternoon	
	Time	m	Time	m
1 W	00 05	3.3	12 23	3.3
2 TH	00 36	3.1	12 54	3.1
3 F	01 04	3.0	13 23	3.0
4 SA	01 31	2.8	13 52	2.9
5 SU	02 02	2.5	14 26	2.6
6 M	02 45	2.4	15 14	2.5
7 TU ☐	03 46	2.2	16 16	2.3
8 W	05 00	2.0	17 22	2.3
9 TH	06 06	2.2	18 27	2.5
10 F	07 08	2.5	19 26	2.8
11 SA	08 01	2.8	20 20	3.1
12 SU	08 51	3.0	21 11	3.5
13 M	09 40	3.4	22 01	3.6
14 TU O	10 30	3.5	22 53	3.8
15 W	11 21	3.8	23 45	3.8
16 TH			12 11	3.8
17 F	00 35	3.8	13 00	3.8
18 SA	01 26	3.5	13 50	3.5
19 SU	02 21	3.3	14 42	3.4
20 M	03 17	3.0	15 34	3.1
21 TU ☐	04 17	2.6	16 31	2.9
22 W	05 23	2.5	17 33	2.6
23 TH	06 33	2.4	18 45	2.5
24 F	07 39	2.4	19 52	2.6
25 SA	08 34	2.5	20 51	2.8
26 SU	09 23	2.6	21 42	2.9
27 M	10 08	2.9	22 28	3.0
28 TU ●	10 50	3.0	23 08	3.0
29 W	11 28	3.1	23 46	3.0
30 TH			12 05	3.3

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NATURE NOTES

I have found 3 species of black insects recently. When I say black, I mean very black - black head, black body, and smoky black wings. (Though not quite as black as Hotblack Desiato's sun-diving stunt-ship, should you be familiar with the works of Douglas Adams.) Two of the black insects were sawflies. People tend not to be familiar with the adults of sawflies, though gardeners are generally aware of their larvae or caterpillars, or at least with the damage they do. I have been checking our Josterberry bush for the last couple of days and I've picked off as many Gooseberry Sawfly larva as I can find because they could defoliate the entire bush in a matter of days.

The two black sawfly adults that I found were an Iris Sawfly male that I found on the Yellow Flag Iris in our pond, and some Solomon's Seal Sawflies that I found on Solomon's Seal at Bateman's when we went there on a Gardening Club outing last week. You may have noticed a pattern here - sawflies tend to be named after the plants that their larvae feed on. There are exceptions of course; the Large Rose Sawfly *Arge ochropus* feeds on rose leaves as you would expect, but the sawfly *Athalia rosae* feeds on the leaves of brassicas and is known as the Turnip Sawfly. Perhaps there is confusion here as both adults are very similar black and orange insects, though that confusion doesn't extend to their larvae which are blackish for the Turnip Sawfly, but orange with black spots for the Large Rose Sawfly. The Josterberry, by the way, is a hybrid between gooseberry and blackcurrant.

It can be difficult to distinguish between the adults of the Solomon's Seal Sawfly and those of the Iris Sawfly. But should you get a close look at them, the antennae of the Iris Sawfly are twice as long as the width of their head, whereas the antennae of the Solomon's Seal Sawfly are three times as long as the width of their head! Of course, you will only see them side by side if you grow Solomon's Seal next to your gooseberry bush.

Sawflies generally are a diverse and often colourful group of insects and they are classified as Hymenoptera - the group of insects that includes bees, wasps and ants. Unlike those close cousins none of them have stings, but they are named after the ovipositors of the females which are serrated like a saw and are used to saw into plant stems in order to lay their eggs in them.

I found the third insect on the wall of the house and it looked very similar to the two sawflies and at first, I thought it may have been a sawfly (another sawfly that I have seen in the garden is also totally black - the Berberis Sawfly) but it had stiff bristles like a tachinid which is a group of parasitic flies. It turns out that this one was a parasitic fly but not a tachinid; it is known as the Smoky-winged Woodlouse-fly - *Melanophora roralis*. This insect lays its eggs on damp detritus and when the larvae hatch, they latch onto a passing woodlouse, squeeze between the segments and consume the woodlouse from the inside. Sometimes nature is just gross.



Alan Kenworthy

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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MEMORIES OF PETT AND PETT LEVEL - PART TWO

Last month I walked us down down Chick Hill and around Pett Level. Please join me, Jacqueline Crouch nee Kingston, on the second part of my walk, this time around Pett.

On leaving the cliffs I wend my way back home and this time turn left from Windyways gate and walk towards Pett Village. The bungalow on the left of Windyways was where Mr Roberts and Mrs Pitt Roberts lived and had a Black King Labrador. Further down on the left was a house called Magpies where a Mr & Mrs Parker lived and having cats often there was a smell of fish heads being cooked. Walking further down and on the right is the cottage where Mr Gibbs lived and had a vegetable/fruit garden opposite. He was often seen outside and liked a talk. He is also remembered with affection. Further on Kit McClean lived and the school bus used to stop here for him. Carry on further was what could be called a small holding (forgotten the owners name) and I remember at Christmas time going with my sister as she pushed her doll's pram there to collect a chicken for Christmas.

I now go round the corner where on the left the Savage family lived. Early 1960s this place was auctioned. Further up on the right was where Rosemary Coxeter lived; we shared the same birth date but not the same year.

Further up is The Royal Oak and during the time when it was not a public house it was a Lending Library and Shop. I remember as a toddler my Mum taking me there for my Government Welfare bottle of orange juice that in the 1950s was given to all children to 5 years old. In one of the brick cottages opposite lived the Boston family. Mr Boston worked for the Co-Op and delivered bread from his Co-Op van to Windyways and I knew his son Richard Boston. I also knew from Royal Oak area the twins Margaret and Robert (known as Googy) and Mary Glazier, and, Charlie, Joan and Sheila Cooke. I follow the track down to Carters Farm known as Lovejoy's Farm who kept pigs and I knew Robert and David Lovejoy. One of our walks took us through the farm being a public footpath.



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I cross over the other side of the road to the Recreation Field and follow the road left up to where Mr Scotcher lived who was a general builder. Next was the thatched cottage of Kushi Ghur where Mr and Mrs Luck lived and worked at Dunlop's Farm. John Foster is their grandson as was Alan Birch who lived there for a time. There was a 'Well' in the garden for their water. Mr Luck died and Mrs Luck still lived at Kushi Ghur. She became to be known as 'Gran' to many in Pett. There was always a warm welcome to anyone who visited and I can still remember seeing motorbikes parked outside her cottage. She would give you a cup of tea and, if lucky, one of her delicious cheese pastries. In 1960s I liked walking her black and white Spaniel dog Sally. As there was hardly any traffic on the road in those days and Sally being so obedient there was hardly any need for a lead. A Sunday walk I did was to take Sally up Pannel Lane to Winchelsea, turn left to Icklesham and then down Watermill Lane to Pett and back to Kushi Ghur. Sally always enjoyed this walk as much as I did. I hold a very deep affection for Mrs Luck who was always kind to me and as having no mother gave guidance and any supportive help if needed.

I now cross over the road to Rectory Cottage a little way up on the right where a Mrs Wheeler lived and I also remember her with deep affection for her kindness and advice to me as well. Carrying on up on the right-hand side was the Rectory in its large grounds that bordered on Pannel Lane. This is where the Village Fete was held. Crossing over Panel Lane is where the Griffin family and Pat Griffin lived.

Further on I cross over the road to Pett Church where my parents are buried. Next door was the white painted Post Office and those steps up to the door seemed high for me to climb as a small child! Beside it is was a telephone box where it was known that for 2d as a teenager it was possible to talk to a friend for a long time. Next door was the Village Shop. I keep walking on the left-hand side to where Pett Garage was and where Dad would send me and my sister for some 2-stroke fuel for his lawnmower. Opposite the Hann family lived in Holly Cottage.



I now cross over the road and walk back up on the left-hand side. I stop outside of what was Pett School built in 1847. This was my first school and I used to walk both to school and back home as other pupils did. The school had outside toilets and on entering the school it had a cloakroom to hang our coats. It had two classrooms one for infants and other for primary aged children and two teachers.

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Pett - Telephone box opposite The Royal Oak on Elms Lane

Pett - Village Hall



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When learning to write my name I can remember my infant teacher to this day shouting at me “eline”, “eline” because I could only spell my name to Jacqu. She said of the children with shorter names who could spell theirs, but I had 18 letters in my name of Jacqueline Kingston and Jacqueline is not an easy name to learn to spell as a child and I was still only 4 years old when started school! Unfortunately cannot remember the teacher’s name now. On Friday afternoons we had a playtime period before we went home. Richard Boston used to kindly share his biscuits with me during the morning break. At dinner time we put our chairs on our desks and went and washed our hands in enamel bowls before putting on our coats to go up to the wooden Pett Village Hall for dinner. This Village Hall was very much part of the school and we went there for different activities. I remember one time when at the Village Hall we heard a very loud noise during a Thunder Storm and we discovered when we went back to school that the school had been struck by lightning. We saw the District Nurse in the Village Hall and had some of our inoculations there. Pupils of Pett School attended Pett Church for a School Service with Parents welcome.

When Pett School closed its pupils caught the East Kent Bus to Guestling School and it cost 6d there and 6d back each day. Guestling School was still having building work done on its extension when we went there. Fairlight School closed the year later and their pupils came to Guestling School as well. After Guestling we went to either Rye County Secondary Modern School or Rye Grammar School. This time we had a ‘Free Season Ticket’ for the East Kent Bus to attend the Rye Schools.

The original Old Wooden Pett Village Hall has sentimental memories for me because it was so much part of my life as a child and teenager in the 1950s & 1960s. I can still hear the wooden doors open and close to this day. It was part of my time at Pett School; being in the Village Pantomime; attending the Village Children’s Christmas Parties but only until you were 12 years old and the Youth Club run by Joe Goldsmith. You had to be 14 before you were allowed to go to the Youth Club. We played music and there was table tennis and darts to play if you wanted. Joe Goldsmith provided some soft drinks and snacks we could buy. Teenagers from the surrounding areas and other youth clubs used to come as well.

We also had Youth Club Dances and at one Robert Crouch danced with me and afterwards walked me home and later became my husband. The Crouch family lived at Lidham Farm, Guestling.

I would like to finish with a family that lived near the old wooden Pett Village Hall and that is the Pfundstein family; Michael (known as Spider), Sonja, Jennifer and believe youngest was David. I mention this family because of Sonja and a finale of the 1950s and 1960s Memories. Sonja and me went to Pett, Guestling and Rye Secondary School together and then on to Hastings College of Further Education together and we both were employed in our first jobs at the same Solicitors Practice together.

As the Old Wooden Pett Village Hall has so many fond memories for me I have been trying for a long time to obtain a photograph of it without any luck. If anyone has one I would be very grateful if I could have a copy of it and would pay for any costs involved.

*I hope you have found my Memories and Photographs of interest.
Jacqueline Crouch nee Kingston*

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NOTES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

How does carbon dioxide get into the atmosphere? Well, if you are reading this, then you are breathing in oxygen and breathing carbon dioxide out. You, your pets, and all the other animals on Earth are doing the same, from elephants to the tiniest of insects. Once upon a time, because plants and trees do the opposite to us i.e. they 'breathe' out oxygen and 'breathe' in carbon dioxide, everything was roughly in balance. Now though, we have discovered fossil fuels that have come from plants that grew many millions of years before the apes left the savannas and started walking upright, and that balance has changed. You will no doubt be familiar with the term 'carbon footprint'. This is simply a measure of how much each of us is contributing to the imbalance in the atmosphere. It is quite easy to calculate our carbon footprint - you find out how much coal, oil and gas is produced in a year and work out how much CO₂ will be produced by burning it. Then you divide that amount by the days in the year, 365, and by the number of people on earth - about 8 billion so far - and the answer comes out at around 7.5 kilograms per day. And yes, that is a lot of gas - about 4 cubic metres of it. Of course that is a very rough average and a subsistence farmer on a Pacific island would have a carbon footprint close to zero, whereas rich westerners like ourselves would have a much larger carbon footprint than that 7.5 kilograms.

Most of us think of our carbon footprint in terms of heating and lighting our houses and travelling about in cars etc., but it is much wider than that. For example, last week I increased my carbon footprint by buying some underwear from Marks and Spencer. How so?

Well M&S employ people to stack the shelves and take my money so a very small part of the energy they expend in getting to work and sustaining themselves while at work is part of my carbon footprint, not theirs. That goes for all the people M&S employ that support the Hastings store, such as head office and their warehouses in ever thinner slices of my carbon footprint. Of course, the underwear has to be transported by diesel truck from their warehouse to the store, and by diesel truck from the container port to the warehouse, and by container ship from Bangladesh and from the factory in Bangladesh to the container port. I have a share in all that fuel used albeit a small share. It doesn't stop there either. 98% of the material is cotton (Yes, the other 2% is elastane - plastic! Guilty). The cotton has to be grown by a farmer, using machines to plant and tend his crop, it has to be picked and processed and woven into cloth and delivered to the factory - all using energy, and more slices of my carbon footprint.

Though what I have described above is a very small part of my overall carbon footprint, the same idea could be applied to everything I buy, every cardboard box it comes in and all the plastic it gets wrapped in. What you may have noticed, however, is that a significant proportion of the carbon footprint of my purchase was concentrated in Bangladesh. People often blame countries like Bangladesh, India, and China for having a large carbon footprint (often as an excuse for not doing anything about global warming) whereas much of that carbon footprint is actually ours.

MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER A KATIE MELUA LYRIC THAT WENT 'THERE ARE 9 MILLION BICYCLES IN BEIJING'. NOT ANY MORE - THEY ARE ALL DRIVING CARS, SOME OF THEM ELECTRIC CARS MANUFACTURED IN CHINA (COMING TO SHOWROOMS NEAR YOU, ANY DAY SOON).

Alan Kenworthy



Thursday 2nd June

Trooping the Colour on Horse Guards Parade - 11am

Outdoor bar at The Two Sawyers - all day

Unveiling of the Pett Jubilee Footpath by the Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex outside The Royal Oak - mid-day

Platinum Jubilee Beacons at Battery Hill - 9:45pm

Friday 3rd June

Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral - morning

Outdoor bar & BBQ at The Two Sawyers - all day

Saturday 4th June

Outdoor bar at The Two Sawyers - all day

Jubilee Vintage Afternoon Tea Party at Pett Village Hall - 2:30pm
(SOLD OUT)

Jubilee Jamboree at Fairlight Recreation Ground - 5pm to 10pm

Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace - mid-evening

Sunday 5th June

Celebration Service at Pett Church - 9:30am

Celebration Picnic at Pett Recreation Ground - midday

FairFest Festival at Fairlight Recreation Ground - mid-day to 5pm

Outdoor bar at The Two Sawyers - all day

Platinum Jubilee Pageant at Buckingham Palace - TBA

The above events and timings are those that are known about at the time of going to press. Keep an eye out for others as they are announced, and especially The Royal oak and The New Beach Club.