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# Editorial

We have a fabulous edition for you this month. Therese Conway has sent in details of a stunning walk across the fields to Guestling Church, where you can admire Tim Jury's innovative regenerative farming methods en route. We also have a delightful contribution from Phillip Carr, who is new to the area and thoroughly enjoying exploring Pett Level with his grandchildren - it's lovely to see the area we love through the eyes of someone who is celebrating its delights for the first time. After the long winter we finally have the return of Gill Plank's much-missed Garden Blog, plus all our regular features to enjoy.

There is plenty of information about forthcoming events celebrating the Coronation, including the Big Coronation Lunch at Pett Village Hall (there are a few tickets remaining as we go to print) and a whole range of events over the weekend organised by Sarah from the Old Butcher's Shop and Robin at the Royal Oak.

Thank you to all those who responded to our plea for volunteers to help Anthea with Pett Post Office. Wendy was overwhelmed by the response and has now been able to set up a rota of helpers, which is lovely to see.

Lastly, a huge apology to Philippa and the members of Pett Flower Show Committee for the regrettable omission of their article last month. Unfortunately we are only human and mistakes can and do happen. Rest assured however, that we always do our best to make the magazine entertaining and informative for the community.

We hope you all enjoy the numerous Bank Holidays throughout May; let's just hope the sun shines and we can enjoy being outdoors at last!

*Donna and Louisa*

Dear Editors

## **STRAY GINGER CAT**

We have had a stray ginger cat lodging with us for some weeks now and despite entries on Facebook, etc., have been unsuccessful in finding its owner. If any readers have been searching for their much-loved cat, we would love to reunite you with this friendly, chatty little soul.

We are in Pett Level and our number is 01424 814225.

David and Barbara Martin



# Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat

Hello to all our friends and supporters from everyone at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat! The Spring weather has been a mixed bag so far, but we are all grateful for the warmer training days and longer, lighter evenings!

A huge thank you to all those who take the time to support us, through volunteering, donations or simply stopping to chat to us on Sundays.

Please read on for our latest news:

- Our AGM will take place on Sunday 14 May at 10am at the PLIRB Boathouse. The AGM will appoint the Committee for the upcoming year and review the annual reports. All are welcome to attend.
- Our annual Open Day will take place on Sunday 20 August. August seems far away but we try to start our planning early! If you are interested in having a stall, donating a prize for the Grand Raffle or being involved, please email [plirbrescue@gmail.com](mailto:plirbrescue@gmail.com).
- On Monday 8 May, PLIRB will be at the Coronation Community Fun Day, taking place at the Pett Recreation Ground and Royal Oak Pub. We will be there with the boat and some of our popular daft games. Thank you to Robin at the Royal Oak and Sarah at Pett Butchers for inviting us and to all the local businesses who have sponsored the event. Do come along for a fun day!
- The Charity Shed opened on Easter Sunday and will be open 10am-4pm every Sunday (weather permitting) through the summer. Full of quirky treats and bargains, with everything from paintings and homewares to toys and quality clothing, something for everyone. Good quality donations always welcome.
- A very big thank you to the South Middlesex Lodge who donated £1000 from their Ladies Night event - a wonderful contribution which will go towards the replacement of our smaller Tornado boat.
- We have successfully secured planning permission to extend the Tornado boat garage to provide much needed enhanced storage facilities for our equipment. Plans were supported by the local community and have been designed to complement our boathouse and crew room and respect the existing garages. Now the fundraising begins to secure the funds to not only replace the Tornado boat, but also for this exciting new project!

Wishing you all a wonderful May and enjoy the additional Bank Holiday weekend! Do come and visit us on Sundays - and remember that we always welcome new volunteers. 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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# A walk through time

We walk along the strand from Pett Level towards Fairlight: The English Channel coruscating in the midwinter sun. Ahead, the unstable, 100-foot-high Cliff End and Ashdown Sandstone cliffs show contrasting brightly illuminated slabs and dark internal corners. Each winter, blocks break free and crash to the beach below, reuniting them with their contemporaries that have been washed twice daily by the Channel tides for millennia.



These sandstone slabs of the foreshore, exposed by the low tide, reveal a view into their origins. The fossils that we see as we cross the slabs are of freshwater bivalve molluscs and, ferns and horsetails that lived on land. These sandstones are made of sediments transported by rivers and streams, before they settled in a large lake here around 140 million years ago, when we were still part of the European landmass and the sea level was 100 feet lower. The children's eyes widen with amazement when we locate an iguanodon footprint preserved where it walked through the silt, perhaps pausing for a drink in the warm, shallow lagoon.

The retreating tide has revealed a more modern era of this coastal history: a mere 6,000 years old. Hazelnuts collected here have been carbon-dated to circa 5,200 BCE. Blackened stumps of oak, birch and hazel punctuate the shore and some trunks underline their origin. We collect pieces of these ancient timbers and see that all have been attacked by a marine mollusc: the common piddock. These bivalves use the ridges on their shells to bore into rock or, as here, into the timber. Safely tucked away, they extend their siphons to filter organic material from the sea water around them.

The tide is turning and we retreat to the strandline. Today is not one of the organised beach litter-pick days, but we collect plastic flotsam to deposit in the bin by the lifeboat station. The four-year-old in our party has a good eye for spotting sea glass, tumbled by tides into "jewels" to be used in future crafting ... or just hoarded. A find is accompanied by a whoop of delight and followed by more avid scrutiny of the shingle by the rest of us.

The calls of gulls, curlews, oystercatchers and redshanks return us to the present as we return to the sea wall coastal path. Inexorable erosion has created nooks and shelves along the cliff face: prime real estate for the grey and bright white fulmars which punctuate its darker browns. A few shallow, rapid wing beats and then stiff, straight-winged gliding identify these gull-like residents. Stunted trees and bushes cling to the Wadhurst Clay layer that tops the cliffs. On the highest branch of the last bush at the Cliff End corner, is the now familiar silhouette of a Peregrine Falcon. Not for him the energy expense of hovering, but a dashing pursuit or a high climb and breath-taking stoop into a flock of waders. We stand and watch and wait, but nothing triggers his interest. *Our* interest is shifting towards the promise of hot drinks and biscuits at home, but we will be returning soon: to take another walk through time.



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We wanted to put on a celebration for the Coronation which, echoing times gone by, involves the whole community and their families, celebrates the village and hopefully can bring a smile to the faces of those passing through as well. We are holding a series of activities which will culminate at the Royal Oak on Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May.

Firstly, we have a “Kings & Queens” Scarecrow competition. Bring your Scarecrow along on the day, but we **ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISPLAY YOUR SCARECROW OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IN THE DAYS BEFORE**. There is a prize for the best Scarecrow, judged by the owners of the Icklesham Witch - Jane & Kirk Gillard.

Secondly, there is an Activity/Quiz trail based on the Jubilee walk. Collect your quiz sheet from the Royal Oak, or the Butchers Shop and complete the trail at your leisure (available from 1st May). Participating children may present their completed sheet at The Royal Oak on the Monday afternoon to receive a commemorative goodie bag.

We also have a “Design a Crown” competition, and this is open to all ages (why should the kids have all the fun!) with prizes for the best child and best adult.

On Monday, 8th May please join us from midday at the Royal Oak for an afternoon of fun, food and live music from the fabulous Sarah G and the other 3. There are also some activities, face painting games & stalls on the Recreation Field too. Plenty of space for the children. BBQ at the pub. We are also hoping to hold a classic vehicle display and if anyone would like to bring along a vehicle, they are more than welcome.

The events are free of charge, although individual stalls may charge. Many thanks to our sponsors so far: A.A Farnes Electrical Services, Andy Goodsell at Echoheat Sussex Ltd, Caroline Turner of Pett Camping, John Cooke - JLC Country Landscapes, Dawn Turner - Holistic Therapist, Steve Goodsell at SMG Maintenance, Robin Lyons at the Royal Oak, Sarah Whiteman of The Old Butchers Shop and to everyone who has offered to help.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Sarah Whiteman & Robin Lyons



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What a delight to see spring at last. Driving through Pett is a riot of daffodils and in the woods the wood anemones are out, and the bluebells won't be long, I am sure. Walking in the mud has been a nightmare but the weather didn't deter our intrepid walkers, ably led by Tracy Hedley at the first weekend in early March for walks around Rye. This will be the first of many this year as the group is growing.

Our March meeting featured another intrepid member, Inga Chapman who delighted members with narrated films about her adventures, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a 41ft sailing yacht from the USA to Rye via the Azores. This turned out to be Inga's final major sail journey after spending a large part of 16 years sailing all over the world! She shared her experiences of how to prepare a yacht for the journey, riding storms and enjoying a swim in the sea in calm weather. She showed us wildlife and the beautiful islands of the Azores. Answering questions afterwards, a member asked where all the flags came from that Inga ran up before entering each port and she said she made them! A true WI member in the making! As we are unable to pay members to speak, we gave a donation to Sailability in Rye who were our February speakers. Huge thanks go to Inga for a truly fascinating and inspiring evening.

During refreshments with the usual Prosecco, a birthday cake was presented to Emmie Tasker to celebrate her 90th birthday.

On the 1st of April we held our Spring Fair at Pett Village Hall. The hall was packed with stalls showcasing a huge variety of beautiful items. It was hard not to spend money. WI members turned out in force with homemade goods for the refreshments and help in the kitchen, serving food, and selling tickets for the raffle, as well as keeping stall holders refreshed with hot drinks. Sara Dann was amazing as usual with her super organised rotas and spreadsheets which made everything run smoothly. She is standing down now and handing the baton and spreadsheets to Kay Clayton and we thank Sara for all her hard work and dedication, she truly is a WI star.

A large part of the WI is campaigning and community and at Pett we like to support local charities. This event was to support 1066 Pink Ladies, a local breast cancer support group and the Rye Hub, the community centre at Rye Hospital. It was lovely to see representatives from both organisations meeting and greeting visitors to the Fair. The event raised over £1500 which was wonderful and will be donated to these two organisations. A huge thanks go to anyone who helped organise or helped at the event, especially Hilary Dymott and many more far too numerous to thank in person.

The WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Pett Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm. Although we have a long waiting list, we are always looking for new members to join. Contact us on [pettwi@outlook.com](mailto:pettwi@outlook.com)

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# May Newsletter - Pett Cricket Club

After a very wet March, and the damp weather staying for the beginning of April, preparing the Cricket Pitch for the start of the season proved a difficult task! A big thank you to Stuart, Adam and Andy who've all put in their time and effort to get the ground ready! Let's just hope the sunshine now stays for the summer.

Some exciting news from the Cricket Club, we have been fortunate enough to receive some new sponsorship from local businesses to add to the existing sponsors of Pett Cricket Club:

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Pett CC have also been busy recruiting new players over the winter months. We are pleased to welcome Paul Hitchott to the club, Paul previously played for Hastings Priory and is currently training with the Wales Over 40's side. We are also lucky to welcome Jack Richardson back to the club, after leaving Pett CC 13 years ago to play his cricket at a higher level.

## May fixtures:

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Friendly
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Home vs Heathfield Park	Away vs Willingdon	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May			Away vs Catsfield
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Away vs Pevensy	Home vs Crowhurst Park	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	T20 Home vs Hastings Priory		
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Away vs Ringmer	Home vs Sidley	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Home vs Herstmonceux	Away vs Battle	

For more information and updates, please follow the Pett Cricket Instagram page: @pettcricketclub

Please keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather and we look forward to welcoming everyone in the village to The Recreation Ground to watch us play!

Many thanks, Gary

## 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 2-5 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](mailto:donnagilbert1@sky.com) or Tel: 01424 812185. We'd love to have you on board, so please get in touch!



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Most of the income for the Churches this last year has been spent on the Parish Share, that is the amount each church must pay the Diocese for their vicar or rector, and for administrative help but, obviously, the cost of energy bills has steadily risen, together with insurance costs and maintenance costs.

For those of you who have not joined the Friends, please consider doing so. As with all things these days, costs have risen, and incomes are diminished. But, if you appreciate the churches, both St Mary & St Peter in the village and the quaint little St Nicholas on the Level and think that Pett would be a poorer place without them, then please consider becoming a Friend and making a regular monthly or annual donation.

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**Cheques should be made out to St Mary & St Peter Church** and sent to the Treasurer, Heather Godwin at Brambletye, Pett Road, Pett TN35 4HE. Any contribution is welcome, but we are hoping that the subscriptions will remain at least at £15 per person or £20 for a couple or £25 for a family.

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The various stalls all need helpers, so perhaps you might think of giving up an hour or so of your time to play this part in the Flower Festival.

OR, in default of all that, just come along to the Flower Festival on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September and be sure of a good welcome and a memorable experience!

*Angela Hawksley, Flower Festival Committee*

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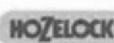
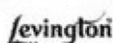
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# Nightingale

My bottom desk drawer is a graveyard, the final resting place for the obsolete. A broken calculator, foreign coins, buttons and a Maxell C90 cassette given to me a few years ago. I had no means of playing it until I recently discovered my clunky cassette deck hiding in the garage.

An accompanying note says the tape contains “the song of a Nightingale in the churchyard of St John sub-Castro, Lewes, spring 1985”. It was recorded by a lady called Barbara from an upstairs window in neighbouring Lancaster Street. After some dusting, re-wiring, buzzing and hissing, the sweet sound that swirled from my speakers transported me back over three decades to a time when Reagan negotiated with Thatcher, Paul Hardcastle’s na-na-na-na-Nineteen topped the charts, and a Nightingale sang in St John sub-Castro.



To be frank, Nightingales aren’t much to look at. Small brown birds; a Robin without the redbreast. But when they open their beak there’s a Susan Boyle-like transformation. These drab birds become the world’s most celebrated vocalists. For centuries, poets have praised their performance. Homer, Shakespeare, Coleridge, Wordsworth, Clare, Keats, Dylan and Cohen. Shelley claimed, “A poet is a Nightingale who sits in darkness and sings to cheer its own solitude with sweet sounds”. Trust young Percy Bysshe to believe the bird was wallowing in its own self-pity. The Nightingale’s song is actually both an aggressive war-cry and a sweet, structured sonnet. A hymn to the silence in the hope of enticing a passing female.

The Nightingale’s optimistic warbles have inspired everyone from the late Vera Lynn to Roxy Music. A BBC recording of a bird singing in Oxted in 1942 inadvertently captured the roar of Lancasters, Wellingtons, Stirlings and Halifaxes passing overhead, laden with bombs destined for Germany. The contrast between innocence and beauty, terror and destruction make it the most powerful sound I have ever heard.

Nightingales will sing by day but are most famous for never letting up when the sun sets, their beautiful phrasing carrying loud and clear over the muffled grunts and hoots of other nocturnal animals. Once the Nightingale has hooked a partner his nocturnal performances will stop, so there’s a narrow window to hear them. Our Nightingales spend the winter south of the Sahara in a wide belt between Senegal and Kenya, usually returning in late April.

Due to habitat destruction the UK population of this amazing bird -so entwined in our cultural heritage - is in a steep decline. The sound of a Nightingale singing in the centre of Lewes may have been relegated to the bottom drawer of history, but we are blessed to still have this bird performing in our Sussex woodlands. We must never let their song of hope be silenced.

By Michael Blencowe, Sussex Wildlife Trust

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# MY GARDEN BLOG

I had planned to write last month but March was a complete write-off in the garden - cold and wet and not at all tempting to venture out. It was definitely not ready for seeds or planting! I have now made a start with potatoes, and rows of spinach, peas and beetroot, along with last autumn's broad beans and onions which miraculously have survived the winter. There is much to do in the next couple of weeks as May approaches. The grass grew exceptionally well this winter but since its cut, the garden looks more like a garden and less like a rough field.

What has been brilliant though, throughout March, is the daffodils. I am certain this has been a bumper year with so many of them alongside the celandine which also seems to have proliferated this spring. Always bright and cheery and coping with rain, storm and gale, they make one feel uplifted and positive. The camellias and magnolias have also put on a wonderful show despite some vicious frosts and winds. We now have tulips and hyacinths to add to the wonderful colours of spring. Willows are out in their beautiful pale green and there are signs of new leaves on many other trees.

Birds in the garden are heralding spring with great tits showing great interest in the nest boxes. There is a blackbird which sings his beautiful piercing song from early morning till very late in my holly tree. I watched yesterday and marvelled at the volume that comes from this small creature and the fact that it does not seem to exhaust him.

I have seen a number of birds on the feeders - blue, great, willow, long-tailed and coal tits plus goldfinches, robin, wren, nuthatch, dunnocks and sparrows but no chaffinch or greenfinch. Elsewhere in the garden are blackbirds, jays and woodpeckers. There are, of course, many wood pigeons and jackdaws and many, many rooks from the colony over the road.

There has been little action from my two cats as they have spent most of the winter in the airing cupboard. This means I have few rodents to deal with! There is, however, much action from the two foxes and two badgers who visit every evening. I throw out the dried-out cat food which the cats have not bothered with, plus some dog biscuits and any chicken carcasses. There are paths created across the lawns as presumably they prefer short grass, not the ankle high grass which it has been throughout the winter!

I am hoping for much more action and interest in the remaining two weeks of April before May brings us some real summer heat.

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Sunday 28th May - 3pm Los Twangueros

Sunday 11th June - 3pm Rye Bay Crew

Saturday 22nd July - Kytes

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Sunday 27th August - 3pm Los Twangueros

Monday 28th August - 3pm Big Blue

Saturday 23rd September - Don't Stop (Fleetwood Mac Tribute band)

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# Pett Parish Council Update

As we are approaching an election, I would not normally be writing this. However, as we only had four nominations for councillors, there will not be a parish council election on 4 May. The district council election, however, will go ahead as planned. Can I remind everyone that, if you are going to vote, you have to take with you a photo ID, to prove who you are? Although that seems rather unnecessary in a village like this, it is now the law.

As we have only four councillors on the new council, we will be looking to co-opt three others to bring the council up to full strength. If you are interested (or you know someone who may be), then please get in touch with either the clerk or myself (contact details at the back of the parish news).

Two councillors who did not stand for re-election this time were Chris Saint and Mike Wilkins. My thanks to them for all the work that they have done over recent years. Indeed, Mike continues to run the churchyard maintenance group and Chris is continuing to be involved in discussions to try and reduce the flooding risks at Pett Level. In that connection, I was over-optimistic last month about the Pathfinder project being extended to include Pett Level; a request has been made, but no decision has yet been reached. My thanks also to all the other councillors who have served over the last four-year period.



Since last month, I am pleased to say that way markers have been put up to mark the Jubilee Way. This was done by (again) Peter Felton and David Nicholls, this time with assistance and guidance from Mary Philo, the parish clerk. Many thanks, Mary, Peter and David. I should also add that half of the markers were paid for by The Royal Oak, so thanks, too, to Robin Lyons.

There have been many complaints about Pett Level Road (towards Winchelsea Beach). These are concerned with two main aspects. The first, clearly, is the potholes; Highways know about these and we unfortunately have to wait until they can deal with them. In particular, the council is trying to get something done about the flooding by the parking area where the Red Pig is situated in the summer months, but this is a slow process. The second issue is the camper van and the horse box parked alongside the road. I am pleased to say that the horse box has now gone for reasons that I am not able to mention here. Otherwise, at present, there is no way to legally enforce any restrictions on parking and camping along the road, which is owned by the Environment Agency. However, the county council is consulting its lawyers about this. Making any change will, however, be an even slower process.

I have received comments about the sign that has appeared opposite the church in Pett village. I am informed that it is to do with the marking of agricultural equipment by the police rural crime team. The property marking kits contain forensic liquid with a DNA code, which enables police to identify property suspected of being stolen in seconds. Nationally, it has been reported that this has significantly reduced the level of agricultural equipment theft.

Finally, we come to the Coronation. I hope people will support the two events that are being organised in the village. The Big Lunch on the Sunday you will almost certainly have heard about. I suspect that it will be fully booked by the time you receive this issue of the parish news, but you may still be able to book a place. The other event is on the Recreation Ground on the bank holiday Monday and will involve a range of attractions. This will be open to all. Our thanks to the organisers of both events and, of course, our loyal best wishes to the new King and Queen.

*David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council*

# A Short Circular Walk

## Pett - St Lawrence Church Guestling - Pett

**Distance:** 3.8 miles

**Terrain:** Easy, but areas of mud after rain

**Stiles:** 2, plus metal gates

**Map:** OS Explorer 124, Hastings & Bexhill

**Start:** St Mary and St Peter Church, Pett TN35 4HE

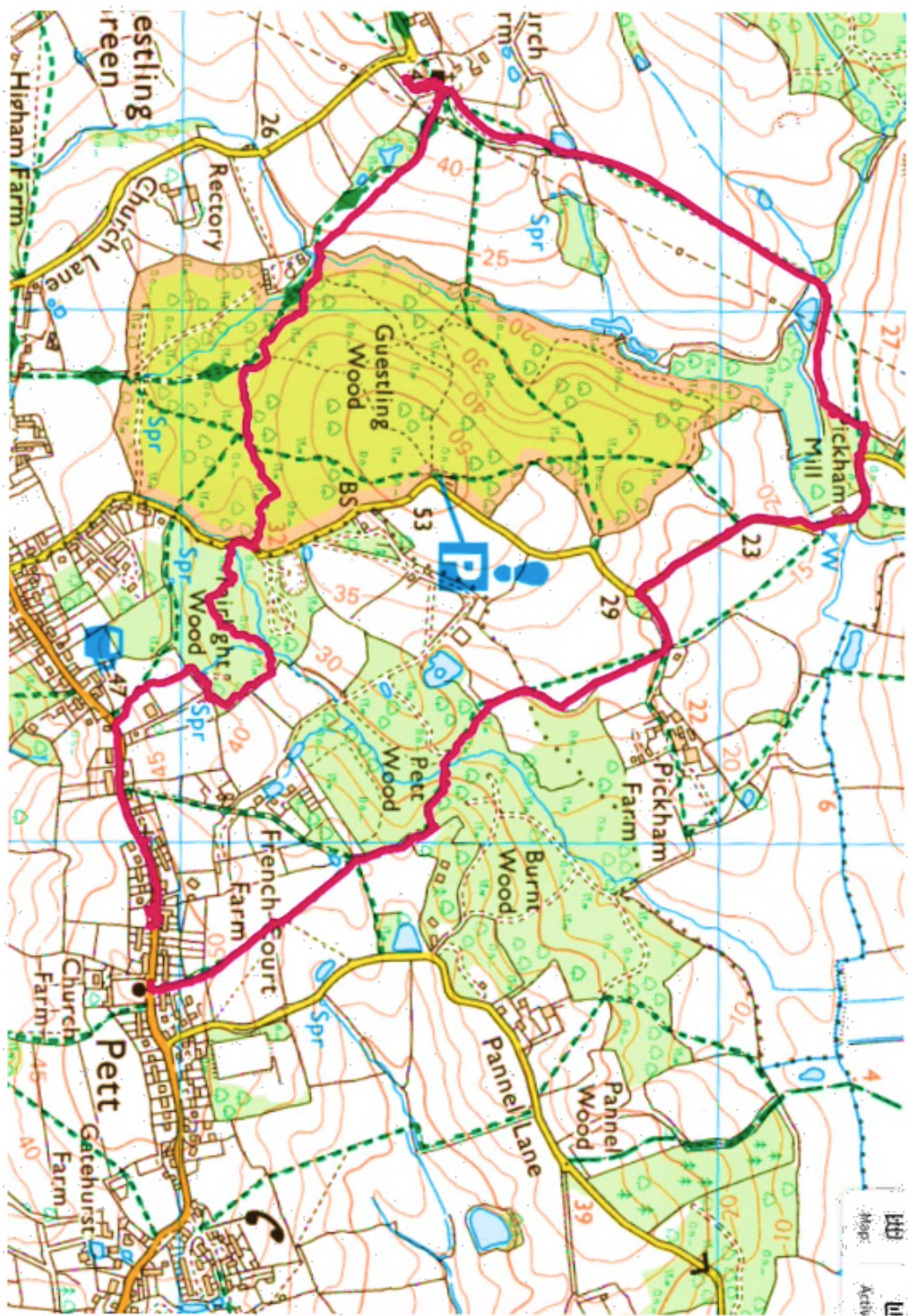
**The walk uses way-marked posts, with very little road walking. Wear good walking boots.**

1. Take the path between fences directly opposite the church. Go through a metal gate. Follow the path straight ahead and cross the field. Enter Pett Wood by the stile. Take the path ahead of you with the fence to your right.
2. Follow this path until you reach a stone public footpath marker to the left. Cross the wooden bridge and follow the path to the field margins.
3. Cross the field to the large oak tree. The path curves right to a hurdle gate (Remember to close carefully with the blue string!)
4. Turn left to cross field, which to your left may be electric-fenced with beautiful Sussex cattle (they have no access to your path)
5. Reach the gate giving onto the Pickham Farm Drive. Turn left and walk up the road to reach Watermill Lane. At the junction turn right and continue along the lane, passing Pickham Mill on your left. Continue on the road, going up hill. Just before the bend go through a metal gate on your left and continue ahead on the path.
6. On reaching the wide green sward path, turn left and follow this path with the woods and water to your left and broad fields to your right.
7. On reaching the junction, follow the path left. The path goes straight ahead between arable fields. You will clearly see the short spire of Guestling Church ahead. (This section is very evocative, in all seasons, of the high Meseta on the Camino de Santiago. The views are lovely in all directions.
8. Go through a gate at the end of the path and take the broad path to the right of the hedge to climb the moderate hill to the church.
9. This is a lovely place to rest for a drink and snack. The churchyard is a haven for wildlife. I have seen, all on one occasion and at close quarters, Buzzard, Kestrel, Wren, Gold crest and Long-tailed tits.

**To finish the walk you have various options. Here's two possibles:-**

1. **Through Guestling Wood** - this is a nice contrast to the previous walking - see the OS map for one route through Guestling wood, but there are several footpath options to choose from! Don't worry - you can't get lost!
2. **Along Church Lane** - straightforward. You simply follow the road to Pett Road and turn left to take you back to either the Village Hall car park or Pett Church.

*Therese Conway, April 2023*





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Pett	09.30	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May		
Pett Level	08.30	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service
Icklesham	09.30	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day		
Winchelsea	18.00	Evensong Deanery Service with the Bishop of Lewes, the Rt Rev'd Will Hazelwood
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		
Pett	09.30	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	15.00	Pet Service (Bring your pets for a blessing!)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May		
Pett	09.30	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion

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# Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes and not forgetting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library

Our focus in the library is on crime this month, as we have a fair number of crime novels and thrillers at present. We will aim to separate out a selection to make them easy to find at the May Coffee Morning, so do come and have a browse. It is free and we are friendly!!

Our Book of the Month and new to our collection, a crime novel with a historical background, is "The First Casualty" by Ben Elton (yes, that Ben Elton!) It is dedicated to his two grandfathers, who, as he says, served on opposite sides in the First World War. The title of the book refers to the saying that the first casualty of war is truth, and the book explores the difficulty of discerning truth in wartime. In Belgium in 1917, a British officer and celebrated and popular poet, is discovered to have been shot and killed in hospital. The soldier arrested for the murder protests his innocence. To investigate the case, a police detective who has been imprisoned as a conscientious objector in London is released and sent to Ypres. Here he finds all his beliefs challenged in his search to discover the truth of the case. What is justice in the face of unimaginable daily slaughter? And what is the difference between sanctioned and illegal murder?

Jane is delighted to say that Pett Puzzles has been allocated some shelving up in the "gallery" at Pett Village Hall. What this means is that she won't have to cart puzzles to and from her house anymore and the whole puzzle collection will be accessible rather than just a small selection. It will also mean that anyone wishing to borrow a puzzle will be able to access the puzzle library when Jane is not around, and at times other than the monthly coffee morning. Jane will leave a ledger of some sort and would ask you to fill this in when puzzles are collected or returned. You will obviously only be able to access the gallery, which is through the doors by the hatch and up the stairs at the car park end of the main hall, when the hall is open. Please be mindful of people using the main hall and only go through if you will not create a disturbance. Don't forget there is a catalogue of puzzles online on the Pett Puzzles page of Pett on the Net <https://www.pettnet.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Catalogue-v6-online-01.02.2023.pdf>

If you need any help at all with choosing or collecting puzzles, please contact Jane Sweaney (curator, Pett Puzzles) on 07788 410342.

And just a reminder that Robert, who offers hearing aid support and replacement batteries, is becoming very busy so please try and come early in the session. If you do have to wait, of course there is tea/coffee and cake to purchase and library books and jigsaw puzzles to browse and borrow.

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Tuesday          Pilates                8.30am - 9.30am  
                      Pole Dancing        7.15pm - 8.45pm

Wednesday      Badminton            10am - 12pm  
                      Pett Painters        2pm - 4pm  
                      Dance Fitness       6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday         Pilates                8.30am - 9.30am  
                      Little Ducklings    10am - 11.30am  
                      Art                    12pm - 3pm  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month            7.30pm - 9.30pm  
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# Gardening Club Notes - April 2023

Our speaker this month was Wendy Bates from Rotherview Nursery in Ivyhouse Lane, near Three Oaks, who treated us to a most entertaining and informative evening, designed to enable us to better understand “Using Alpines in the Garden”. Wendy and her husband Ray have run their nursery for 25 years - growers, not merely sellers of bought-in plants - specialising in alpines, cottage garden perennials and herbs, ferns, camellias and shrubs. From the beginning they have grown alpines, having inherited about 5000 plants left behind by the previous owner! Since those early novice days their interest and knowledge have developed to the extent of winning Gold Medals at Hampton Court and Chelsea Flower Shows for their stalls and exhibits, no mean feat! Wendy had brought with her many alpines and one of the unique handmade hypertufa troughs they make and sell at the nursery. During the evening her information about the plants and their growing conditions was most ably illustrated as she showed us how to plant up a trough from scratch.



The traditional definition of an alpine was a plant that would successfully grow above the treeline, however that depends on the prevailing natural environment - in Norway it's sea level, in some countries it might be thousands of feet up, so an unhelpful guideline! An alpine plant is nowadays generally differentiated as being a small, low-growing, hummock-forming perennial, tolerant of poor soil and dry conditions. Most tolerate cold too, but there are tender varieties, which do need protection and are generally grown in “Alpine Houses” or dedicated greenhouses, so it is important for success when choosing plants for a trough or specific feature to ensure they all require similar conditions.

During her demonstration Wendy told us that alpines are deep-rooting plants so good drainage in the trough is necessary. The correct mix of 50% preferably peat-free compost, 25% John Innes No.2 and 25% 2-6mm grit, should ensure the plants can thrive. This mix should initially be piled high in the trough, mounding in the centre, anchored by a taller plant and a feature rock or, employing the latest trend, a slate crevice feature, firmly embedded into the soil mix. Plants are placed at each corner and any further plants and rocks or slates appropriately placed to complete the feature in as naturalistic a design as possible.

Alpine plants have been historically most associated with formal rockeries, but the vast rockeries so popular in gardens of yesteryear are no longer the norm - even the term “rockeries” apparently evokes a sharp intake of breath from those in the know... Current trends favour “rock features” designed to blend in seamlessly with the garden theme, gardens nowadays being more reflective of the natural landscape and understood to be part of it rather than distinct from it. A perfect example of rock garden planting then and now would be the use of dwarf conifers, which, as Wendy explained with feeling, are virtually guaranteed to kill the rest of the planting by robbing all the moisture!

Wendy also explained that alpines can be chosen to ensure flowering interest spans at least Spring to Autumn and once they have outgrown a smaller trough, their versatility enables them to be transplanted to other places in the garden where, as larger plants, they can hold their own as a feature, to soften lawn edges, add interest to gravelled areas and patios, or trail

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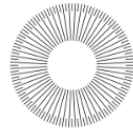


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vertically in crevices in garden walls. Sturdy Creeping Thyme, for example, can be walked on, releasing its perfume, an inspired sensory addition to a gravel path. There is such a variety of alpine plants that they can be carefully chosen to chime perfectly with garden styles varying from almost wild to Japanese.

This most enjoyable evening concluded with some questions from members, after which many chose plants from the large selection available, guided in their choice by Wendy's professional and cheerful advice.

The next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> will be the first of our visits for members, to a local privately owned bluebell wood, followed by a social incorporating our annual plant sale and seed swop. Further details by email nearer the time.

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## Pett Flower Show & Fayre Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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As we look forward to the Coronation, appropriately the Flower Show schedule **King & Country** is being distributed with the May issue of the Parish News. It can also be found on the village website [www.pettnet.org.uk](http://www.pettnet.org.uk), from which additional entry forms can be downloaded. Copies of the schedule will also be available from local businesses and hostelryes.

There is plenty of time to check out the classes and plan your entries. The growing season is taking its time, no doubt due to the recent cold snap, but the weather is slowly getting warmer and, hopefully, those seedlings are gathering strength. There is again a class for Young People to design a tea towel following the success of our 2021 competition, which sold out last year.

We are delighted to welcome a new judging team for the Dog Show this year. Owners are asked to study the schedule, select their classes and check out the entry details as they differ from previous shows.

The Committee are planning all the familiar stalls and sideshows, which are kindly run by volunteers who generously give their time for the enjoyment of villagers and visitors. New faces are always welcome. If you would like to help and be part of a great village event, please contact any of the Committee members, listed on the back of the schedule.

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# News from St Michael's Hospice

## Moonlight and Memories Walk 2023

Celebrate the life and memories of your loved ones with the St Michael's Hospice Moonlight and Memories Walk on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Join with family and friends for a special 10k walk, no matter your age or ability, and share in this time of reflection.

The route will begin at the Hospice, continue to Galley Hill and return to the Hospice (25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB) and there will be an opportunity to light up the gardens with beautifully decorated lanterns and take some photographs to treasure. Participants will be given an event medal as a keepsake and will be rewarded with a post-walk supper at the Arthur Easton Centre at the Hospice, courtesy of the White Rock Hotel.

Early bird tickets are £15, with sponsorship encouraged, available to buy via [stmichaelsospice.com/event/moonlight](http://stmichaelsospice.com/event/moonlight). For further information about this event please contact the Hospice Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email [fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com](mailto:fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com)

## Golf Series

Grab your golf clubs and get ready because the St Michael's Hospice Golf Series is about to begin.

Has your swing got what it takes to win the Series trophy? This year the first Golf Day of the 2023/23 Series takes place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the new course, Lydd Golf Club, the second on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Dale Hill Golf Club, Ticehurst and the third and final competition of the Series on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Highwoods Golf Club, Bexhill on Sea. Sign up to all three Golf Days for a discounted rate.

There will be additional competitions at each Golf Day to take part in, with prizes to be won. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your local Hospice while putting some balls with friends, family and colleagues. May the course be with you!

Tickets from £60. For more information call the Hospice Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email via the link below:

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# News from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

May's here, with spring giving way to summer across the beach and saltmarsh habitats of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Walks for wellbeing are a real focus, as well as plenty of family activities for half-term at the end of the month.



- Our free Wellbeing Walks take place each Wednesday from 9.45am - 11.15am. Meet our friendly volunteer walk leaders at the Rye Harbour Village public conveniences, by the turning circle.
- Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> - Nature Babies, for babies age 3 - 24 months, with their carer, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, booking essential.
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Wildlife Rangers, 10am - 2:30pm, for 12 - 16 year olds, parents do not accompany but booking essential.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Beginning Birdwatching with James Duncan, 10am - 1pm. This is a free activity but booking via the website is essential please.
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Open Day. Events start from 8:30am with a 1.5 hours guided walk from the car park, followed by activities in the Discovery Centre until 4pm. All welcome.
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Talk on the Bees of Sussex, 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Booking essential via the website.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - Guide in a Hide, drop in to the Gooders Hide from 10am - 4pm to learn more about the birds on the saltmarsh and overhead.
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Castle Water Birds, 9am - 1pm, walk with Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve to discover Castle Water's nesting birds.
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> - Wildlife Watch, 10am - 12:30pm, monthly club for accompanied children age 5-11 years, booking essential.
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> - Lost Words for Rye Harbour Writing Workshop, 1pm - 4pm, booking essential.
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Microscope Monday, 11am - 2pm, drop into the Discovery Centre for a closer look at local wildlife, no booking needed.

Please also note that the Discovery Centre and Lime Kiln Café are open 10am - 4pm as usual throughout May's bank holiday weekends. To book or to find out more about any of these activities, visit our website page:

[rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discovery-centre/events](http://rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discovery-centre/events)

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Katherine Crowther, Sussex Wildlife Trust

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# Nature Notes

One of the problems of writing this column is the lack of immediacy. It will be a full fortnight between me writing this and the published magazine landing on your doormat; a lot can happen in 2 weeks in Springtime. Last month for example, I moaned about the daffodils and Lesser Celandines being reluctant to flower, we then had 3 days of sunshine and they put on a magnificent display, long before you read about my pessimism. As I write this, we have just experienced the full force of Storm Noa and there is plenty more wind and rain in the forecast. The natural world, however, is now fed up with waiting for better weather, buds are bursting and animals are coming out of hibernation. I saw a Brimstone butterfly in the Churchyard and have seen many Buff-tailed Bumblebees flying close to the ground, looking for rodent holes to nest in. One species it is always good to see is the beautiful female Tawny Mining Bee with her rich orange fur. (The species is named after the female, the male is dull and inconspicuous in comparison.) Another Spring species, the Hairy-footed Flower Bee is named after the male. The female looks like a small all-black bumblebee with orange/yellow hind legs, and she doesn't have hairy feet. The male is more noticeable as he fiercely defends his patch and any females in it from all comers. His buzz is high-pitched and aggressive and can be mistaken for the very rare Shrill Carder Bee, which, despite its name, has a relatively low-pitched buzz compared to the Hairy-footed Flower Bee.

Whilst in the Churchyard looking for emergent Spring species, I found a new plant - not new to me, nor even to the Churchyard, I suspect, though it was not mentioned in the botanical survey of 1989. It is not a tiny plant that could have been overlooked, it is a couple of feet high and a metre or so wide. My excuse for missing it on my previous trawls through the Churchyard botanicals is that it is a dark green plant growing in deep shade and was inaccessible before the brambles were cleared and the compost bins erected. It is called Butcher's Broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*) and is a very peculiar plant indeed. It is a stiff evergreen plant that has a sharp prickle on the tip of each 'leaf.' (There is a clue in the scientific name - *aculeate* means to have a sting or prickle.) It is a dioecious plant meaning that it carries male and female flowers on separate plants. (Monoecious plants, should you wish to know, carry male and female flowers on the same plant.) The female plant has small purple flowers (that will eventually become red berries) but if you look closely, you will find that they are growing from the middle of the 'leaves', and looking closely you will have noticed the inverted commas round the word 'leaves'. They are there because they are not really leaves, they are modified stems, the botanical term for which is cladode (or cladophyll or phylloclade depending on your botanic leanings).

Butchers Broom was, of course, so named because bunches of the stems were bound together and used to scrape the blood and gore from butchers' blocks before plastic bristles were invented. One fortunate feature of the plant that helps with that process is that the cladodes contain antibacterial oils. Also, butchers once used the branches as a small hedge to protect their meat from small rodents, and, since the berries are ripe at the right time, to decorate their best Christmas steaks.

Many medical benefits have been claimed for the plant including use as a diuretic and a laxative (could be messy!) as well as treating other conditions such as orthostatic hypotension and chronic venous insufficiency, whatever they are.

Botanically, it was first considered related to the Lilies (*Liliaceae*) but it is now considered to be closer to asparagus (*Asparagaceae*) and the young stems can be cooked and eaten in a similar way.

**STOP PRESS:** I've just heard that the once extinct (in Britain) butterfly, the Large Tortoiseshell (*Nymphalis polychloros*) has been seen at Carter's Farm. Let's hope this is the first of many continental migrants.

Alan Kenworthy

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### **For 4 people:**

450g potatoes  
500g milk  
50g plain flour  
50g butter (unsalted)  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper  
Breadcrumbs  
A pinch of nutmeg  
100g grated parmesan cheese  
200g cured ham - sliced (or courgettes as you prefer)

Preheat the oven to 190° C (fan oven) or 200° C (static oven). In a small pan melt the butter and add the flour until the butter is all absorbed. Add a pinch of salt and a pinch of nutmeg, and the milk, little by little, stirring continuously to melt it properly without creating any lumps. You can use an electric whisk as I do. Let it cook at a very low temperature for about 10 minutes, until the besciamella starts to become dense and creamy. At that point, add half of the quantity of the parmesan cheese and set aside the pan off the heat.

In another pan put the potatoes - previously peeled and sliced (no thicker than 1cm) - to boil for approximately 10 minutes, adding a pinch of salt into the water. Drain the potatoes and set aside. At that point, pour the entire quantity of the besciamella onto the potatoes, mixing gently and taking care not to break the potato slices, then let them cool for a couple of minutes.

In an oven-proof casserole, create three layers: the first at the bottom with the potatoes then, add the sliced ham (or the sliced courgettes), finishing with the final layer of potatoes.

Sprinkle the top with the remaining parmesan and some breadcrumbs. Cook for about 25 minutes, until golden and crisp, and..

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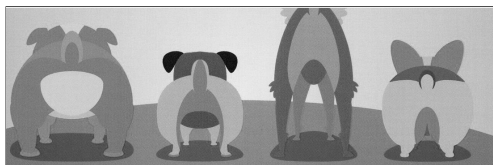
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## MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE

### 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

**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

Timetables are subject to change. Check before you travel – visit [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) or phone 0871 200 22 33

# **CORONATION COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

**MONDAY 8 MAY | 12-6PM**

**PETT RECREATION FIELD  
VINTAGE VEHICLES | BABY LAMBS  
& CALVES | GAMES & STALLS | FACE  
PAINTING | KID'S GOODIE BAGS |  
PRIZE GIVING**

**THE ROYAL OAK FROM 3PM  
SARAH G & THE OTHER 3  
BBQ**

**PLUS - ALL WEEKEND  
SCARECROW COMPETITION  
JUBILEE TRAIL WALK  
DESIGN A CROWN COMPETITION**

**Quiz sheets &  
schedules from the  
Royal Oak or The Old  
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