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# Editorial

We are absolutely delighted to be editing the *Pett & Pett Level News*. Over recent weeks so many of you have commented on how important the magazine is to you, and to the local community.

We are both very much aware that this is a community publication and we would like to see as many of you involved as possible. If there's anything you'd particularly like to see included please let us know - we are very open to ideas and suggestions. And if you have a local interest story to tell, we'd like to hear it. Don't worry if you're not confident enough to write it up yourself, we are happy to work with you to make sure your story can be told.

Farming has always played an important role within Pett and Pett Level. It's something we're keen to reflect on within the magazine, particularly looking at the challenges farmers face both economically and environmentally and the ways in which they have had to diversify to survive. We're kicking off a series of features this month focussing on local farming with Tim Jury from Pickham Farm. In this issue he discusses the effects of intensive farming since the 1950s and he'll be taking us through his regenerative farming methods in future publications. Please do read it, it's fascinating! Also in this issue, we talk to local Pett resident, Carolyn Butler about chicken rehoming, and her volunteer work with Chicken Rescue UK.

Of course we also reflect on the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Regardless of any personal opinions about the royal family, Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable woman. She carried out her role with dignity, patience and kindness and was a loving wife and mother. There are many moving tributes contained throughout these pages, plus a statement from the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman, and the Proclamation of King Charles III read by Cllr David Penfold at the village War Memorial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Before we wrap up we'd just like to say a big thank you to Mike and Lesley Wilkins for all their work on the magazine and also for working with us to ensure a smooth transition. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Stella Dunn, who has kindly volunteered to deal with the advertising. Finally, a big thank you to all our contributors, and to Sarah Adams and the distribution team who have all volunteered to continue to support us as we move forward. On that note, we'll let you enjoy the October issue. We'd be delighted to hear your thoughts so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [magazine@pettnet.org.uk](mailto:magazine@pettnet.org.uk)

*Donna and Louisa*

## Letters to the Editors

What a superb picture on the magazine front cover September issue, by Yolanda Wiggins. Let's see some more of Yolanda's photography.

*Tony Howard*

### **Lots and lots of thanks!**

I want to make a start on thanking all who made the Flower Festival possible. At the top of the list must be the very impressive Flower Arrangers, followed by the very generous Sponsors. Then we have the donors of raffle prizes and tombola prizes and all who put up posters and manned the stalls. It's not only the representatives of the church in Pett who are grateful but also all who visited and enjoyed the festival. It really did provide a very pleasant interlude in these rather gloomy times!

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It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Her Majesty The Queen who has given her whole life in service to our nation, and has touched the hearts of so many, here in East Sussex and across the world.

Her commitment to duty and unwavering faith are unparalleled and I reflect on the delight and encouragement felt by so many on Her Majesty's regular visits to our County.

*HM Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Andrew Blackman.*

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# Reflections from the Rectory

I write this in the middle of September, a few days after the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was announced. It is not possible or appropriate to write a reflection such as this without thinking of her extraordinary long reign and dedicated service to these islands and the Commonwealth.

As I have noted in church, the past few days have been ones of very mixed emotions. Although I believe most were aware of the situation, the confirmation of her death seemed very shocking. My immediate reaction was to open the church here in Winchelsea, to light candles and to remain there in prayer for some time. It was a quiet evening, and I left the doors wide open with the altar candles burning until around 10 pm. I have no idea how many people passed by or entered but a silent witness seemed important.

Since then we have witnessed the extraordinary machinery of a constitutional monarchy seamlessly proclaiming Charles III as the new King. I write this on the day Her Majesty's coffin will move from Edinburgh to London, in wonder at the huge numbers of people who wish to pay their respects.

In the media there have been numerous comments and pieces regarding this passing as the end of an era. In the context of the immensely long reign of the Queen and the way in which she encapsulates the spirit of a wartime generation, that is certainly true. But for me it is also a time of hope and looking forward. King Charles III has shown great fortitude and energy in signalling the importance of the whole of the United Kingdom and of ordinary people to him. He has promised to try and follow the legacy of his mother. Part of that legacy is as Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Anglican Church.

On many occasions her Majesty referred to her faith and to the understanding that she is simply a traveller passing through the changing scenes of life. She carried out her duties and her calling to the best of her ability and although her reign was exceptionally long, it was simply the span given to her by the God in which she had supreme faith. So often her messages to the nation came at times of national difficulty; they were messages of hope. Her Christian faith and dedication gave her great strength and hope.

Although she was born in many respects to life of privilege, her dedication and service was something that required huge faith and sacrifice. Above all she felt the most important element of her life and reign was service to God. As it happened the last words of an epistle on Sunday remind us of this. "To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen". She served the nation and the Almighty and for that we give thanks - Long live the King.

*Rev Jonathan Meyer*

# *La Cucina di Angela*

## **Anatra Alla Cacciatora**

The origin of this recipe starts around 1553 in Tuscany, and it has been exported worldwide since then thanks to Caterina de Medici, who was travelling to meet her new spouse, Enrico D'Orlean. She took with her an entire entourage of chefs, introducing the duck as main dishes of the court. Since then, in France, the duck became a very refined dish which underwent a few variations through the centuries to become common also to the Italian table, as it is today. The word "Cacciatora" means "hunter" in Italian and refers to a meal prepared in a hunter style, with onions, herbs, and wine. In my family this dish is usually prepared in cold seasons due to the texture and strong taste of the duck and announces the end of summer and the start of autumn. This recipe is for two people.

Two duck breasts  
Two pints of vegetable stock  
A dollop of butter  
Two tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil  
One shallot  
One clove of garlic

One carrot  
One celery stalk  
A couple of sprigs of rosemary  
3-4 sprigs of thyme  
Half a glass of white wine  
Salt and pepper for seasoning

### **Method**

In a casserole melt the butter and oil together. Lay the duck breasts and leave them to brown on both sides (keeping the skin). Add the vegetables and the herbs all around the duck and season with salt and pepper according to your taste. Add the wine as the last ingredient. After it evaporates start adding half a glass of vegetable stock, each time covering the casserole with a lid and leave to reduce. Continue adding the stock and replace the lid, flipping over the duck breast from time to time until the liquid evaporates and the duck gets gently cooked. The cooking time should be around 50-60 minutes. Towards the end remove the duck breast and put aside. Pour the remaining vegetables and liquid through a sieve until a medium thick juice comes out. Serve the duck on a dish, seasoning it with this juice and, if you prefer, with a side of mashed potatoes and a glass of white wine.

*Buon Appetito*

# Homes for Hens

Did you know that chickens kept commercially for eggs are considered past their prime at just 72 weeks of age? That's the age at which egg production slows down and farmers look to replace their birds with younger chickens to maintain egg production levels.

Someone who is only too well aware of this fact is Pett resident Carolyn Butler, a volunteer with Chicken Rescue UK. Carolyn began keeping chickens eight years ago, gaining knowledge and experience before rescuing ten birds of her own and then branching out to act as a holding and rehoming base, uniting chickens and willing rehoming in an area from Bexhill to the Kent/East Sussex borders.

Chicken Rescue UK was launched in March 2022. It is a not for profit organisation which relies solely on donations and its volunteer workforce. It is currently a CIC (Community Interest Company) organisation and plans to work towards charity status in the future. In the six months since its launch the organisation has rehomed around 7500 hens and 650 ducks across all of its collection points.



It's largely thanks to efficient, well-organised operations like Chicken Rescue UK that an increasing number of commercial farmers are now opting to use a rehoming service, rather than sending their hens to slaughter.

Once a farm has been in contact with Chicken Rescue UK, volunteers like Carolyn will advertise availability of the birds, often via Facebook. Birds are reserved in advance by completing the registration form on the Chicken Rescue UK website and potential rehomingers are asked to send in photos of their coop and free-range penned area which forms the basis of the home check.

Birds come from all over the country and are all ex-

commercial layers. On a pre-arranged date, Chicken Rescue UK will send in its dedicated farm team to collect the birds at around 5am in the morning, when they are easier to catch. The birds are checked and any poorlies go to a dedicated team who nurse them back to health. Provided the birds recover well, they will get rehomed at a later date. The remainder are loaded on to vans and trailers and driven to rehoming centres across the country. Once volunteers like Carolyn receive the birds, they are left to sit and rest for at least an hour, provided with food and drink and given a final check to make sure they are fit and well, before being collected and transported to their new homes.

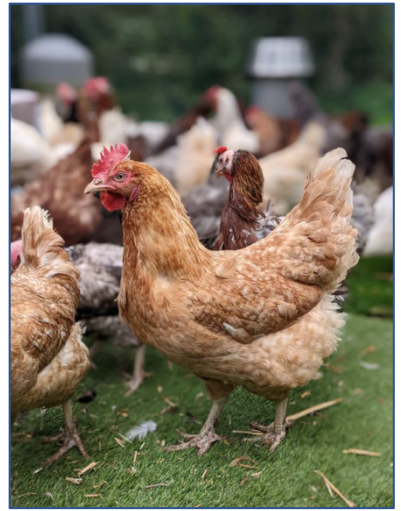


Organisations such as Chicken Rescue UK and its dedicated team of volunteers, ensure that these rescued hens have the opportunity to extend their lifespan. So, if you're thinking of keeping chickens, give Carolyn's rescued birds some thought. You'll give them a longer, happier life, they make great pets, and you get fresh, delicious home-farmed eggs.

Carolynn is currently looking for volunteers who can help on rehome days. You will need to be able to carry out some heavy lifting as crates of hens need to be carried from trailer to pen and volunteers also assist rehomers with the boxes/carriers that they take their birds home in. If you would like to help, please visit the website where there is a form to complete to become a volunteer, and a member of the Chicken Rescue UK team will be in touch.

For more information contact [www.chickenrescue.co.uk](http://www.chickenrescue.co.uk)

Carolynn's local Facebook page which she runs with the Hailsham Collection Point can be found at @chicken-rescue-uk-east-sussex. The main Facebook page is @chickenrescueuk



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The Coffee Morning team always put in a huge effort with tablecloths and fresh flowers on the tables and delicious home-made cakes and hot drinks for sale. All profits go to charity and we will advise you from time to time where the money raised has been sent.

Our **Book of the Month** is **The Heron's Cry** by Ann Cleeves. We have been lucky to acquire a copy of this second novel in the new *Two Rivers* series by Ann Cleeves, author of the *Vera* and *Shetland* (TV) series. 'The Heron's Cry', a New York Times best seller, is a follow up to 'The Long Call', which introduced Ann Cleeves' new detective Matthew Venn. Each book can be read as a "stand-alone" with just enough information from the first to set the scene for the second. The two rivers in the series are the Taw and the Torridge in North Devon, and while one review describes 'The Heron's Cry' as a 'complex murder mystery full of surprises' and others say it is thought-provoking, full of intrigue and twists and turns, the book is also concerned with the beauty of this area in Devon as well as the very human relationships between all the characters.

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1. We are conscious of the problems farmers have had with the 2022 weather as well as financial changes and government attitudes and we would like publicly to remember the farmers.
2. We also remember the farmers in countries where farming is even more difficult.
3. Some of us believe that God created our world and is also part of our everyday lives and livelihoods.
4. The service is at 4.00pm which may be an easy and convenient time for many and it will not be too long.
5. There will be a display of produce which will be available for sale after the service.
6. Tim Jury will tell us about the work of Farm Africa where we send the money raised on that afternoon.

*Angela Hawksley  
Pett Parochial Church Council*



## Pett Flower Show & Fayre Saturday 29th July 2023

This year's Flower Show & Fayre was a great success at Pett Village Hall, so the Committee have agreed to hold the 2023 show there again and in the future.

One of the elements of running the show has been the storage of equipment. When staged on the Recreation Ground, space was allocated in the rear of the Pavilion store by Pett Sports Association. We are delighted that Pett Village Hall Committee has kindly agreed to Pett Flower Show purchasing a shed to be sited within the grounds of the Hall. This will greatly assist the set-up and closing down of the Show, thus easing space in the garages and homes of Committee members.

Following the purchase of said shed from flower show takings and reserve funds, when the accounts are finalised there is likely to be a surplus which the Committee would like to consider making donations to local good causes. Requests are welcome, just get in touch in writing to the Committee. Donations will be announced at the AGM in the Spring.

*Philippa M Strickland, Chairman P&DHS*



# MY GARDEN BLOG - Gill Plank

Rain at last! It was a bit serious with the thunder, lightning and downpours though, wasn't it? The plants have really appreciated it and responded, with the grass beginning to green up and many shrubs deciding they can hang on a bit longer. I got really excited when I found I could put a fork and spade in the ground to find it damp all the way through. It's a bit late for many of the vegetables but I am awash with tomatoes, both in the greenhouse and outside. My late sowing of French beans is doing very well and some cucumbers and courgettes are still producing.

Apples and pears have ripened and, although smaller than usual, are very tasty. I have frozen many tomatoes and cooking apples, along with the beans.

The buddleias are still flowering and attracting several red admirals, but only one or two peacock and tortoiseshell butterflies. I do have a resident hummingbird hawk-moth on one bush and it is fascinating to watch this daytime moth hover over the flower, using its long tongue to access the nectar. It makes me feel quite tired and I wish it would settle but it is obviously made that way for a reason!



The holly berries are now orange so will soon be attracting birds. I have had years when mistle thrushes and occasionally fieldfares have gorged on them. Swallows and house martins are gathering on wires ready to undertake their long journey south and I am seeing more jay, woodpecker and nuthatch activity. My nut trees were producing well but as usual the squirrels got there first so all I see are the seed cases empty on the ground. Any that fall uneaten are mopped up by the badger who, at the moment, is overdosing on fallen pears and apples as well as pulling down some of the lower branches.

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There has been some wasp activity but I have developed a fondness for them, having observed them catching flies on my kitchen windows. I am also happy for them to take small amounts of meat from the cat bowls as I love watching them chew off pieces and fly away with them (I suspect this attitude won't appeal to many of you!). I have also observed many dragonflies zooming up and down the garden in search of prey.

Walking round the garden I find it amazing that the trees have grown so much throughout this incredibly dry summer. I can only continue to marvel at the way nature copes so well with all the challenges it faces

*Gill Plank*



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# Wasps - Sussex Wildlife Trust

Legendary protest singer Woody Guthrie had the slogan 'This Machine Kills Fascists' emblazoned across his guitar. The lead singer of John Peel's beloved Half Man Half Biscuit had 'This Machine Kills Wasps' across his. Fascists and wasps. Equally hated and despised. But while one are a bunch of loathsome invertebrates that should be slapped every time they start to agitate us, I have to confess I have some empathy towards the wasps.

The wasps' world was created way back in April. A single pregnant queen emerged from her winter-long hibernation, flew, fed and founded a new colony. She single-handedly constructed 30 hexagonal homes from chewed-up wood, laid an egg in each and lovingly tended to her new babies which, when grown, became her workers. Through sheer determination, spit and sawdust they enlarged the colony, constructing an impressive suspended structure. Other workers collected food - caterpillars, flies, spiders - to feed the now-flightless Queen as she produced more eggs.

June was the golden age of the Empire. The colony swelled to almost 6000 wasps. There was a real buzz about the place. An entire self-contained Utopian society in matching yellow and black uniforms working together to serve their illustrious leader. Inside the dome, the temperature was maintained at 32 degrees. When the temperature rose on hot days, the workers united and the whole colony whirred their wings creating a community-powered air-conditioning unit. But dark rumours started. The Queen was becoming crazy for power. Workers' eggs were being destroyed to ensure only the Queen's offspring were raised. She had started to create other Queens in her image. With no more workers being born, work levels in the colony increased. The wasps were slaves to a tyrant.

Then came the news. The Queen is dead. Her mesmeric hold over every wasp was lost. Revolution! The virgin Queens fled to mate, hibernate and start a new colony next year. Meanwhile the colony falls into anarchy. Paper walls are torn down, the temperature plummets. Rome burns. There is fighting and cannibalism. Those that stay face death from cold and starvation. One wasp manages to escape. Alone, betrayed by his leader, without family, without purpose he is confused and lost in an unfamiliar world. Like so many he turns to alcohol to quieten his pain and the fermented fallen fruits of Autumn provide temporary relief. Intoxicated and hungry he stumbles around searching for sugar.

And now in his dying days he bumps into us: giant creatures with sweet drinks and snacks. Our reaction to this 15mm political refugee? To swat him away with rolled up copies of The Daily Mail. So this Autumn, have some sympathy for the lowly wasp.

*Michael Blencowe*



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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was a loyal and dedicated member of the WI for almost 80 years. Joining in January 1943, she became president of the Sandringham and West Newton branch in 2003, following in the footsteps of the Queen Mother. Current Vice-President of that group, Yvonne Browne said “She had an incredible memory and sense of fun. She was just terrific.” She continued “I think when she came here she treasured the memories she made here with the people. Being able to come to our meeting and be part of the meeting. She listened to and signed the minutes, then she’d always give a little insight into what she’d been doing in the year and she just enjoyed sharing those moments. The Queen was ‘as natural as what we are’ at the WI meetings,” held in a village hall in West Newton on the Sandringham Estate, Mrs Browne said. “We always observed the protocols and things at the meetings but you knew you could have a nice little conversation with her. The speakers were always so nervous when they came in, and I used to say to them ‘please don’t be nervous, the Queen will put you at your ease’, because that’s what she’s good at.” She said that Pointless co-host Alexander Armstrong was “really nervous” when he was the guest speaker at the group’s meeting in 2019. “At the end we had a game of Pointless which the Queen very much enjoyed because it was one of her favourite programmes,” said Mrs Browne. “That was a lovely moment. I know afterwards he just couldn’t believe he’d actually been in a normal village hall with the Queen having a game of Pointless with the ladies of Sandringham WI. I have to say, the Queen’s team won!”

She never failed to show her support for the organisation throughout her time as Queen. We thank her for her dedication, service and fellowship. Many of our members have fond memories of her and will treasure these for years to come.

Whilst we did not hold a meeting in August we did keep in touch with members via our social activities, including a walking club and a visit to the Charles Palmer Vineyard. This had been instigated following our May meeting when our speaker, Chantal Palmer, gave a talk about life at the vineyard and the processes involved in making wine, as well as telling us more about The Cellar Door which encompasses their wine tasting room at the vineyards. Chantal organised a superb private event for us which combined a talk/tour and a delicious supper created for us by Vine & Country Tours. Not forgetting the very special Charles Palmer wines of course!

We are so proud of committee member Sally Watson, who decided to do something rather special for her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. She completed an abseil of the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth, raising £1,600 for Guide Dogs for Deaf People. She also earned herself the charity’s volunteer of the month. An absolutely outstanding achievement - well done Sally!

A date for the diary - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November for our Winter Fair. Similar to our very popular and successful Spring Fair, we will be showcasing a wonderful array of quality stalls including gifts, fashion, jewellery, crafts, refreshments and a raffle. Funds raised will go to our continuing Pett WICAID projects within the community.

I’m so proud to be a part of this wonderful organisation and would like to thank all our members for their support, camaraderie, humour and fun!

*Belinda Wood, President*



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# Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat

Hello from all of us at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat! The long and hot summer is drawing to a close and, as we move to autumn, we see our wonderful coastline start to quieten and bring a fresher feel. We have so enjoyed seeing new and familiar faces and give a huge thank you for everyone's continued support.



In September's edition we mentioned our annual Open Day and we are delighted to provide an update on what was a glorious and busy occasion!



The headline is that we raised an incredible total of £6225! This is a hugely significant amount and a massive contribution to boost both our operating funds and specific fundraising projects. We cannot thank everyone enough, from every stallholder, prize giver, volunteer, donator and visitor - your contribution is simply what helps us keep going. THANK YOU!!

A few highlights from this year:

- For the first time, we ran a fun dog show which was wonderfully popular! We kept it simple with just four classes but were amazed at the numbers that joined in and enjoyed the doggy bar and tombola! Huge thanks to volunteers Pauline and Dean for organising!
- We introduced a bar to the event, meaning not only could we serve teas, coffees and our Pett Punch, but also an array of local beers, ciders and lagers and at great prices. A super complement to the ever-popular BBQ.
- The games were a huge attraction and great to keep the kids (young or old!) amused! Play Your Cards Right was bigger and better and boosted by Splat the Rat, Hoopla and Get Your Kit On! All in addition to the annual staples of Guess the Weight of the Cake and Number of Sweets in a Jar.
- The music this year was provided by Pan Up Pipes, a local steel drum band - and what more could you want in the fabulous sunshine? Playing an eclectic range of songs, they kept the crowds entertained and uplifted...a big thank you to them.

And so our thank you's... the list is too long to name every individual involved. We invest time and thought into each year and are blown away by the support and generosity we receive - from regular contributors and sometimes complete strangers. Thanks to:

- All those who so generously donated to the Grand Raffle - some great prizes, from e-bikes to cabin stays to vouchers. And to everyone who donated to the bottle tombola.
- The stallholders who give up their time to spend their day with us, come rain or shine.
- Our entertainment and visiting guests: Pan up Pipes, Jo Brand, Rye Town Crier and the Mayor of Winchelsea - for being there and supporting us.
- The local, and some not-so-local, breweries and pubs who donated for the bar.
- Barbara Martin for her unwavering commitment and running the charity shed.
- Our neighbours for accommodating the extra noise and volume of visitors!
- Everyone who came down on the day, bought raffle tickets, donated and joined in - this event is for you as much as for us.
- Every PLIRB volunteer, whether a regular or a partner - without you the day would not happen.

What a fabulous day, what a superb PLIRB team and what a fantastic community we are privileged to be part of!

As temperatures drop and the days shorten, always remember that safety awareness remains an important part of our work. Please continue to be vigilant about weather warnings, seasonal tides and currents and stay mindful of the dangers at both the top and bottom of local cliffs.

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# Guestling Bradshaw CE Primary School



It has been a great start to the new school year. Pupils have returned full of enthusiasm and energy. Our new Reception class have settled beautifully, and we are all looking forward to getting to know them. This term our school value is 'Creativity' and we will be exploring how we can all be creative in so many different ways. This year we are going to continue to use our skill, talents and creativity to build on all the great work our pupils, staff, parents and governors are doing to make our school the very best it can be.

At the beginning of the term, I was excited to be able to share our recent Ofsted report. *We achieved 'Good' across all categories in this new Inspection Framework. The 'Good' grading is a high benchmark under the current Ofsted framework. The process was very detailed and rigorous and I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised, including the systems in place, the reflective and driven nature of staff, governors and the leadership team, together with the positive attitudes of the pupils and support from the parents and carers. Below are some highlights of the report.*

If you would like to read the full report, please visit our website at: <https://questling-esussex.secure-dbprimary.com>

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**"Staff want pupils to do well and have high expectations of what they can achieve. As a result, pupils at this school develop a real love of learning."**

As a school we have been remembering, and paying our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In a world that is constantly changing, for so many people, Queen Elizabeth provided a reassuring presence and consistency. She is regarded with great respect and affection throughout the world and she has had an impact on people wherever she goes.



Our prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

*Dear Lord,  
We thank you for the Queen and for all that her life meant to so many people.  
We thank you for all she has done for the United Kingdom, our extended family in the Commonwealth and elsewhere in the world.  
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# Nature Notes

How many legs does an insect have? Well, unless you really didn't pay any attention at school, you'll know that the answer is 6. Of course, there are exceptions - maggots, for example, don't have any legs, they leave the complication of legs until they develop into adult flies when they need legs; otherwise, they get about perfectly happily by wriggling (or leaping - While fact checking, I found a fascinating article and video by Ed Yong in *The Atlantic* called 'One Giant Leap for Maggotkind' - it's worth Googling). I did come across another example recently - an insect with only four legs. So, what is this insect, I hear you ask - something tiny, or obscure, or impossibly rare, perhaps? In fact, it is none of those things, it is a butterfly, in fact it is not just one species of butterfly, but a whole family of very common butterflies. I was so startled at finding this out, having been photographing butterflies for years in close-up, that I had to go and check my butterfly photo collection to see for myself.

The family of butterflies in question, are the *Nymphalidae*. They include species like the Red Admiral, the Peacock Butterfly, the Gatekeeper, the Painted Lady... the list is too long for a short article. Technically, they do have six legs (that's a necessary qualification to be an insect), it's just that the front pair of legs are vestigial, they never develop into anything that could be used for perching or walking, and on the photos that I have checked, there are no visible front legs. They do, however, have six perfectly functional legs as caterpillars, but they are obviously not needed when flying is the main form of transport. The mechanism that provides the changes is of course, metamorphosis, when the caterpillar changes into a chrysalis, the DNA is shuffled, and the new shape of the adult butterfly is produced. The order of the DNA itself doesn't change; a butterfly has the same DNA right from the egg through to the adult butterfly, it is all about gene expression. Very minute chemical changes in the DNA means that some genes are expressed, and others are suppressed. So, the genes that produce the front legs are suppressed while the genes that produce the wings with their colourful scales are expressed (or both legs and wings in the case of maggots and flies). Gene expression has only recently been untangled in a new branch of science called epigenetics - something the butterflies don't need to know about.



While doing a bumblebee survey along Pett Level sea wall, I saw another species of butterfly, recently, a Clouded Yellow. These are not considered rare, but I have only seen them on two or three other occasions before, so they are not exactly common either. They have six legs and belong to a different family of butterflies - the *Pieridae* - which includes all of the white butterflies, the Cabbage White, Small White, Orange Tip, etc., as well as the similarly yellow Brimstone. The Clouded Yellow breeds continuously in southern Europe and North Africa where they feed on clovers and lucerne, and it migrates northwards during the summer months, reaching Britain's southern counties, especially towards the West in around May and June. Nine years out of ten, on average, only small numbers of Clouded Yellows reach the UK, but occasionally there are mass migrations when they reach our shores in huge numbers. On such occasions, they travel in big communal swarms resembling a yellow cloud. The last such mass migration was in 2013, though there have been an unprecedented number of such migrations since 1990. My only other good records of a Clouded Yellow were at Arlington Reservoir in 2009 and at Rye Harbour in 2014, neither of which was a mass migration year, so I was lucky to see one of the relatively small number of them that reach Sussex outside the mass migration years.

Alan Kenworthy

# Regenerative Agriculture: A better future for Farming

Having been approached to write a piece for this parish magazine I must say it is difficult to know where to start! Whilst I do know many of you, I feel I should introduce myself. I am Tim Jury, at least a fifth-generation farmer living nearly all my life at Pickham Farm.

It is fair to say that farming has been the greater part of my life, though by no means all that I have been committed to over my working life. When I left Plumpton College in 1972, Pickham was like so many farms in this village. It was very much a mixed enterprise farm with a dairy herd, sheep flock and arable crops - mainly cereals like wheat, barley and oats. By the early 1970s the post-war push for greater production was in full swing. Joining what was then the EEC (EU) accelerated this drive for greater efficiency to such an extent that, like so many other farmers, we chose to focus on fewer enterprises. This eventually led to selling the dairy herd in favour of expanding the sheep flock and arable area. This shift was largely encouraged by the EEC who paid us to cease milk production in a bid to reduce the then ever-growing milk lake and butter mountain, whilst at the same time encouraging lamb production to reduce the need for New Zealand imports.



Whilst it would require several articles to describe all the events within this scenario, it is clear that the EEC and latterly EU succeeded in achieving their objectives in boosting food production whilst subsidising the farmers. This made it possible for food to be sold at an ever-reducing cost (in real terms) to the consumer, who therefore had much more disposable income to buy 'stuff' produced or sold by a burgeoning population that needed jobs. A fact that has stayed with me throughout my life is that in the late 1950s, the average family spent around 50% of their household income on food; today that is nearer 8%.

You may well ask where this is leading. I guess my answer comes from the realisation over the last few years, that the cost of this expansion in production at Pickham - and every other farm in the EU - has come at a very heavy price. Over the last 70 years the UK has unfortunately lost a vast proportion of its biodiversity and, whilst the reasons for this are not clearly understood, agriculture has no doubt played its part; some would say the largest part.

One of the reasons I was asked to write about my farm and its background was because of the massive shift I am undergoing at the moment to try to right some of the damage that farming since the 1950s has done to the environment and, more importantly, the biodiversity of the countryside. I want to make it perfectly clear, I am not bashing farmers in the way many conservationists relentlessly do. I recognise that my generation grew up only knowing one thing. To survive you had to increase output, year on year, and use every technique and product available to do this, no matter what. Many, like myself and, I suspect, a great number in this part of the south-east, didn't embrace every idea put forward. Many hedges were left and not all the ponds were filled in, but the ethos was there. Improved plant varieties with greater yields needed more fertilizer and spray to build this need for higher production.

I always had an uneasy feeling about how we appeared to be using the soil as just a growing medium and, although we understood the importance of clovers in grass leys, organic matter and use of farmyard manures, it was all too easy to buy in chemical fertilizers to boost yields. It therefore came as no surprise to me when, one day, I had an environmental adviser come out to look around and point out how sick so many of my fields were. I had been using little in the way of chemical inputs, but because the grass had been kept so short from continual sheep grazing, the underlying soil was in need of 'repair'. Years of 'following the trend' ploughing, reseeded, applying (some) agrochemicals and grazing grass short had resulted in a soil with dangerously low levels of organic matter (carbon) that would become waterlogged after just a few inches of rain and dried out after just a few weeks without rain. It was time to change.

Next time I hope to explain my reasons for engaging in regenerative practices that puts soil - mankind's most precious asset - at the very heart of all we do; not only to restore its health, but to rebuild lost bio-diversity from under the ground up.

*Tim Jury*

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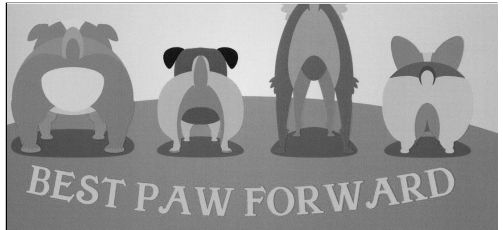
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# Pett Parish Council Update

Last month I noted that we had volunteers to take over the editorship of this magazine. As you will have read, they are Louisa Tasker and Donna Gilbert, who have put this issue together. I repeat my thanks to them; I have met them more than once and I am sure that the magazine is in safe hands. In that connection, I am equally sure that everyone who reads this magazine will want to thank Mike Wilkins, who with various helpers, has edited and run the magazine for nine years. Although, of course, many people use the Internet to find out about local events and issues, there are still some who prefer to read about them in print and Mike has made this possible by his hard work over his time as editor. I hope that *Pett and Pett Level News* will continue for many years to come. It is, of course, uploaded to Pettnet as well.

The middle part of September has, of course, been dominated by the death of Her Majesty the Queen and the accession of King Charles III. In order to show our respect, the parish council arranged for flags to be flown at half-mast, for a special page to appear on Pettnet and for a book of condolence to be placed in the church. The book will now be sent up to Buckingham Palace and a letter of condolence is also being sent, as was done on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. It was also decided not to hold the September meeting of the parish council as the notice of the meeting should not have been sent out during the period of national mourning; there is no urgent business and so a meeting will now be held in October. The church held a service of remembrance on the day before the Queen's funeral, while the week before I read the Proclamation of the new King by the village war memorial. It may seem unnecessary to do this when everyone knows via the TV news and Twitter, but it seemed right to continue the tradition, which has continued for hundreds of years.

Earlier in the month the regular SLR (Strengthening Local Relations) meeting was held with East Sussex Highways. This is a useful meeting as it allows the parish council to highlight any outstanding local issues, while it also allows the staff at Highways to explain the problems that they have with implementing some of the repairs and changes that are felt to be necessary at local level. I hope to give a report of the meeting in the next issue of the magazine. However, I am sure that everyone will be pleased that the potholes on the road between Pett Level and Winchelsea Beach have now been filled. We just hope that new ones do not appear too soon.

Although it was not specifically discussed at the SLR meeting, one issue that has arisen quite frequently is that the growth of roadside hedges has made roads narrower, so that some country lanes are now very narrow. If you have a hedge that needs cutting back, please try to arrange for this to be done. I realise that this is always difficult in the summer because of the nesting season, but that is now over and hedges can be trimmed back to their original width.

Also concerned with road width and parking, the parish council is considering replacing some of trees on the verges that have died and maybe adding a few more, although the approval of Highways is necessary before this is carried out.

Finally, I am sad to report the early death of Sally Williams. Sally served the village in many ways over a long period and will have been known to many. Our sympathy goes to her family.

*David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council*

# Gardening Club Notes - September 2022

The September meeting was our first back in Pett Village Hall after a successful series of summer visits. We welcomed Fergus Garrett, head gardener and Chairman of Great Dixter Charitable Trust, with a talk focusing on the Biodiversity of Great Dixter.



In Christopher Lloyd's time and formerly, the gardens were maintained and managed to a time-honoured style - lawns well mown, pests and weeds sprayed with chemicals, etc., yet even then the importance of the symbiosis of plants, insects, birds, butterflies and animals, was acknowledged and believed to be in good heart at Great Dixter. Once the Trust had been set up, following on from Christopher Lloyd's death in 2006, Fergus began to make gradual and informal changes to the management of the gardens - spraying, mowing and the use of peat soon all ceased and organic principles were adopted.

It was suggested around that time, that a biodiversity audit should be carried out to understand the current status prevailing and provide a benchmark from which to move forward. The audit idea wasn't taken up at that point, but over the next few years Fergus and the team continued to adopt many more environmentally conscious practices within the gardens, creating more meadows sown with orchids, coppicing the woodlands and making garden furniture from the timber, having sheep graze the meadows, etc. Eventually, as Fergus amusingly related, his wife having many more times suggested an audit, he finally got the message and invited in ecological specialists. It was established then, beyond doubt, how healthy the biodiversity of the estate was, when numbers of bumble bees, spiders, moths, butterflies, even lichen, were all found to be much higher than anticipated. In fact, Great Dixter is now judged to be among the most highly diverse gardens in the country.

It had always been a belief amongst specialists that gardens, due to being "managed", not wild, had poor biodiversity, but the findings at Great Dixter began to change this assumption. Fergus described for us the many ways in which the gardens offer food, shelter and habitat for all species - areas of light and heavy soil, shade and sun, dry and boggy, in tandem with the many layered planting system throughout the borders. Colourful photos illustrated how closely packed spring flowers give way to early, then late summer perennials. The huge variety of plants all self-sow, the borders loosely flow into the shrubbery and woodland, creating a continuous rich mosaic, a mainstay of successful biodiversity. Aesthetically the formality of the topiary garden is now juxtaposed with the informality of the loose wildflowers allowed to flourish naturally in the now unmown lawns, creating an overall softness to the planting.

Fergus had touched on the grim statistics many of us are now familiar with, detailing the loss of woodland, farmland, many species and wildlife habitats in general over recent decades. He then brought us up to date with the shift in opinion, given that since in the web of



life everything is interlinked, gardens, large like Great Dixter or as small as a balcony, should be viewed, not as part of the biodiversity problem, but as a mainstay of its solution. For Fergus the current buzzword “rewilding”, implying that in order to improve our gardens’ biodiversity we should all turn our plots into wildflower meadows, is unhelpful and misleading. It was firmly established during the many audits at Great Dixter, that the flower borders had greater diversity than the wild meadows, with the Barn Garden being the richest. The sum total of gardens nationwide, therefore, captures a vast area for biodiversity enhancement, in short, we can all play our part - whatever our style of gardening. Even the infrastructure, buildings, roofs, thatch, fences, woodpiles, can all provide habitat.

Our towns and cities also offer unlimited scope for greatly improving national biodiversity as has been demonstrated in a city centre project in Sheffield, brought about due to the combined efforts of the city council, the local parks teams and the input of many ecology specialists. Any possible area of urban land has been planted, as Fergus illustrated with some photos, with the result the city is far greener and more attractive, as well as being much greater in biodiversity. Fergus then announced that funding has just been granted for a similar project for Hastings, where he himself lives and which he has brought about through his contacts with the same specialists from the Sheffield project.

Our next meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman room at Pett Village Hall with a talk on “Herbs for Everyone” by Susan Scrivens.

## CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2022

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		
Winchelsea	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP), St Thomas’ Church Led by the Rev Jacques de Rosier
Pett	9.30	Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter Church Led by the Rev David Page
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion, St Thomas’ Church Led by the Rev David Page
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Icklesham	9.30	Parish Communion, St Nicholas Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion, St Thomas’ Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
Pett	16.00	Harvest Festival Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Pett	9.30	Parish Communion, St Mary & St Peter Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion, St Thomas’ Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		
Icklesham	9.30	Parish Communion, St Nicholas Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion, St Thomas’ Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion, St Thomas’ Church Led by Rev Jonathan Meyer
Winchelsea	16.00	Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for the departed Led by Jonathon Meyer

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## Big Sing is back!

Come and enjoy a whole day of joyous music at St John the Evangelist Church in St Leonards on Sea on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, courtesy of the many choirs from across Hastings and Rother who are giving their time to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice. Free entry, 11am - 9pm (donations welcome). Refreshments also available.

The Hospice would like to thank St John's Church for allowing them to use the church free of charge, to all the choirs who will make the day so wonderful for Hospice supporters, and all the fabulous volunteers without whom the event would not be possible.

For more details and full running order, visit [www.stmichaelshospice.com/event/the-big-sing/](http://www.stmichaelshospice.com/event/the-big-sing/)

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# Pett on the Knit

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The huge hike in energy bills this winter is going to mean that many families in the UK will be looking to find warm clothing. Knit for Peace accepts anything knitted with love: baby clothes, knitted toys, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, together with the blankets which we have been making this year, which are then distributed to those in need, at home and abroad.

If you are not a confident knitter the squares which make up the blankets are really easy. The dimensions and pattern are 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.

I'm not in need of any donations of wool at the moment but if you need any, there is plenty for you to choose from when I bring it to the Village Coffee Mornings, or you can 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) or at 2 Brambletye, Pett Road, near the Methodist Church.

## QUIN

Six months ago nearly one hundred people gathered at the Village Hall, after a very long lockdown, to take part in a great evening of quizzing, and eating and drinking. Over £700 was raised for St Mary & St Peter Church in Pett, and for St Nicholas on Pett Level - vital funds for the upkeep of both churches.

We had such a good time we're going to do it again - on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October - the night the clocks go back. Full details can be found in the full-page advert placed elsewhere in this publication - please put the date in your diary, gather your team together and start swotting - you won't regret it. See you there!

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# News from Pett Level Preservation Trust

## Wildlife

Since I last reported in Spring we have all seen so many changes. Migrant birds that were returning to our shores in the spring have now largely made their long and arduous journeys back to their winter quarters. Plant life that was initially very lush became more and more brown and sorry looking due to the heat and lack of rain. Some species were more prevalent than in previous years while others less so. Perhaps one of the most noticeable wild plants has been fleabane (*Pulicaria dysenterica*) with its yellow flowers being in abundance. Oddly, the regionally scarce corky fruited water dropwort (*Oenanthe pimpinelloides*) was a lot less frequent than in previous years.

In respect of orchids, local residents have found bee, early purple, pyramidal and common spotted orchid, but not on the PLPT land. Autumn lady's tresses (*Spiranthes spiralis*) have been seen in previous years but none reported this year. Have you seen these or any other species?

During the summer we were fortunate to have been visited by botanists from the Sussex Botanical Recording Society. They added 20 species to the 2021 list, so it now comprises in excess of 150 species and they only covered half of the land! Hopefully, we will be able to entice them back to cover the remaining area next year.

A few weeks ago, myself and another PLPT trustee undertook a dusk bat survey on the Trust land. The first interesting observation we had was not of a bat but of a sexton beetle. This attractive black and orange coloured beetle has, as its name suggests, the 'interesting' habit of burying dead animals and laying its eggs on the corpse so that the larvae, when they emerge, have a tasty snack close to hand (or mandible!) Later in the evening we recorded a variety of bat species - common and soprano pipistrelles, noctule, serotine, whiskered and possibly Daubenton's and Leisler's. More work is needed to confirm these records, especially of the latter two species, but it is a significant increase on the number of bat species previously recorded on the PLPT land.

## New gate

Many of you will have noticed that there is now a gate in the New Beach Club car park which connects over the PLPT land with the path along the Royal Military Canal. This 'drinkers' path' is proving very popular with Beach Clubbers and is clearly much safer than having to walk along the road (but look out for the canal!!).

## Dogs

The Trust has received some complaints recently about dog poo. When clearing up after your dog please either stick and flick i.e., flick it away from any footpaths, or bag and bin i.e., put it in a plastic bag and then into a waste bin. Please do not put poo in a bag and leave it on a path or, even worse, hanging from a tree. That is by far the worst option as it detracts from the beautiful views and these bags can take years to biodegrade, if at all.

## Please join us

Finally, the Trust is always looking for new Friends to support its work and to help with practical management. If you are interested in joining the Friends of PLPT please email Theresa Nouch at [theresanouch@aol.com](mailto:theresanouch@aol.com) or if you want to volunteer for practical management over the winter contact Martin King at [twotrok@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twotrok@hotmail.co.uk). Find out more about the Trust at [www.pettlevelpreservationtrust.org](http://www.pettlevelpreservationtrust.org). Please consider remembering the PLPT in your Will.

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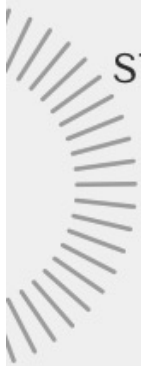
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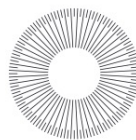
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**OCTOBER 2022**
**RYE (HARBOUR)**

Date		HEIGHTS ABOVE ORDNANCE DATUM (NEWLYN)			
		High Water			
		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m
1	SA	01 38	3.5	14 02	3.5
2	SU	02 23	3.0	14 51	3.0
3	M	03 22	2.5	16 08	2.4
4	TU	05 05	2.0	18 04	2.2
5	W	06 49	2.2	19 39	2.4
6	TH	08 07	2.5	20 52	2.9
7	F	09 07	3.1	21 47	3.4
8	SA	09 56	3.6	22 31	3.6
9	SU	10 38	4.0	23 08	3.9
10	M	11 18	4.1	23 43	3.9
11	TU	11 55	4.1		
12	W	00 15	3.9	12 30	4.0
13	TH	00 47	3.8	13 03	3.8
14	F	01 19	3.5	13 34	3.5
15	SA	01 52	3.1	14 04	3.0
16	SU	02 26	2.8	14 41	2.5
17	M	03 16	2.4	15 47	2.0
18	TU	04 29	2.0	17 04	1.8
19	W	05 42	1.9	18 20	1.8
20	TH	06 59	2.0	19 36	2.0
21	F	08 02	2.5	20 30	2.5
22	SA	08 48	2.9	21 10	3.0
23	SU	09 25	3.3	21 45	3.3
24	M	10 01	3.5	22 19	3.5
25	TU	10 35	3.9	22 54	3.8
26	W	11 11	4.0	23 29	3.9
27	TH	11 48	4.0		
28	F	00 05	4.0	12 26	4.0
29	SA	00 43	3.9	13 05	3.8
30	SU	01 26	3.5	13 50	3.4
31	M	02 17	3.0	14 49	2.9

Time Zone UT (GMT)

 ADD 1 HOUR BETWEEN 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH & 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO ADJUST TO BST

 Customer service line  
03708 506 506

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0800 80 70 60

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0345 998 1188

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## 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

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### EAST SUSSEX COUNCIL (ESCC)

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0345 6080190; [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://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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**VILLAGE CONTACTS**

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<i>Badminton</i>	Anne & Paul Wadey	316209	pawadey@tiscali.co.uk
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<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
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<b>ROOMS FOR HIRE</b>			
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<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

## MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE

### Hospitals & GP Surgeries

Conquest & Eastbourne Hospitals	0300 131 4500
Harold Road Surgery	01424 720878
Hastings Old Town Surgery	01424 452800

### Other Numbers:

Samaritans	116 123
Citizens Advice	03444 111 444
RSPCA Emergency Services	0300 1234 999

## PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

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

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### Pett: 347

Chick Hill to Hastings Queens Road:

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### Pett Level: 101

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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.

The graphic features the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' in a large, bubbly, pink font with a blue outline. The text is centered and surrounded by several colorful confetti pieces in shades of orange, yellow, and light blue. The background is a solid purple color.

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 29th October**  
**7.00 start at**

**Pett Village Hall**

**In aid of Pett Parish Churches**

**£5 per Team Member (which includes a FREE raffle ticket!)**  
**Teams of 6 maximum. BYO drink and refreshments**

Please register your teams with Heather - [heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk)  
Tel: 07977 100 296