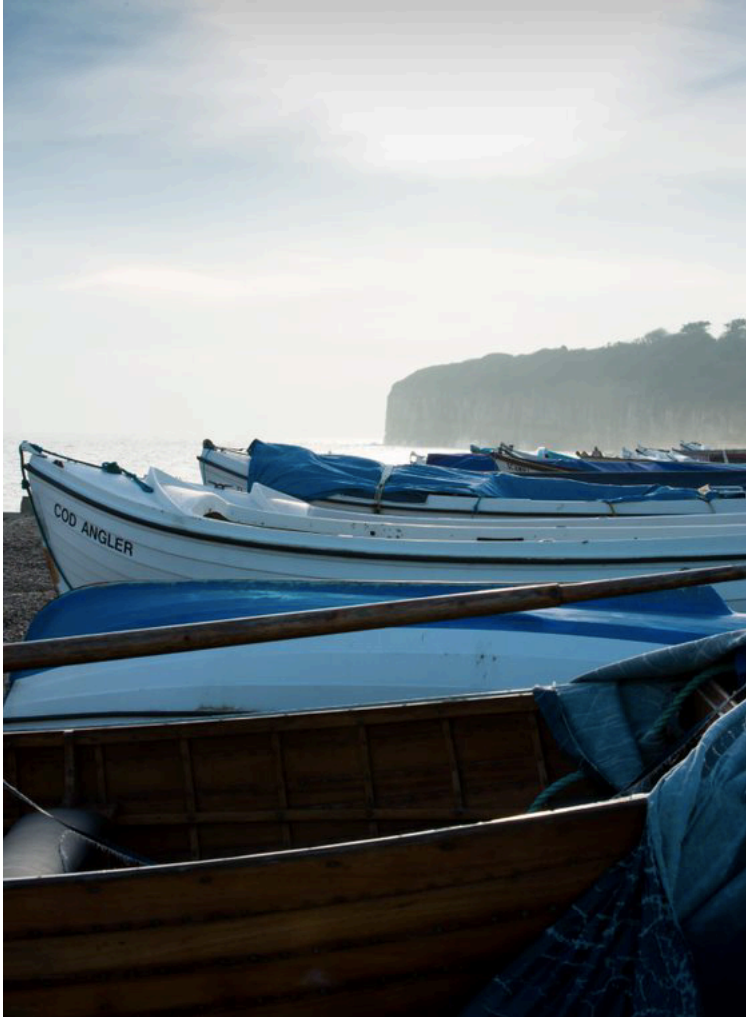


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Editorial

As we write this, the sun is shining and it is a cold, crisp beautiful day. It's hard to believe that only a few days ago we were deluged by downpours, which caused widespread flooding. Our hearts go out to those residents of Pett Level who have been affected. Let's hope that the heavy rains are behind us now and we can start looking ahead to spring.

Following a personal request to the editors, you will note that we have reinstated the bus timetables in full. Obviously our abbreviated version was not working for some, but we don't know unless you tell us! Please do get in touch with either of us if anything in the magazine is not working for you. We are always happy to listen and take your ideas on board.

Following Val Gill's very personal piece on the Mary Stanford tragedy in the last issue, we have a response from Jacqui Stanford, Chair of the Friends of the Mary Stanford group. Jacqui has taken the time to update us on how the Friends group is progressing and plans for the future. You can read more on pages 9-10.

Lastly as most of you are aware, Tim Rothwell very sadly passed away just before Christmas. Tim devoted much of his time supporting the village in various voluntary roles and his hard work and dedication will be greatly missed. Caroline Turner writes a moving tribute to Tim in this issue.

Donna and Louisa

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I requested some financial information from the Pett Parish Council some time ago and was kindly supplied with bank statements for the past few years. I have looked at the data for the past three complete financial years (2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21).

I have made a few calculations which your readers may be interested to know.

Each meeting (actual meetings held in those years) costs the parish, on average, £698.56p to hold. Including admin, accountancy, and audit fees, but before the hall hire and IT costs. I note the Pett Parish Council held several extraordinary meetings in those years, but if they had held only 6 per year, the average cost would have been £1,306.59p. That's 34% of the precept going on admin costs before legal costs, infrastructure, and other expenditure. The Councillors volunteer their time of course, thank goodness! Very little was spent on giving grants. The highest single expenditure items in those three years were landscape costs, drainage, playground equipment, street furniture costs and a notice board.

The precept has remained unchanged, at £23,000 per annum. With the cost-of-living creeping up for us all, maybe the council could consider lowering the precept. I notice the reserves are

high with no policy and if they are not required, i.e., there are no planned capital projects on the horizon, they could afford to give the Pett parishioners two years off.

I am happy to supply the data if anyone wishes to see my calculations.

Caroline Turner
Little Buds, Pett

Dear Editors

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Caroline Turner's letter.

I have noted what Caroline has said. However, all the council's financial information is available on Pettnet and residents are always welcome to attend council meetings. The council has decided, after discussion, to keep the precept at £23,000, which will cost a Band D property owner about 50p a week.

Both the clerk and I are always willing to answer specific questions about receipts and payments.

David Penfold (Chair, Pett Parish Council)

Barbara Parsons

For those who knew her, Barbara passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve, in The Laurels Nursing Home.

I know many people have asked for details of her funeral. It will be held on Tuesday January 31st, 12.15pm at Hastings Crematorium. Afterwards, all are welcome to join David in The Royal Oak, Pett.

Sarah Adams

Coffee Morning, Pett Village Hall **1st February 2023**

The next **Coffee Morning and Community Library**, 10 - 12 **Wednesday 1st February**. (Advance notice of the following coffee Morning, which is also early in the month, on 1st March, Pett Village Hall).



Tim Rothwell

6th July 1949 - 18th December 2022

It is with great, personal sadness I write this tribute to Tim. Many of you will have already seen the hundreds of tributes on Tim's personal social media page, following the announcement by his family. I realise I cannot do justice to the contribution he made throughout his life, career, all his voluntary positions or convey how much he meant to his friends and family. I simply wanted to acknowledge the part he played in local organisations, as I know that so many of your readers will share my sense of appreciation and gratitude for the difference he made to the village.



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Tim joined as Trustee and Chairman in May 2018. The new hall had opened sixteen years previously and was the product of the determination and hard work put in by parishioners with the support of donations from residents, local councils, and the Lottery Board. Building on that legacy, Tim, together with the team, set about improving the hall and bringing it up to date by installing Wi-Fi and commissioning a website, for example. Tim also dealt with the bookings and, as they increased, it became an almost full-time job.

We were so lucky to have had Tim as our Chairman for five years. His experience of working in Local Government, combined with excellent diplomacy skills, got us through the inevitable trials and tribulations of running a Village Hall. The workload for Tim was massive but he took it on cheerfully and professionally. We still managed to find time to laugh - there were a few good-natured jokes about Ambridge!

Tim was the figurehead and public face for the Village Hall in recent years and will be hugely missed. I hope we can carry on his good work and maintain the standards Tim set for the Charity.

“Tim was comfortably one of my favourite clients and I do have a lot to thank him for as he was always very kind to me and complimentary about my work. I always enjoyed our email exchanges about Brighton & Hove Albion”. *Chris Lewis, Pett Village Hall website manager, from Studio Lewis based in Lewes*

“I was lucky enough to have worked with Tim briefly and he was a lovely man and a pleasure to work with”. *Robert Horn, Community Buildings Advisor, Action in Rural Sussex (AirS)*

“I met Tim when I started work at AirS and thought what a lovely man he was at the time and so dedicated to the hall and his community”. *Sarah Blake, Corporate Administrator, Action in Rural Sussex (AirS)*

Pett and Pett Level Community Group & Pett on the Net Website

Tim was Webmaster for the village website and helped set up the Pett and Pett Level Community Facebook group page in early 2018, establishing the successful village forum which now has over 1,000 local members. Tim ran the page throughout lockdown when everyone was confined to their homes and couldn't meet up in person. Tim helped the community connect, share news, historical photos, memories, and remind us of when the 'Clap for Carers' was taking

place. Local businesses were advertised, and this was particularly useful when we needed to know who delivered groceries as we could not go shopping.

Tim was an excellent moderator and kept the page free from online hate, bad language, and political posts. When Tim stepped down for a while in January 2021, there was an outpouring of thanks from the community, and here are a just a few of the comments from that time.

“You’ve done a great job in not the easiest of circumstances. Fair play to you.”

“A very big Thank you for all you have done to support the group in your fair and reasoned way”

“Thanks Tim for all you have done for our little community, well done”

“You’ll be a hard act to follow, Tim”

“Thanks Tim for everything you have done in support of our Pett community and providing communication platforms - very much appreciated, especially during the past year.”

“Thanks a million Tim, you have been an inspiration especially during lockdown...”

“Tim thank you. A steady hand during these stormy times”

I nominated the page for the Co-Op Neighbourhood Watch 2021 Neighbour awards but sadly it missed out. The Community of the Year award went to another very deserving community scheme in Plymouth. The Pett and Pett Level Community Facebook Group was nominated in recognition of how the village came together during the pandemic, but I (and many others) really wanted to thank Tim.

The Rye Old Scholars' Association

Tim volunteered countless hours of his time to the running of The Rye Old Scholars' Association. Tim and I often talked about a former Secretary, who also lived in the village, and other interesting connections. The Rye Old Scholars' Association encompasses both Rye Secondary Modern, Rye Grammar School and Rye College (Thomas Peacocke School).

“Tim was an amazing member of the Rye Old Scholars' Association, who wholeheartedly gave his time, not only as an old scholar but sitting on the committee for over 10 years and then setting up the ROSA Website, building it from strength to strength. Old Scholars now located all around the world can keep in touch and enjoy stories and pictures taken throughout the decades. On almost a daily basis Tim could be found updating, adding to, and improving the site. We are all still greatly shocked by his passing, and he will be so sorely missed. On a personal note, we used to have a good laugh about all the mad situations I would come across at work and I will sincerely miss his wonderful sense of humour!!”

Judith Blincow, Secretary - Rye Old Scholars' Association

I am sure Tim had other roles that I am unaware of, and there will be more tributes in the weeks to come. It is a sad time, but I feel grateful to have known him and happy to celebrate his contribution to Pett, Pett Level, and the surrounding area, in the parish magazine. Thank you, Tim. Finally, warmest wishes to Libby, Chris, Alex, and family. They have set up several fundraisers in Tim's memory, and I'm adding the details here including a marathon run in aid of the UK Sepsis Trust.

Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat - <https://gofund.me/ea65cd2b>

Friends of Conquest Hospital - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-rothwell1>

The UK Sepsis Trust - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-rothwell2>

Caroline Turner, on behalf of the Pett Village Hall Committee

Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

We had a busy start to welcome in 2023. Thank you to everyone who supports us and makes it worth our while to turn up.

We have two books to commend to you this month, both suggested by others who have borrowed them from the Community Library. Firstly, **The Sleep Book: How to Sleep Well Every Night** by **Dr Guy Meadows**. Apparently, this works!! The book is well laid out, clearly printed, peppered with case studies and adorned with humorous illustrations. The very well-qualified Dr Meadows is founder of The Sleep School (www.thesleepschool.org) and is resident expert on Bedtime Live (Channel 4) amongst many other aspects to his working life. This book offers a completely natural - and effective - 5-week insomnia remedy.

Our second Book of the Month should appeal to (among others) all those who, like us, have been enjoying Tim Jury's great articles about regenerative farming in the village magazine. Indeed, Tim has donated to us this copy of **Wilding** by **Isabella Tree**. Isabella and her husband Charlie Burrell are owners of the Knepp Castle Estate (known generally, simply as Knepp) which features from time to time on Countryfile (BBC). This book is an account of their ongoing project to restore the land and wildlife of Knepp by letting Nature be in charge. Nicholas Crane (who visited Pett Level when making the BBC series, Coast) describes the book as "Blooming with humour, practicality, science and lessons learned". It starts with these lines from Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem *Inversnaid*, written in 1881 but even more pertinent today:

What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet

Vivien

Meet the Seaside Stitchers

Do you love to sew, knit, crochet, embroider or enjoy any other form of textile craft, but find it a bit solitary? Would you like to meet like-minded people who share your enthusiasm for craft? If so, you'll find a warm welcome at the Seaside Stitchers!

We're a small, friendly, informal group which meets fortnightly on a Wednesday at Pett Methodist Church Hall, from 1-4 pm. You don't need any experience to join us, just plenty of enthusiasm, an open mind and a willingness to share ideas and skills.

For more [information](#) please contact Donna at donnagilbert1@sky.com or Tel: 01424 812185.

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The lasting legacy of the Mary Stanford disaster

Following Val Gill's very personal piece in the January issue on the Mary Stanford disaster, and her concerns about the current condition of the lifeboat house, Jacqui Stanford, Chair of the Friends of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat House Committee has kindly taken the time to respond as follows:

Having read Val Gill's article in the January edition, I thought I would give an update of what has been achieved since I set up the Friends group and what the future hopefully holds.

First though, may I respectfully amend one aspect of Val's story about her family and the heroes of the Mary Stanford and that is only 15 bodies were actually laid to rest during the initial funeral. It wasn't until three months later the sea gave up the body of Henry Cutting at Eastbourne and he was then laid to rest with his fellow heroes. A space in the grave was left for 17 year old Jackie Head whose body unfortunately was never found, but he is still recognised every year at the moving memorial service in November at Rye Harbour.

The Friends group is still going strong and much has been achieved since I organised the meeting at Winchelsea Beach to form a Friends group. First, I applied for charity status which we got (Charity No. 1126067). Then I spent months researching and putting together an application for English Heritage and was successful in getting the boathouse Grade II Listed to protect it, as some on Icklesham Parish Council called it an eyesore and said it should be pulled down. So, the fact it became Grade II listed prevented this from ever happening - this is an iconic building in the area and we believe the last of its kind in existence. After the Listing, Steve Tollett and I worked hard with the Environment Agency (the then owners) and they cleared up the messy area and agreed to ensure it was protected by shingle. Over the next years, as they saw us as a trustworthy group, they eventually passed freehold ownership to the Friends by Deed, which was dealt with for us by Heringtons in Rye. The group therefore have freehold ownership over not only the boathouse, but also the land around it which we negotiated - the rest of the Nature Reserve is leased by the Nature Reserve from East Sussex. This is an unprecedented situation, and we are proud of this achievement, but it all takes time.

I then formed a limited company, Friends of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat House Co. (No. 7809704) to put us on a business-like footing for any potential donors. I prepare accounts for both Companies House and the Charity Commission on a yearly basis. To date we hold £22,402.80 in Lloyds Bank A/C 00158314 Sort Code 30-00-04. The only outgoings every year are Companies House Annual fee of £13, Zurich Insurance £96 and the memorial service wreath every year of £40. No person is paid, and no Trustee claims for their expenses; all our many hours, printing, paper etc are given voluntarily. Occasionally there is an extra cost of printing more leaflets when they run out, but we keep costs to a minimum.

The next stage of the restoration was to find a Civil Engineer to work with us on the actual restoration plan so that we could apply for funds. We found Brian Morton, the Civil Engineer for Canterbury Cathedral and some very historic churches on Romney Marsh. Brian had heard of the restoration project and helped us, giving his considerable time and covering his expenses for free. He spent many hours at the boathouse through his company, Brian Morton Partnership, and eventually came up with the restoration plan which is still in place. Unfortunately Brian died suddenly before Covid, but we still have his legacy and vision and he will always be part of the project. We miss him terribly.

With Brian's help we then found Conservation Builders who luckily are local (W Tollett) and who have carried out many projects for English Heritage. We had meetings at the lifeboat house and

Brian interviewed them on how they would conduct the works and was more than satisfied that they were the right builders to use. Whilst trying to raise the funding, the boathouse is checked regularly for any immediate works which we fund, but Brian Morton's report was absolutely clear following a structural inspection that "The building has stood up to many storms and obvious changes in the beach levels and, in my opinion, is not at risk of collapse". Visitors cannot see, but Acro props are installed inside the doorway to hold the lintel up that Val was worried about.

Although we have received many donations in the past which have added to the fund, we needed to raise the £125,000 estimated by W. Tollett (they are having to revisit their initial quote due to price increases). Once we had the estimate I then applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund (Brian Morton had at one time been on their panel and had said that our project was exactly the kind of project that they funded). However, we were turned down because of the amount of money given to the new build in the Nature Reserve which had exhausted local funds. Therefore, for us it is back to the drawing board, but rest assured what we have already raised is safely held in Lloyds Bank and we intend raising the balance of the monies and completing this project at least before the Centenary in 2028.

In January this year, I met with film maker Adrian Wheeler, a local man who is writing a screenplay of the Mary Stanford disaster and is now on board with helping to raise the funds for the restoration. So, things are still moving forward, and if you can help with donating to this important local project then please go onto our Facebook page where you can do so. I will keep the *Pett and Pett Level News* updated in the coming months and we are hopeful we will achieve raising the funds for the restoration to be completed before the centenary year, when we hope to have a service at the boathouse.

Jacqui Stanford

Chair of the Friends of Mary Stanford Lifeboat House and Chair of Icklesham Parish Council

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Pett WI



Firstly, please let me introduce myself. I am Sally Watson and have the privilege of being the new President of Pett WI. I must pay tribute and say a huge thank you to our previous President, Belinda Wood, who I take over from. She was an inspiring President with innovative ideas and a delightful personality and has led our WI from strength to strength.

Our December meeting was a huge success, despite freezing temperatures and a layer of ice across the car park at Pett Village Hall. About 25 hardy members turned out and, at Belinda's request, were 'glammed up' for the meeting. During the first half of the meeting members enjoyed a lively demonstration by local Pett florist, Helen Farnes, who set up Cottage Garden Florals in Pett in 2019. She demonstrated how to put together simple Christmas table decorations using foliage from your garden and a few Christmassy items. The results were beautiful.

Afterwards, Prosecco and mince pies were enjoyed, plus lots of chat and a judging of the 'glam' outfits. Sandra Clark's sequinned outfit was awarded the top prize, closely followed by Tracy Hedley.

This was followed by a brief AGM, where our Treasurer, Jane Sweaney, took members through our very healthy financial statement and answered questions. The voting for Committee members then took place and Belinda Wood, Jane Sweaney, Amanda Leeson, Trish Walker, Tracey Hedley were all voted in and the vote for President resulted in my election. I thanked Belinda for her hard work and dedication as President for the last 4 years and we presented her with flowers and a President's brooch. I then asked for members to consider new local charities that they might like to nominate that we could support next year.

The reason for the glamour outfits was our 'Awards Ceremony' organised by Belinda, with certificates going to members for fun reasons. The certificates for good attendance mostly went uncollected as members hadn't been able to get there due to the weather! A special award went to Hilary Dymott for her exceptional dedication to our charities committee WICAID and organising the hugely successful Spring and Winter Fairs.

The next meeting is on Saturday 14th January 10.00 -12.00 where we will be considering the WI resolutions and voting on them.

A Happy New Year to you all.

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Sally Watson



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Pett Parish Council Update

I am sure that most people in the parish know of the sudden death of Tim Rothwell shortly before Christmas. Tim will be sorely missed and a tribute to him is given elsewhere in this issue of the parish news. I don't feel that it is necessary for me to repeat all that is said in the tribute, but I should note that, for a short time, Tim was a member of the parish council and made his usual positive contribution in that role. Our sympathy goes to Tim's wife Libby and the rest of his family.

Probably Tim's most important contribution to the community was as chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. The management committee have deferred until after Tim's funeral making a decision about who should take over until the hall AGM in a few months' time. By the time you receive this issue of the magazine that will have been decided.

The council held its usual meeting in January and, after discussion, fixed the precept at £23,000, the same as last year. The council precept is still a small part of the council tax at under a pound a week. That it has increased over the past few years is because the base rate on which it is calculated has increased and this is outside the parish council's control. In addition, Rother District Council has decided to devolve services such as public toilets to parish councils. The toilets at Pett Level may be treated as an exception, but the parish council needs to plan for possible expense involved in this. More information next month, but, if you have a view on this, please let me know.

Discussions of the replacement of caravans by chalets at the Kentucky site at Pett Level continue. Cllr Andrew Mier has a meeting with the planning development officer at the end of January and I will report on the outcome of this meeting next month. The recent flooding at Pett Level seems to indicate that any development there should have planning permission.

Grants made by the council have been mentioned in a letter to the magazine. As I have said repeatedly, the council welcomes applications for grants from appropriate organisations. However, no request means no grant. Without commenting on the other points made, I repeat that all the council's financial transactions can be seen on Pettnet, as indeed can the budget. I hope those figures make it clear that the council's spending is closely controlled.

I attended the meeting of RALC (Rother Association of Local Councils) last week. The meeting was mainly given over to Malcolm Johnson, Chief Executive of Rother District Council, and Inspector Olivia Carroll. Malcolm reported on the Rother council's budget for 2023–24, explaining that recent problems (Covid etc.) had hit the council's reserves, but that plans are in place to restore the reserves. In addition, the district council is waiting for the results of the government review of the number of houses that are designated to be built in Rother. Past targets have been unrealistic as 80% of Rother is AONB.

Inspector Carroll gave an update on how policing is working within Rother. There are now PCSOs allocated to specific areas and they are expecting to visit every parish at least once a week. There are five PCSOs covering the Rye area, which includes Pett.

Peter Felton and David Nicholls have completed their renovation of the bus shelter and it now almost sparkles. Our thanks to them and to Gerald Dymott, who donated some of the materials used.

Elsewhere in this issue is an appeal for people to consider standing for the council in May. I won't repeat everything I said last month, but please give this serious consideration.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

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Gifts left in Wills are a hugely valuable source of income for St Michael's Hospice. Such gifts allow them to support and enable the community of Hastings and Rother to live well with dying, death and loss. Making a Will is important to ensure not only that any dependants are cared for, but also that an estate is passed on in accordance with the deceased's wishes. A Will can also include a gift to a charity or charities of your choice.

If you don't already have a Will, it's never too soon to think about one. For more information about leaving a Gift in your Will to the Hospice call 01424 456396, email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com or visit www.stmichaelsospice.com/giftsinwills

Waggy Winter Wander

Grab the lead, a pocket full of treats and pack your dog's favourite toys because it's almost time for Waggy Winter Wander. Support St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 18th March at a 10k sponsored dog walk from Winchelsea Beach Community Centre to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and back again. Registration opens at 10.30am in preparation for the adventure to begin at 11am. Tickets are £10 per person (maximum of two dogs per ticket, under 16s go free).

Upon your return you will be met with dog themed stalls, refreshments and a raffle. There will be a variety of doggy prizes to be won for the best-behaved dog, waggiest tail and lots of other popular prize categories but, everyone will be walking away with a goodie bag. No dog? No problem, all are welcome to take part in the raffle, browse the stalls and meet some of the four-legged friends that took part.

For tickets and more information visit www.stmichaelsospice.com/waggy

Yellow Week

Could you help raise awareness and essential funds for your local Hospice by taking part in Yellow Week? From Monday 20th - Sunday 26th February, St Michael's Hospice is encouraging you to get creative by finding fun and interesting ways of incorporating yellow into your day.

There are a variety of ways your school, community or workplace can get involved, whether it's as simple as yellow socks or as extreme as dying your hair. By getting involved with Yellow Week it helps to raise awareness of the work the Hospice does in supporting and enabling the community of Hastings and Rother to live well with dying, death and loss.

If you're interested in turning your hobby into a fundraiser, please contact the Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com

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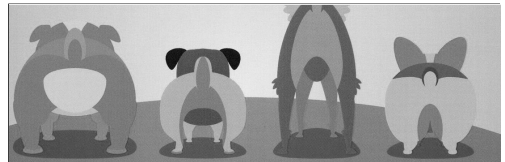
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News from Pett Level Preservation Trust

Christmas Stall and cards

The Christmas stall on Saturday 3 December was a great success. Mince pies and mulled wine went down a treat while the firepit kept guests warm. The great raffle prizes created lots of interest and together with food, drink, and Christmas Card sales (which sold out!) raised over £400 for the PLPT. Thanks to everyone who came along and those who generously donated raffle prizes. A special thank you to Annie Soudain for her beautiful Christmas Cards.

Wildlife sightings

Mid-winter is usually a fairly quiet time of year for wildlife. A few plants are starting to poke their heads above ground; the first spikes of snowdrops are coming through and the willows are forming their catkins. Alexanders were shooting up but the cold spell knocked them back a tad. In regard to birds, Pett Level, in its geographically widest sense, is characterised at this time of year by good numbers of wildfowl especially wigeon and shoveler ducks which congregate here before moving back to their breeding grounds. Coot have also increased in numbers, especially around the roadside pools, but will soon be declining for similar reasons. Greylag geese are scattered over the grazing marsh, accompanied by the occasional white fronted goose and recently, by up to five barnacle geese. We are used to seeing little egrets haunting the ditches across the marsh but now they are being joined by great white egrets - beautiful pure white birds the size of a heron. Other sightings include large numbers of lapwing and small murmurations of starlings.

On the Trust land itself, dunnocks and robins are commonplace, with the occasional song thrush tuning up in anticipation of spring. Other songsters include Cetti's warbler along the canal and mistle thrush from the tops of tall trees. In the evenings, tawny owls are busy hooting and screeching at each other, sometimes over significant distances. The fleeting presence of a couple of firecrests, one of Britain's tiniest birds beautifully marked with a distinctive call, was noted by sharp eyed and sharp eared local birdwatchers early in the New Year. Treecreepers have also been seen and, on a more exotic level and certainly adding a splash of colour, an Alexandrine parrot has been sporadically noted in the local area. Do tell us what birds you have seen and heard in and around Pett and Pett Level.

Work Parties

In November we joined forces with Marsham Brook residents to clear the path from Marsham Brook Lane to Chick Hill to enable people to use the track without having to battle with bramble and other invasive plants. Thanks to all those who kindly lent a hand on the day.

Follow us on Instagram

We now have an Instagram account in addition to our Facebook and website. The address is @pett_level_preservation_trust. Please follow us.

Date for your diary

The Annual Meeting of the Trust will take place on **Thursday 20 April 2023** - save that date!

Supporting the PLPT

The PLPT works on a minimal budget from year to year and through the hard work of a small group of volunteers we manage to punch well above our weight. However, we are reliant on funding to ensure we can all continue to enjoy the Trust's beautiful land. When writing your Will would you consider remembering the Trust with a legacy?

The Trust always welcomes new Friends who wish to support our work and to help out with practical management. If you are interested in joining the Friends of PLPT please email Theresa Noutch at theresanoutch@aol.com or if you want to volunteer for practical management over the winter contact Martin King at twotrok@hotmail.co.uk. Find out more about the Trust at www.pettlevelpreservationtrust.org.

John Newton, PLPT Chair

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Nature Notes

Have you heard about the insect apocalypse? No, that's not the name of a sci-fi horror film where the human race is threatened by an invasion of giant insects, but it is something much closer to home and certainly involves serious threats to humanity. Many scientists are seriously concerned about a large and rapid decline in the number of insects. I have written in this column before about the German scientists using meticulous sampling techniques and keeping records over a period of 30 years or so that noticed a decline of 70% in the weight of insects caught over that period. Those of you old enough to remember summer drives in the 1960's and 70's will know that windscreens could become almost opaque with splattered insects after an hour or two, something that simply doesn't happen nowadays. (There is a scientist in Denmark who is trying to quantify the decline by attaching a clean card to the front of his car and then driving a set route at a set speed to get a standardized count of the insects 'caught').



There could be many reasons for such a decline, and global warming and profligate use of pesticides are included in the usual suspects, but it is not easy to get a clear idea of cause and effect. Some remote areas well away from agriculture and pesticides are also seeing a decline. Global warming is certainly causing more extreme weather events but insects can be tough and adaptable and a shorter hibernation period may benefit some insects, provided their normal forage is available when they emerge.

Despite our natural disdain or revulsion, insects do provide us with many services. Without pollinators we wouldn't have fruit or vegetables, except for a few that can self-pollinate. We can happily order seeds from D.T. Brown without considering that, in order to provide those seeds, the cabbages, radishes and beetroot had to flower and be pollinated. Without pollinators our diets will be mainly cereals and potatoes and a few other things that can be vegetatively propagated. We wouldn't even have a bar of chocolate to cheer us up. Another service is the provision of soil. Soil is a mixture of minerals from eroded rocks and organic matter, most of which is provided by the insects, earthworms, and other invertebrates that are breaking down the plant fibres and animal faeces, not to mention the countless micro-organisms that help to provide the rich brown matter we grow our cereals and potatoes in. Moreover, insects, or at least their larvae, are very efficient recyclers of cadavers should any animal happen to die without otherwise being eaten.

I had a quick look at my own records to see if they gave any indication of a decline. I logged 239 species in 2020, 230 of which were from our garden, 495 records in 2021, and 589 records in 2022. Though that looks like an increase, it is probably not. The 589 records in 2022 include 385 from the churchyard and 179 from our garden, many of which will be repeats from the two locations. The increase also reflects the time and effort I've put into looking for species, as well as the fact that as time goes on, I am able to recognize, and therefore record more species. I am also only counting species, not generally the number of insects found. (The main exception is moth trapping when each species record shows the number of insects of that species on each occasion.) In short, my records on their own are scientifically useless, but combined with other people's records maybe a picture will emerge of how we're doing nationally.

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The club will be fundraising to try and raise the additional funds required and local donations from individuals or businesses will be very gratefully received.

2023 Gigs and events

Friday 27th January- Burns Night with Martin Ray
Saturday 25th February- It Takes Two, Motown night
Saturday 18th March- member party
Saturday 25th March- Helter Skelter
Saturday 22nd April- Pass The Cat
Saturday 6th May - 1066 Rockitmen
Sunday 28th May- Los Twangueros
Sunday 11th June- Rye Bay Crew
Saturday 1st July- Big at Six
Saturday 22nd July- Kytes
Saturday 12th August- Cushty
Sunday 27th August- Los Twangueros
Saturday 23rd September- Don't Stop (Fleetwood Mac Tribute band)
Saturday 30th September- Harvest Home Auction



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Pett on the Knit



Another parcel of over 20 items went off to Knit for Peace from Pett last week and I received a very nice email in return from the organisers:

I am delighted to say that we have received your wonderful knitted donations. We look forward to delivering the knitted items, as they will undoubtedly make a big difference to those in need. Thank you for your support, we truly appreciate it. All the latest information from Knit for Peace can be found in our monthly newsletter and on our Facebook page! You can also support our projects through the Good Gifts Catalogue. We always appreciate feedback and help in spreading the word about Knit for Peace. Warm wishes from the whole team.

On their website there is an explanation of the thinking behind the organisation: ‘Here at Knit for Peace we believe that knitting (and crochet) is good for people. Based on our experience of developing Knit for Peace over the last few years, we have learned that knitting is extremely important as an activity that can be carried out right into extreme old age and helps improve long-term health, both mental and physical. Our policy is to encourage people to give, whether it is time or money. So we set about finding outlets. We now distribute regularly to over 200 outlets, including hospitals, women’s refuges, refugee drop in centres, prisons, community groups, and hospices as well as to developing countries and refugee camps, or those living in the rubble in Syria. We send the knitting (and crochet) to where it’s needed. We also pass on donations of yarn and needles to enable people on low incomes to knit. The operation has grown organically, and we estimate we have over 22,000 knitters. Send your knitting to us and we will make sure that it goes to a good home.’

This month I’m including again the simple blanket square pattern from which we make up larger blankets.

Blanket Square Pattern: (knit diagonally)

Squares should measure 12.5cms (5 inches) square, be made of synthetic DK wool, and knitted on No 4mm (old fashioned No 8) needles.

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.

You can contact me for wool on 07977 100 296 or heather.brambletye@hotmail.co.uk or heathergodwin19@gmail.com at 2 Brambletye, Pett Road, near the Methodist Church, and I’m usually at the Village Coffee Morning.

RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE



Hello from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. We hope 2023 is going well for you so far. February is always a fun time at the reserve, as nature heads towards spring and schools head for half term, so our event schedule includes plenty to see and do:

February highlights include:

- Our Wednesday Wellbeing Walks take place from 9.45am - 11.15am. Meet at the Rye Harbour Village public shelter (by the turning circle).
- Saturday 4th - the Kind Table pop up at the Discovery Centre, 10am - 4pm.
- Sunday 5th - Winter Wildfowl walk with the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. No booking required, just meet us at the Rye Harbour village car park to join the walk. Free for Friends of RHNR or minimum donation of £3 please.
- Saturday 11th - Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Open Day. Events include a guided walk, stalls in the Discovery Centre and the chance to find out more about the work of the Friends. All welcome.
- Half term week is Monday 13th to Friday 17th and we'll be hosting a variety of activities for children (accompanied by adults). From enjoying microscopes to a morning of family fun on the reserve - please check our events page to find out more and to book some of these events.
- Sunday 19th - our Guide in a Hide volunteers are here from 10am - 3pm to share their skills and sightings. Drop into Gooders Hide, the one between the car park and the sea, or into the Discovery Centre.

In other news, as the Pett community is aware, the Environment Agency's essential sea defence work continues, with the convoy of large trucks moving regularly, Monday to Friday, along the Nature Reserve to Pett Level.

Finally, if you're looking for a new things to do, have you thought about volunteering with us? We have a range of volunteer roles, so if you would like to know more please contact us at ryeswtvolunteering@sussexwt.org.uk.

Stay up to date with our work, updates and our busy schedule by following us on social media: Facebook - @RyeHarbourNR; Instagram - @ryeharbournr or Twitter @ryeharbour_NR - or checking out our website at: rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Katherine Crowther
Communications Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust

A promotional graphic for the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Weekly Wellbeing Walks. It features a photograph of four people walking on a grassy field. Above the photo is an orange arrow pointing right with the text 'Get active, get involved'. Below the photo, the text reads 'Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Weekly Wellbeing Walks'. Further down, it says 'Enjoy the outdoors with a morning of gentle walking across Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Suitable for all abilities.' and 'Wednesdays 9:45 am - 11 am'. Below that, it says 'Meet at the shelter next to the public toilets in Rye Harbour village, close to the bus turning circle and bus stop - ideal for coming by bus' and 'Booking isn't needed but suitable footwear is!'. At the bottom, it says 'Information about all our events can be found here: sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on or scan the QR code:'. There are also logos for the Heritage Fund and Sussex Wildlife Trust, and a QR code in the bottom right corner.

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Brimstone

It's around about now that I start getting a bit bored of winter. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a bit of bleak beauty: bare trees, frosted landscapes and all that. But now I need something to get my heart racing. Send me a sign - some life in the graveyard of winter, a promise of those dynamic spring months ahead, a flash of colour. In February my light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming butterfly.



On sculpted, vibrant yellow wings the Brimstone makes his elegant entrance into the New Year on those bright February days when you feel the warmth of the sun on your face. Its distinctive yellow wings have given birth to a legend - that this 'butter-coloured fly' inspired the word butterfly. This claim may not entirely be true. Also untrue is the notion that these February Brimstones are the first signs of the year's new life. Because by the time Brimstones appear in February they are already on their last (six) legs.

Fresh Brimstone butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in late summer, so by February they could be seven months old - and in butterfly years that's ancient. Admittedly almost all of that time they've been asleep in a hedge, sheltered from the storms under Holly and Ivy. Yet despite the worst winter weather they always emerge immaculate in the spring. They must be made of Teflon.

When they awake the (bright yellow) males search for a mate, they mate, the (pale yellow) females lay eggs and then both die. Still, an adult life of over ten months earns them the title of our longest-lived butterfly. An insect OAP.

The Brimstone's caterpillars feed on the leaves of Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn, unobtrusive shrubs which, like the butterfly, are widespread across Sussex. When I first became the proud owner of a garden it was only a matter of days before I evicted the gnomes and planted an Alder Buckthorn. The following spring I was excited to watch a Brimstone laying her tiny skittle shaped eggs and I studied the caterpillars as they hungrily defoliated my tree. It's funny, people often complain to me about caterpillars eating their plants - especially cabbages (the food of Small and Large White caterpillars). Why people are concerned is beyond me. Cabbages are horrible. The only reason I would ever plant a cabbage is for the pleasure of watching something else eat it.

The first Brimstone sighting in February doesn't exactly mean that spring is starting but it's certainly a sign that winter is starting to end. And right now that's good enough for me. Either way this yellow butterfly is a welcome messenger of what's to come - the first sulphurous spark to ignite the blaze of spring.

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Pett & District Horticultural Society (P&DHS) AGM will be held at Pett Village Hall on Wed 8th March at 19.00 hours. There is plenty to report following the 2022 Show, which was a financial success.

The Committee are keen to make donations to local good causes

in recognition of the support given to the Flower Show. Please contact any member of the Committee or send requests directly to the Chairman, Philippa Strickland, Adams, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HG. Call 01424 814384 or Email pstrickl@icloud.com. Requests in writing please.

The Committee's next task is planning the schedule to fit the chosen theme. On the advice of our horticultural judge, some of the classes have been removed and trophies reallocated. The schedule will be distributed with the May issue of Pett Parish News. Prior to that it will be available on Pettnet and details of classes that require planning will be advised in the April issue of the magazine.

Philippa M. Strickland, Chairman P&DHS

Pett Cricket Club

Hopefully the January blues have been dusted off and everyone is now looking forward to (hopefully) some better weather!

Now it's February, we can start to turn our attention to the 2023 Cricket Season, with our indoor nets starting at the end of the month - if you're interested, please contact Gary at gary.chatham@hotmail.com



NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Pett CC would like to welcome anyone in the area who might be interested in returning to the game of cricket or new players who'd like to give it a go. The club will have 3 sides for the 2023 season:

- 1st XI - Division 5 Sussex Cricket League
- 2nd XI - Division 11 Sussex Cricket League
- Sunday Friendly XI

Pett Village Hall Committee

Following the sad loss of our Chair, Tim Rothwell, the Committee have decided that a temporary Chair will be agreed at our next meeting on 23rd January.

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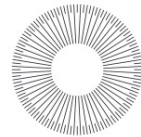
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Gardening Club Notes - January 2023

Our first meeting of the year included our AGM and the taking of members' subscriptions and we were very pleased to welcome four new members on the night.

We then welcomed Marcus Foster, an arboricultural consultant and garden designer, who lives locally, as our main speaker for the evening to anchor a Question and Answer session. Members had submitted questions mainly regarding tree issues, which had been formulated into a presentation, with relevant photos, which assisted in structuring the evening. Some of the questions posed were directly relevant to the local area and were, therefore, of interest to everyone present.

Marcus was asked whether elm trees, currently regenerating near the top of Pannel Lane, could now be said to be resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. What is actually happening, as Marcus then explained, is that the trees are regrowing from the roots and will be healthy until they reach the height at which the beetle which carries the disease flies and can then infiltrate the tree. In order to try to prevent that happening the "new" trees can be managed at a lower height. There is now, however, a disease resistant elm available, *Olmus* 'New Horizon'.

Marcus was then asked to recommend smaller indigenous or local trees that might be introduced into gardens and came up with many ideas of different sizes which we might all be able to choose from, to suit our own gardens, including alder, spindle, crab apple, field maple, Turner's Oak, rowan and pine. Several questions regarding pruning and fertilising of fruit trees were asked and the general advice then given was to prune in late summer to contain and reshape over-sized trees and that seaweed fertiliser is a good all-round option, whilst also making sure compaction of the soil around the base of the tree is not an issue.

One member had planted a native hedge about six years ago, which had become very tall and wispy in parts, leaving large gaps at the base, which she wanted to thicken to provide better habitat for wildlife. Marcus suggested pruning the hedge down to about three feet, to concentrate new growth at the base and restore the look of the hedge and its usefulness as habitat. Altogether, the evening was a great success, with members joining in from the floor to help answer questions, while Marcus more than ably advised and helped with all manner of tree-related topics.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 14th at 7.30 p.m., when Robin Tuppen will tell us about the history of the Sussex Trug and we will be treated to a demonstration of the making of a trug by Caleb Pimm. Trugs will also be available to purchase on the night.

June Harris

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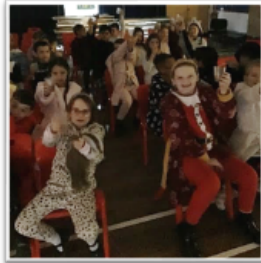
Last term was full of excitement and wonder and we would like to share with you some of the highlights!

During the lead up to Christmas, our pupils enjoyed a whole school learning journey based on the beautiful picture book- 'Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg

The school hall was transformed into a magical Christmas experience for the children. Every class were treated to a warm chocolate drink and we even had a guest appearance of the ticket master himself!

All our classes read this beautiful book together which then inspired discussion and fabulous writing.

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 "When I saw the Polar Express, my eyes couldn't believe it! I saw dancing waiters on board and drank hot chocolate."



Our wonderful KS1 and Reception children delighted us with a 'Wriggly Nativity' performance.



The Epiphany

To celebrate the end of the Christmas season, when we returned to school, we remembered the Feast of the Epiphany. It is the day we remember the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. In school we spoke about the relevance of the gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus and the message that Jesus was a gift from God for all the world.



Dear Lord,
 Thank you for the gift of Jesus.
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John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Editor's note: Don't forget all our lovely local walks around Pett and Pett Level, including the Platinum Jubilee Way. We are hoping to entice one or more of our local resident walkers to highlight some of their favourite local walks in the 'Pett and Pett Level News', so watch this space!

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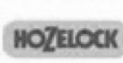
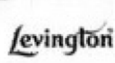
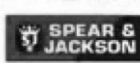
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Sunday 12th February		
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Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
Sunday 19th February		
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Wednesday 22nd February		
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(For 4 approx people)

2 eggs
2 tablespoons of white sugar
2 tablespoons of white vinegar
2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
Flour as needed.

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Cut each sheet of dough into long stripes 5 cm wide (about 2 inches). Each stripe needs also to be cut into pieces 10 cm length (about 4 inches). Once cut to the desired length (you don't have to be precise) each little stripe needs to be twisted in the centre to create the shape of a bow. Fry them in a pan using sunflower oil, and as soon as they are golden place them on absorbent paper and let them dry. Before eating sprinkle with lots of caster sugar. An alternative to caster sugar is to drizzle them with honey, and Buon Carnivale - Happy Carnival to everyone.

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WATER LEAK	Southern Water emergency service	0800 820 999

POST OFFICE

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

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



347 BUS TIMETABLE

Pett to Hastings	Mondays to Fridays							Saturdays				
	SCH	HOLS				HOLS	SCH					
Pett, Chick Hill	08:19	08:26	10:12	12:17	14:02	15:42	15:47	08:26			14:02	
Pett, Church	08:22	08:29	10:15	12:20	14:05	15:45	15:50	08:29			14:05	
Guestling Green School	08:29											
Guestling, The White Hart	08:34	08:34	10:20	12:25	14:10	15:50	15:55	08:34			14:10	
Ore, The Kings Head	08:38	08:38	10:24	12:29	14:14	15:54	15:59	08:38			14:14	
Ore Post Office	08:40	08:40	10:26	12:31	14:16	15:56		08:40			14:16	
Milward Road Manor Road	08:45	08:45	10:30	12:35	14:20	16:00		08:45	09:52	11:57	14:20	15:22
Hastings, Queens Road			10:35	12:40	14:25	16:05			09:57	12:02	14:25	15:27
Hastings, Harold Place	08:49	08:49						08:49				
Hastings, Rail Station	08:51	08:51						08:51				
Fairlight Glen							16:03					
Fairlight, Cove Hotel							16:09					
Pett Level							16:15					

Hastings to Pett	Mondays to Fridays							Saturdays				
				HOLS	SCH							
Hastings, Rail Stop E			13:30	15:10	15:10					13:30	15:10	
Queens Road, opp												
Priory Meadow Stop N	09:45	11:50	13:35	15:15	15:15	16:40	17:40	09:45	11:50	13:35	15:15	16:40 17:40
Milward Road Manor Road	09:50	11:55	13:40	15:20	15:20	06:45	17:45	09:50	11:55	13:40	15:20	16:45 17:45
Ore Post Office	09:55	12:00	13:45	15:25	15:25		17:50			13:45		17:50
Ore, The Kings Head	09:57	12:02	13:47	15:27	15:27		17:52			13:47		17:52
Guestling, The White Hart	10:01	12:06	13:51	15:31	15:31		17:56			13:51		17:56
Guestling School					15:34							
Pett, Church	10:06	12:11	13:56	15:36	15:42		18:01			13:56		18:01
Pett, Chick Hill	10:09	12:14	13:59	15:39	15:45		18:04			13:59		18:04

	SCH	School Days Only										
	HOLS	School Holidays Only										

101 BUS TIMETABLE

Hastings to Rye (onwards to Lydd)	Mondays to Saturdays										Sundays		
	Sch	NSch											
Hastings, Station (Stop F)				07:47		14:47	15:57	16:52	17:52	18:55		09:12	17:12
Orr, opp Co-Op	07:11	07:21	08:02			15:02	16:12	17:07	18:07	19:05		09:27	17:27
Fairlight Glen	07:15	07:25	08:06		then	15:06	16:16	17:11	18:11	19:09		09:31	then 2 17:31
Fairlight Cove Hotel	07:21	07:31	08:12		hourly	15:12	16:22	17:17	18:18	19:15		09:37	hourly 17:37
Pett Level	07:27	07:37	08:18		until	15:18	16:28	17:23	18:23	19:21		09:43	until 17:43
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:31	07:41	08:22			15:22	16:32	17:27	18:27	19:25		09:49	17:49
Rye, Railway Station	07:43	07:53	08:34			15:34	16:44	17:39	18:39	19:37		10:01	18:01

(from Lydd) Rye to Hastings	Mondays to Saturdays										Sundays		
NS	Sch	NSch											
Rye, Railway Station (Stop A)	06:54	07:48	07:57	09:08			14:08	15:30	16:08	17:08	18:08	10:37	16:37
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:04	07:59	08:08	09:19			14:19	15:41	16:19	17:19	18:19	10:48	16:48
Pett Level	07:08	08:03	08:12	09:23			14:23	15:45	16:23	17:23	18:23	10:52	16:52
Fairlight Cove Hotel	07:14	08:09	08:18	09:29		then	14:29	15:51	16:29	17:29	18:29	10:58	then 2 16:58
Fairlight Glen	07:20	08:01	08:24	09:35		hourly	14:35	15:57	16:35	17:35	18:35	11:04	hourly 17:04
Orr, Co-Op		07:25	08:29	09:40		until	14:40	16:02	16:40	17:40	18:40	11:09	until 17:09
Guestling Green School			08:30										
Orr opp Post Office			08:38										
Hastings, Station (Stop C)	07:40	08:52	08:44	09:57			14:57	16:19	16:57	17:57	18:55	11:25	17:25

	NS	Not Saturdays										
	Sch	School Days Only										
	NSch	Not schooldays										

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Pett WI



STALLS

REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE PRIZES

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Saturday 1st April

10am - 3pm

Pett Village Hall

TN35 4HD

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