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Editorial

My goodness!! What a busy month May was. It was fantastic to see so many residents and people from outside the area joining together to enjoy the Coronation celebrations. With the Coronation Community Fun Day and the Big Coronation Lunch there really was something for everyone. A big thank you to everyone who helped out, but particularly to Heather Godwin, Sarah Whiteman and Robin Lyons for doing such an amazing job of bringing the community together. And of course, we should not forget all the smaller events organised between friends and neighbours throughout both Pett and Pett Level.

It's incredible to think that this year Pett Methodist Church celebrates 175 years! In this issue, Keith Miller begins to look back through its very interesting history and there will be events taking place on the weekend of 17/18 June to mark the occasion, so do look out for those.

For those of you who enjoyed Tim Jury's articles on Regenerative Farming, in this issue Tim has provided an update on how the farm and cattle have fared over the long winter and he has extended an invitation to everyone to visit the farm on Wednesday 7th June at 6.30pm to find out more. We think this event is likely to be popular, so if you'd like to go along please remember to contact Tim in advance.

It's also pleasing to see that some homes in the village will be opening their gardens on 3rd June to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice. These gardens are always a delight to visit and provide wonderful inspiration for our own spaces. Please do support them and enjoy the delicious cake and refreshments at Fairlight End.

Donna and Louisa

Dear Editors,

What a brilliant picture of the lambs on the cover of the May Magazine, by David Penfold. How did he manage to pose them that well without them jumping up and down?

From Tony Howard.



Just having fun teddy bears.

Photo Tony Howard. (Teddy Bears & Mugs available at the Butchers Shop)

Pett Methodist Chapel - Celebrating 175 years

In June 2023, the Methodist Chapel in Pett celebrates its 175th anniversary. We hope that many readers will join us at an exhibition of Art and Flowers over the weekend of 17-18 June to mark this special milestone.

It has been suggested that, during this anniversary year, we might tell you a little about the history of this modest building which stands in the heart of the village, but which is so easily missed as people pass by. In this, the first of four (probably ... I haven't written the others yet) short instalments, we look at the background which led to the chapel being built.

In the mid-19th century, at around the time the Methodist Church in Pett was established, the area was notorious for smuggling. The local coastguards were quite inept at dealing with the smugglers, mostly preferring to turn a blind eye. So, coastguards from the distant West Country were drafted in to deal more vigorously with illicit trading. Many of these new arrivals belonged to the Bible Christian movement.

The Bible Christians trace their origins to Devon, and one William O'Bryan (1778-1868), a local preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Finding many of the villages of Devon and Cornwall in almost complete ignorance of the Gospel, he extended his own very successful evangelism beyond the limits of his own Circuit. In the conflict with the local Wesleyan authorities which ensued, O'Bryan, not without hesitation and regret, separated himself, and in 1815 he founded the first society of a new community at Shebbear in North Devon.

Although faced by much opposition and persecution, the new movement spread rapidly. At the end of the first year there were 567 members, and after only five years of work in the West, missionaries were sent to London, Kent and Sussex. The Bible Christians held the doctrines common to all the branches of Methodism and placed the Bible very much at the centre of life and worship.

One of their greatest pioneers was Billy Bray, tin miner and reformed drunkard, whose simple and no-nonsense application of biblical principles won him an enduring reputation. It is said that, when challenged about his enthusiastic singing and shouting, he would respond; "If they were to put me in a barrel, I would shout glory out through the bunghole. Praise the Lord!"

The first Bible Christian evangelist known of in Pett, was a Cornish coastguard named Matthews, stationed at Cliff End. He was a fervent member of the Bible Christians and, with the help of others, built a strong group of enthusiastic worshippers.

The Bible Christians in Pett, it is believed, originally worshipped in Barden's Forge. As time went by, they began to grow in numbers and were able to find the resources to build their own place of worship. The chapel here in Pett was completed and opened in 1848. It was known then as the Mount Calvary Bible Christian Chapel, as can be seen on the engraved stone over the original front door.



Next time ... more about the building of the chapel and some of the earliest members.

By Keith Miller

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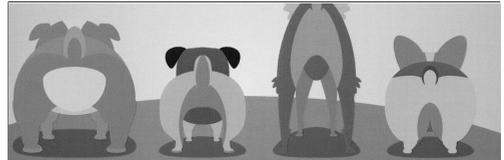
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The Mission has facilities in ports worldwide and provides lodgings and telephone contact with families and all sorts of other help to seafarers far from home. Sometimes the perils of isolation and loneliness on land can seem worse than the perils of the sea. At the end of the service, there will be a collection for the Mission to Seafarers.

It will be an informal service and we hope it will be supported by some of the children from Guestling Bradshaw School.

Please bring a garden chair with you (and sunshine too!) And there will be awnings to sit under.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Meriel Deasy

Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

May Coffee Morning was alive with Coronation excitement and patriotic bunting. It was great to see so many happy people; Robert too was as busy as he has ever been with hearing aid maintenance.

Pett Puzzles has now settled in the upstairs room at the Village Hall. If you do go upstairs for a jigsaw, it will necessitate going through the main hall where the badminton players meet - so please be quiet and respectful of the court.

For the second month running we had more returns to the Library than we made loans, which has put a bit of pressure on our storage space. As a consequence, we have decided that we will no longer carry children's books. We have a small but varied selection, including some freebies from World Book Day. If you can make use of these, please come and ask us for them at the June library.

Our Book of the Month is a beautiful translation, **The Braid** by **Laetitia Colombani**, a French screenwriter and film director. The book tells the separate stories of three women, one in Canada, one in India, one in Sicily, each living a life of courage. They never know each other but are linked in a simple and natural way that becomes the eponymous braid. "A . . . reminder of what connects us all - across borders, across language, across culture." 200 pages that left a lasting impression.

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Regenerative Agriculture at Pickham Farm - an update

At last we can say spring has finally arrived and the memories of winter can be put behind us to some extent. From my point of view, though, I have spent some time mulling over the events of probably the most challenging of winters, as the lessons learned will stand me in good stead for the future. I am very pleased that the cattle were able to spend the majority of the time outside and at no time did they appear to be stressed from the relentless rain, provided they were fed well at all times. That of course, was the big challenge.

I cannot stress too much how vital it is for a ruminant to have a full stomach in winter, as it is this magical form of digestion that keeps the animal warm even at the coldest time. We had fantastic grass growth all through the autumn, but by early November the ground conditions were beginning to impact on grass availability (in other words the cattle were spoiling more with their feet). This meant increasing the size of the daily paddock and, where possible, supplementing with hay. Things were going well through the rest of November and into December when the first freeze came. Normally this wouldn't matter, but cows need water and all my supply is above ground so you can imagine that was difficult.

Most days there was a thaw by mid-morning which allowed the flow to continue, but around the middle of the month it was clear temperatures were set to remain low. As I wanted the cattle inside for our annual 'Carols in the Barn' it seemed best to bring them inside for a couple of weeks. Now, this was always the time I dreaded, how to harden oneself to turn cattle back out in mid-winter when all my previous experience was a spring turn out! What surprised me the most was the willingness of the cattle to return to pasture, even though it was without the frolicking normally associated with spring turn out. The wet, of course, continued through January (over 4 inches up to 23/01) but then came a welcome respite with 5 weeks of practically no rain through February. The grass was fast running out but supplementing with hay was fairly straightforward.

Then came March and 6 inches of rain. This time coincided with our annual TB test which all cattle in this area have to undergo at least once a year. As it involves penning all animals twice in a week, it made sense to hold them inside during this time. April may not have been as wet, but another 3 inches was enough. We began calving on 12th April and, with 12 of the 21 calving being first timers (heifers), I was concerned. I shouldn't have been; as usual the Sussex breed didn't let me down and most calved without a fuss. The only one giving concern was quickly penned in a corner and, with the help of Anne and Hollie, we were able to deliver a lovely bull calf, the only one I saw born this year. Just how I like it! I doubt I'll ever see such a short calving period again, 28 days - amazing! So, now as I write and the cows and calves happily munch through tall lush grass, I can at last look forward to a less stressful summer (oops, why did I say that)! One of the reasons for this update was to lead in to an invitation to visit the farm and witness some of the topics I have shared with you over this winter. So with that in mind:

You are invited to come and visit Pickham Farm on Wednesday 7th June at 6.30pm where I will be very pleased to show you around. It will help me if you can let me know if you are coming by calling or texting me on 07734282494. Tim Jury.

Pett Open Gardens

St Michael's Hospice has organised a 'Pett Gardens' fundraising event on Saturday 3 June from 10.30am-4pm. The four gardens opening are Fairlight End (Chris and Robin Hutt), The Lodge (Alan and Carol Pecorini), Hither Green Cottage (Jo and Peter Felton), and French Court Farmhouse (Suzie Gibbons and Guy Chadwick).

Teas, cakes and other light refreshments will be served in the garden at Fairlight End. Car parking and toilet facilities are provided by courtesy of Pett Village Hall. The entry ticket, covering all four gardens, costs £7.50 per adult, under 16s go free.'



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Gardening Club Notes - May 2023

This month's meeting was our first outing of the year and comprised a visit to a local bluebell wood, as well as our annual plant sale fundraiser and social. Firstly, we all walked down Pannel Lane to "Bluebells", the home of Cate and Richard Jennings-Bramley, who had kindly offered the club the opportunity to enjoy their private bluebell wood. Their garden amounts to around eight acres, the greater part of which is an ancient and unspoilt woodland, carpeted in Spring with British bluebells, a most beautiful and uplifting sight.

As many will be aware, it is rare to see purely British bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) nowadays, the Spanish cultivar having been introduced and overcome our native bluebells over time in many areas - not dissimilar to the effects wrought on our native red squirrel through the introduction of the North American grey squirrel! Cate and Richard took on a totally overgrown plot around ten years ago and have gradually cleared it, creating a managed woodland, with winding pathways allowing access throughout the bluebells without them being trampled. They have also commissioned delightful wooden sculptures, including an owl and a squirrel, which nestle within the wood and punctuate the trails.

Cate and Richard led us through the woodland, answering members' questions and explaining some of the works they have carried out over the years to create such a tranquil and mindful space. Their ethos can be simply stated as stewardship of the land for posterity. Oak and sweet chestnut trees have also been "rescued" the chestnuts now being coppiced, and these form a lovely woodland walk on the other side of the property from the bluebell wood and through which we all left, having thanked our hosts, to then carry on to the second part of the meeting.

We held the plant sale and social at a members' garden in Pett, where everyone was able to swap seeds and choose from a generous and varied selection of donated plants. We all then enjoyed a glass of bubbly and snacks while socialising, renewing acquaintances and meeting new members. The weather forecast on the day included thundery showers, but we were fortunate in having no rain whatsoever!

Our next visit will be on June 13th, to Bladbean Stud near Folkestone - details will follow nearer the time.

June Harris

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Pett WI April

Sitting writing this, I am looking out at my garden and spring has truly arrived, with all the magical colours it has to offer. This has been fully experienced by our walking group recently under the expert organisation of Tracy Hedley.



An impromptu walk around Guestling Woods last week enabled the members to see the bluebells at their absolute best and the previous weekend, several walkers enjoyed a 5 mile walk around Northiam, including Great Dixter and starting and ending at the cherry tree orchard at Cooks Yard Farm where we rent a cherry tree. A legacy from a previous member pays for this and there is a festive feel at the orchard, with the glorious blossom in all its glory and stalls and refreshments available. We look forward to a great harvest when we go to pick the cherries and sample them in various ways.

Our April meeting began with our speaker, Jane Midwinter whose topic was 'Menopause and Beyond'. For many of us this is a distant memory, but her talk was extremely interesting and informative and, as we have many younger members now, very relevant. I for one was surprised to hear that the menopause now comes much later for women at 55 and older, and the recognition now of the peri menopause which can have a devastating effect on women's lives. She updated us on workplace recognition of menopause - that used to be something that women didn't talk about, and how important it is that it is acknowledged to get women the help they need. Jane made the topic lively and fun but gave us so much information at the same time.

After a break with the usual Prosecco and noisy chatter, it was back to the meeting to introduce our new committee members. Sheila Fellows Turnbull will, in future, take over the Secretary role from Jane Sweaney. Sandra Clark and Louisa Tasker will take over jointly the role of Treasurer, also ably performed by Jane at present. Kay Clayton has taken over as Refreshments organiser for events from Sara Dann who has so ably carried out the role. Pat Bean has joined our WICAID team, who organise our charity fundraising. A huge thank you to all of the ladies and a warm welcome to the committee, we really look forward to working together with you all.



The finale of the evening was the chocolate raffle. An annual event now close to Easter, with a huge array of chocolate goodies and almost everyone going home with something.

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News from Pett Level Preservation Trust

Spring?

It's not been the warmest of springs by a long chalk, but it has 'sprung' down on the PLPT land. Migrant bird species are trickling in - no mad rush. Whitethroats, blackcaps, reed and sedge warblers all singing away, swallows and swifts overhead. Offshore, sandwich and common terns noisily advertising their arrival. Cuckoos have been heard but not consistently. Resident species are busily raising their young, with blackbirds especially rejoicing heartily, their song only surpassed in my view by that elusive summer visitor - the nightingale. This species has been heard from woods further inland but none that I am aware of near the PLPT land. An interesting visitor at the time of writing is a hooded crow - a bird more commonly associated with western and northern parts of the British Isles. The local jackdaws took exception to this unusual grey bodied visitor, clearly recognising it as something different to the local crows. Flowering plants started showing themselves in early March with lesser celandine, dog violet and dead nettles all prevalent. More recently Alexanders has shot up and its scent is lying heavy where it forms dense clusters. Our volunteers are helping to contain its spread in a couple of areas on the Trust land. It was mown at the end of March but by the end of April it had returned and burst into flower. Nature doesn't hang about! Flowering blackthorn is also noticeable now. Over the next month or so these early starters will be joined by lots of other species, including bluebells and hopefully some orchids. Keep your eyes peeled.

Annual Meeting

On the 20th April the Trust held its Annual Meeting, and we were treated to a great talk by PLPT Trustee Keith Swallow on Pett Level now and then. Illustrated with photos, many taken from old postcards, it provided a fascinating insight to the history, buildings and characters that helped shape the Pett Level that we know and love today. My favourite stories were those about The Ship inn and its local community, which was situated between Winchelsea Beach and Pett Level but now sadly lost to the sea. Equally fascinating was the fact that the shoreline was about 150m further out than it is today. A reminder of how important it is to closely record and revisit our landscape and ecological history to ensure we fully appreciate what we have lost. Personally, I can't wait for Keith's book on Pett and Pett Level to be published. I am reliably informed this will be very soon.

Management

Managing the 24 acres of PLPT land is a big responsibility for a small group of volunteers. Vegetation and habitats to manage to ensure its wildlife is conserved; footpaths to keep clear and accessible; sign boards to replace when faded or broken; structures to ensure are safe and secure. Middle Bridge which services the three properties on the north side of the Royal Military Canal is in a poor state of repair and the Trust is currently working with residents to devise a programme for its replacement. Unfortunately, occasionally there is some petty vandalism. Recently one of the grills over the old war time bunkers on Toot Rock was forcibly removed. Consequently, we are now left with a dangerous void and a bill to effect repairs. Whilst our small group of volunteers do lots of work for the Trust these tasks are beyond what we can really expect of them and mean that we must employ contractors at the Trust's expense.

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 with practical management. If you are interested in joining the Friends of PLPT please email Theresa Nouch at theresanouch@aol.com or if you want to volunteer for practical management, contact Martin King at twotrok@hotmail.co.uk. Find out more about the Trust at www.pettlevelpreservationtrust.org.

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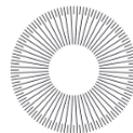


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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 29th July 2022 - King and Country

What a great weekend the village enjoyed, celebrating the Coronation of King Charles the Third. I am very glad that we chose the 'King and Country' theme for this year's show.

At the time of writing this article last year, the big question was 'WHEN IS IT GOING TO RAIN?' Now we ask "WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP RAINING?". Fortunately, crops are starting to grow and flowers are budding along with the weeds!

Holding the Show at Pett Village Hall has saved some of the major expenses. As last year, we are employing an audio company to set up a sound system so that we can be sure that everyone can hear the important announcements.

We have a new team for the Dog Show and have made some changes to the classes. Please check the schedule for details. Your pets will be proud to wear lovely rosettes and win treats.

We are delighted that our fantastic WI Events team are going to take on the Refreshments again with tempting offers to suit all tastes. There will, of course, be the Pimms Tent and the Grand Raffle. Kind volunteers have stepped forward to man the stalls. In addition, there will be pitches for local organisations and businesses. We already have several but there is room for more. Interested parties should apply for an application form from **Hon. Secretary, Louise Bowles, Fairholme, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HE; phone 812296; email lou.bowles192@gmail.com**.

Cups and Trophies. We are aware some of them are showing signs of age and we want to review their condition in good time before the show. Please will winners return them to **Louise Bowles** by 30th June. Contact details as above.

Looking forward to a great day for all to enjoy._

Philippa M. Strickland (Chairman P&DHS)

Ramblings

I have no idea how many readers who enjoy our village magazine also read the Hastings and Rye Observer. If you don't, this message won't mean much to you.

The problem I have is with the lengthy section in the Observer which is now called Villages. I don't entirely blame the writers in each village but it appears that no length restriction is put on their ramblings. I would love to read about upcoming village events in the surrounding villages but can I manage to wade through each long musing? It may be, of course, that printing Villages in long narrow columns is not helpful.

I wrote to the Observer along these lines but received no reply. So I had the idea of someone in Pett writing a very concise list of future Pett events and then sending it to the Observer under our village name. It would be a useful way of advertising fund-raising events and might possibly influence the other village contributors.

So, is there anyone who agrees with this idea and is prepared to take on this task?

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Sunday 11 th June		
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Icklesham	09.30	Parish Communion
Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
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News from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

June means summer is here at last, with the beach and saltmarsh habitats of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve now busy with birds, insects and wonderful wildflowers. Walks which take in these many sights and sounds are highly recommended and there are plenty to choose from this month:

- Half term holidays are at the start of June and family-friendly activities include: Larvae and Leeches on Thursday 1st June; Glorious Mud on Friday 2nd June and Wildlife Rangers, Saturday 3rd June - booking essential via the website.
- 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.
- Saturday 10th - Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Open Day. Events run from 10am - 4pm in the Discovery Centre. All welcome.
- Saturday 10th - the Friends of Rye Harbour have a special walk, a Walk to Dinosaur Bay from 2pm - 3:30pm along the tideline from Rye Harbour to Fairlight. This is a bookable event, via the website.
- Tuesday 13th - another Beginning Birdwatching guided walk from 10am - 1pm. This is a free activity, but places must be booked first please.
- Sunday 18th sees a special Father's Day Feathers guided walk organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, 9am - 1pm.
- Wednesday 21st June, Dragonflies & Damselflies guided walk on the reserve to watch in wonder at these dazzling dragons and damsels. 2pm - 4pm, booking essential.
- Saturday 24th - Wildlife Watch, 10am - 12:30pm, monthly club for accompanied children aged 5-11 years, booking essential.
- Saturday 24th - Lost Words for Rye Harbour Writing Workshop at the Discovery Centre, 1pm - 4pm, booking essential.

To book or to find out more about any of these activities, visit our website page: rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discovery-centre/events and please stay in touch for updates to our busy schedule by following us on social media:

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Katherine Crowther
Sussex Wildlife Trust



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Weekly Wellbeing Walks

Enjoy the outdoors with a morning of gentle walking across Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Suitable for all abilities.

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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

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Pett Parish Council Update

The council met in May for its annual meeting. Alan Crouch was re-elected as vice-chairman and I was re-elected as chairman. I am also pleased to say that three councillors were co-opted, John Case, Andrew Norcott and Richard Smith, so there is now a full council. Much of the rest of the meeting was taken up with formalities, although District Councillor Andrew Mier, reported on the make-up of the recently elected Rother District Council. There is still a coalition in power, but with a larger representation from the Labour Party than before the election. Andrew was re-elected and the other councillor for our ward (Southern Rother) is Tim Grohne, who was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting owing to a prior commitment. We look forward to seeing him at future meetings of the council.

County Councillor Keith Glazier reported on the change of contractor for road maintenance on 1 May. It is hoped that the filling of potholes will be more effective under the new régime. The county council is also looking into how much checking its representatives need to carry out. While the Highways Stewards do a good job, they are employed by the contractor and therefore an independent check of the work is advisable.

The other major report at the meeting came from Chris Saint, who, although no longer a councillor, has been appointed as Flood Warden. As I have noted previously, discussions have been going on to determine whether the Pathfinder Project, which was set up to address drainage problems in Fairlight, can be extended to include Pett Level. Chris reported that, following a letter from him to Southern Water, including some very effective statements from the residents who have been forced out of their homes, our MP has received a letter from Southern Water including the following:

- The Fairlight pathfinder was set up to reduce the amount of surface water entering the network which can cause sewers to flood and storm overflows to activate. Pett Level flooding looks to be unrelated to our network and wastewater assets, meaning it (currently) sits outside of Pathfinder scope of work. However, in the spirit of partnership working I propose we conduct a short investigation to better understand what role our network and assets play in conveying surface water in Pett Level relative to other pathways. Following the investigation, we will compile a short summary report that will detail any next steps and whether Pett Level is suitable to include in the Fairlight pathfinder programme.

This may seem a small step, but it is a step in the right direction and it is hoped that the result of the investigation will be positive.

One other decision at the council meeting was to confirm some grants, which included one for the upkeep of the churchyard and one for running the Post Office in the Methodist Church. There was also one to Bluebells, which is the new playgroup that is taking over at the village hall, following the demise of Little Ducklings.

Looking back, both the events over the Coronation weekend were a great success. Our thanks to Heather Godwin and all her helpers for the Coronation Big Lunch (one of several thousand that took place over that weekend) and to Sarah Whiteman and Robin Lyons (and, of course, all their helpers), for the Fun Day on the Recreation Ground on the Monday. It was good to see so many families and, indeed, a lot of unfamiliar faces at the event. The lambs and donkeys were a particular favourite with the children. And the production of a Pett-related Coronation Mug (with a teddy bear) was a great idea. There may be some left, so, if you missed the event and are interested in obtaining one, ask Sarah at the Old Butchers Shop; after a few years they may become collectors' items!

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

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Nature Notes

This, for once, is a tale of success. It is about a small butterfly called the Brown Argus (*Aricia agestis*), pictured here, that you may well have never seen. The reason you may not have noticed it, apart from the fact that it is small and brown, is that it is almost identical to the female Common Blue butterfly which is also brown and is in the same family - the *Lycaenidae*. Another reason that you may not have seen it is that, up to the 1990's, it was extremely rare and near to extinction. The reasons that its survival was in doubt are, firstly that it was a butterfly of grazed chalk downland, which is a vanishingly rare habitat - and secondly, the food plant of choice for its caterpillars is the Common Rock-rose. Despite its name, and the fact that my wildflower book calls it a widespread species, it is only widespread where there is grazed chalk downland.



It is very common in the insect world for species to be dependent on one particular species of food plant. Sometimes there is co-evolution involved, where the insect and the plant thrive because of certain adaptations, as in the case of the Malagassy orchid with a 12-inch nectar tube and Darwin's moth with a 12-inch tongue. Sometimes, however, as in the case of Rock-rose and Brown Argus, it is simply that one pollinates the other and the other provides food for its offspring. That works well, but it can be a narrow evolutionary channel, so that when one species goes extinct, so does the other.

So what is the female Brown Argus to do when, with an abdomen full of eggs, she finds that her best patch of Rock-rose has been ploughed up to grow barley? She has to find another plant. She will soon die anyway, whether she lays her eggs or not, but there's a chance that her caterpillars will find the plant palatable and nutritious enough to survive. It is not possible to get into the mind of the insect when she makes her choice of alternative plant, whether it is leaf texture, smell, or some memory of taste that she remembers from her caterpillar-hood, and various females may choose different plants. Some of those plants may not feed their caterpillars at all, some may allow just a few of their offspring to survive, and some may allow most of their offspring to survive, and like a dreadful 'reality' TV show there is likely to be just one clear winner.

With a stupidly long pause before I reveal the winner, the species of plant that will survive to the next round is - wait for it - Ribwort Plantain! I'm sure most gardeners will be familiar with Ribwort Plantain. It is an unremarkable plant that will ruin the nap of a close cropped lawn and is a tough weed to pull out of your borders. It doesn't have showy flowers, just odd spikes with stamens rather than petals, but it is a favourite of many insect pollinators and more importantly for this story, it has long nutritious leaves and grows just about anywhere. That has allowed the Brown Argus to expand their range away from the chalk downland into just about any habitat in the UK. (Mostly South and East England so far, but success, in evolutionary terms usually takes longer than 30 years.)

There is a parallel to this tale. Ribwort Plantain was introduced to the USA by early settlers, possibly from seeds brought in with hay, and the plant followed the settlers as they spread out, to such an extent that the natives called the plant White-man's Footprint. A native butterfly called Edith's Checkerspot was in difficulty because the lousewort on which their caterpillars fed had a tendency to dry out in hot summers before the caterpillars were able to pupate. In a drought, Ribwort Plantain stays green much longer, Edith's Checkerspot used it, and our hero saves another species.

By Alan Kenworthy

PETT BIG CORONATION LUNCH

The sound of 'Zadok the Priest' was heard heralding the arrival of 100 guests to Pett's Big Coronation Lunch in the Village Hall on the day after the Coronation.

The majority of those attending dressed appropriately in red, white and blue and the Hall was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, heroically erected by Rod Rolfe and Russell Gilbert. There were Union Flag tablecloths and napkins, matching flower displays from Pam Burgess and Lin Benn and a magnificent original 1937 Coronation flag proclaiming 'God Save the King' which had been kindly lent by Richard and Cate Jennings Bramly.



King Charles III was represented by the Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Simon Corello, and his wife, Imelda, who were hosted at the Lunch by Fran Rogers and David Breakell and their friends.

Ticket holders brought along their own most delicious-looking main courses, and they then helped themselves to salads and French bread. A Feast of Puddings, kindly donated by villagers, comprising over 30 different recipes, was offered to the guests. The Deputy Lieutenant then proposed the Loyal Toast to the King, and a glass of bubbly was served to everyone, after which Sharon Sellens led us in the National Anthem. During the second part of the lunch we were beautifully entertained by the great voice of Alison Adams, who sang a mixed playlist of old and new songs.

The Pett Parish Council generously supported the event, and an anonymous donor gave a cash donation and a magnum of Veuve Cliquot champagne. The raffle for that and other donated prizes raised £400. Altogether a surplus of £1,345 was raised, which will be divided widely between local groups, including the Pett Churches, the Methodist Chapel, ARC, Pett Level Preservation Group, Guestling Scouts, the Cricket Club, Strandliners, the Seaside Stitchers, Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat and the WI for the Rye Food Bank.



I would like to thank Lauraine Chapman, Donna Gilbert, Fran Molyneux, Carol Pecorini, Lin Benn and Pam Burgess, Rod Rolfe and Russell Gilbert for all their hard work in making the day such a success.

Heather Godwin Treasurer - Pett Churches

Fran Rogers kindly sent in the following piece held within the Archive Resource Centre. It is taken from the May 1937 edition of the local parish news and details plans for events to celebrate the Coronation of King George VI in 1937. Compared with recent Coronation celebrations it makes very interesting reading!

Sincerely yours,

H.S. Moxon

THE CORONATION

The Programme arranged for our observance of the Coronation is included in this issue of the Magazine. The Appeal for funds has met with a very favourable response and we are glad to publish a list of subscriptions received up to the time of 'going to press', other promises have been received but as the amount has not been specified we are unable to complete the list yet, it will, however, be completed.

The Committee wish it to be as widely known as possible that they will welcome any who live in the neighbourhood of Pett and who care to make a donation towards the fund join in our celebrations. The collectors are Messrs L. Cooke, L. Coxeter, W.G. Colegate, J.F. Earle, Mrs W.G. Colegate, Mrs Harris, and Miss Duthall. There will, too, be a box at the Village Hall for contributions. Each child who lives in Pett or who attends the Village School will receive a Coronation Mug and a Flag, this applies to children of subscribers too. It is almost certain that there will be a surplus which can be applied to the erection of some permanent memorial, probably public seats. The Field opposite the Church has been very kindly lent to us by Mr F. Bennett for the Sports. There will be a Refreshment Tent in the Field. A Cask of Beer has been promised from the Beach Club, Pett Level. To those who fear that this facility may lead to excess, and so war the pleasure of others, the Committee wish it to be known that strict control will be exercised in it's distribution. No young people will be served unless by the

expressed wish of the parents. We doubt if there are any who will regard 'free beer' as an opportunity for immoderate indulgence, but in the unlikely event we may as well inform them that they are doomed to disappointment. We want all to enjoy themselves and all will agree that uncontrolled drinking would not make for that, but would become a general nuisance. I find it distasteful even to write these things. I believe it will be shewn to be wholly unnecessary, but we do want to allay any fears there may be. For the sake of the children alone we are determined that there shall be no abuse.

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Coronation ramifications

I suppose there are all sorts of feelings floating about in the Coronation aura. The fervent Royalists are probably still mesmerized by the combination of the sacred solemnity and the splendour; the enthusiastic Republicans will be angry that the police arrested some of them but probably don't blame the King and there are many other reactions in between, including nostalgia among those of us old enough to remember the 1953 Coronation.

The prescription for any sort of Coronation aftermath symptoms is to make sure you come to the Flower Festival on 16th/17th September. The theme is Kings and Queens and we will all be amazed at the different interpretations there will be.

The overriding balm will be the beauty of the flowers and the escape from all the anxieties of everyday!

Angela Hawksley

Coronation Community Fun Day

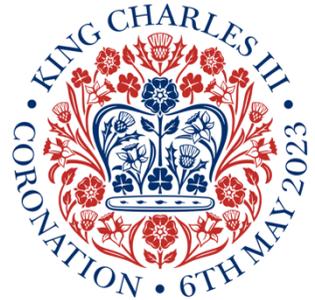
Both Robin at the Royal Oak and myself, would like to say a (somewhat belated) but very heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Coronation Community Fun Day on Bank Holiday Monday. To say that we were rather blown away by your support is a bit of an understatement.

A huge thank you to everyone that came along, as we could not have done it without you. But in particular, to Pett Parish Council, Helen Harrison, Jo Stapley, Pett Cricket Club, Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat for running the BBQ. A big thanks to our exhibitors - Fresh Start for Hens, Tim Jury, Andrew Dunlop, James Whiteman, Emma Warren for bringing along the animals and the tractors, and to those who brought along classic cars. Many thanks to our judges, Kirk & Jane Gillard and Graeme & Leonie Gambrell for judging the scarecrow and crown competitions. Also to the fantastic 'SarahG and the Other Three' for finishing off the day - always great to see them play. Philippa Strickland, thank you for the use of the bunting and the last minute loan of a megaphone. To Kevin Clifton for compering and to Sarah Masters for a heroic 3 hour face painting marathon. To Richard and Cate for bringing along their 1937 Coronation flag. To Donna and Louisa at the Parish news for accommodating our ad and its amendment at the final hour and, in the same note, John at Impression IT for jumping us up the print queue and Nick Wise for organising the banners.

Also we would like to thank our amazing co-sponsors: Eater's at Pett, Cottage Garden Floral's, Hastings East Sussex Under Pressure Exterior Cleaning Services, Freshwinds Camping, Poppy's Paddock @pippaspooches, Andy Goodsell (EcoHeat), Emma Goodsell (Rectory Interiors), Gary Fellows, John Cooke (JLC Country Landscapes), SMG: Shrubbery Maintenance & Grass, Alan Farnes (AAFarnes Electrical), Dawn Turner, Andrew Dunlop & Caroline Turner of Lunsford Farm, Steve Harris landscaping, Graeme & Leonie from Fairlight Stores, Tic Toc Hair, Richard Smith - Optical services, Catherine Burnett & Alan Danskin.

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By Sarah Whiteman



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Saturday 8th July at the Arthur Easton Centre, 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB, from 10am - 12pm. For more information contact the Hospice Retail team on 01424 728728 or email retail@stmichaelshospice.com

Connecting with the community

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Saturday Social takes place on the last Saturday of every month at the Arthur Easton Centre (St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB) also from 10am - 12pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to have a hot drink and a natter, you never know who you might meet. Don't forget to pick up a slice of cake too!

For more information, please contact Jo Sharman on 07929 206658 or email jsharman@stmichaelshospice.com

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My Garden Blog

The weather has been showing some signs of warmth but not enough to really warm the soil. Seeds I planted last month have done nothing, so I am starting to grow everything in my small plastic greenhouse. I have, however, got tomatoes and cucumbers under way in the main greenhouse so that is some progress, and runner beans and peas are off to a good start. The fresh green leaves on the trees are stunning, so many different shades and all with the look of new beginnings. We just need the weather to go with this hope!

I have had some beautiful tulips but they are mostly over now. Clematis, azalea and forsythia are beginning to flower and I have planted petunias, begonias and geraniums.

Weeds, or perhaps I should be charitable and call them wildflowers, have a much greater ability to not only survive but grow strongly. I planted beetroot and spinach seeds weeks ago but only find weeds where there should be vegetable growth and in certain places they are several inches high whilst I continue to search for any sign of the vegetables!

I am having trouble with the local heron. My large pond is netted, fixed over a metal frame some way above water level. The heron, however, stands on the frame edge and pokes its very long beak through the netting. I thought it would be unable to firstly spear a fish and secondly to extract it through the netting. Wrong! With lots of practice it is occasionally lucky and wiggles its beak and the fish through the net. I do have many fish in the pond so don't really mind the odd one going. When it warms up and the water level drops it may become harder!! I have to admire the patience and persistence however.

The foxes are regular visitors, sometimes as early as 6pm. There is a cub I have only seen once but a neighbour claims it goes in through her cat flap! There are two that visit daily and sometimes a third. These are often joined by the badger who doesn't come out before 8.30pm so rarely gets much. I scatter dog biscuits over the lawn in the hope that the foxes will leave some for the badger! If I throw more out later the foxes tend to reappear so they can't be far away.

There is a great tit family in my nesting box. Youngsters are being fed frequently by parents and I can hear the noises they make. Unfortunately, so can the cats! I have had to erect some wire netting at the sides and top because the cats get on the garage roof (box is on the side of garage) and dangle their paws over the edge. All is well at moment. I always breathe a sigh of relief when the babies fledge and fly elsewhere!

I also have a wren nesting in a tree stump behind a load of ivy. I was pottering on my patio this morning and got an earful of abuse from her, jumping up and down on the shed roof, flicking her tail and generally being really threatening. I did try to point out that I am the one who fills the bird feeders!

The grass is now being cut regularly and looks really good. It sets the tone for the whole garden so all in all there is good progress and much hope.

By Gill Plank

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The Stag Beetle

I've only ever had one sporting hero. In the red corner, standing 6ft 6 and weighing in at 365lbs, Big Daddy kept my Gran and me glued to the TV set on wet Saturday afternoons as he wrestled Giant Haystacks or Kendo Nagasaki in his sequinned spandex.



In June, Stag Beetles - the big daddies of the beetle world - are emerging from the ground and getting ready to rumble. There are around 3,000 different species of beetle in Sussex and an estimated 29,000 species across Europe. Just as Big Daddy's 64-inch chest earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records, the 2.5 inch long Stag Beetle holds the coveted title of Europe's Biggest Beetle. And, like a 26 stone man in a spangly leotard, the adult male Stag Beetle is equally impressive and ludicrous. Its 3-segmented black and maroon armoured body is crowned with a ridiculous pair of trademark stag-like 'antlers'. They are actually modified mandible mouthparts and are used to impress the antler-less females and to grapple rival males.

Before these tiny titans step into the ring, they have to put in some long hours in training. The beetle's larvae spend an incredible 5-6 years munching on a deadwood diet of buried logs and roots, building the bulky body that will sustain them to survive above ground. As adults they will live for just a few weeks without feeding, relying solely on the fuel tanks accumulated underground. In early summer, after pupation and transformation, they burst from the ground and go looking for a fight. I always find it incredible that these chunky, bulky beetles can fly, but on warm evenings they whirl through the air with the grace and subtlety of a Chinook on aerial reconnaissance for females. But if another male beats them to it that's when things get nasty.

In my fantasies I imagine these beetle brawls to play out on a dead tree stump. A crowd of over-excited elderly invertebrates gather round; the grasshoppers and crickets chirping in with a chorus of "We shall not be moved" while the earthworms and earwigs chant "Eas-eh! Eas-eh!" The fighters face off before charging and locking antlers. With incredible strength a Stag Beetle can lift his opponent into the air, holding him there heroically before spectacularly body-slaming them down onto the stump.

We're fortunate that south-east England is a hotspot for these Herculean heavyweights, but sadly our Stag Beetles are on the ropes. The loss of old trees from the countryside has had a dramatic impact on the survival of the beetles' underground larvae and their numbers are declining. My tip for spotting a Stag Beetle is to look for them in June in Henfield churchyard in West Sussex or around Ringmer in East Sussex.

By Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

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La Cucina de Angela

Pasta Tricolore

This recipe was originally created to commemorate the Italian Independence Day from the Nazi occupation (25 April) as it contains the green, white, and red colours which represent our national flag. My grandma used to cook it quite often in spring as it is very quick, tasty, and adds a touch of freshness to the table. Mum told me once during the Nazi occupation, while grandma was making a similar recipe with broccoli, tomato sauce, and pasta, a couple of German soldiers came to visit for a normal inspection and commented that we were very patriotic as they noticed the three colours of our flag in their plate.

For four people.

2-3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

One shallot onion

150g of ricotta cheese

Around 60g/80g of cherry tomatoes

A big handful of rocket salad, or basil

A couple of tablespoons of salted capers

350g /400g pasta - rigatoni or pennette (preferably DeCecco pasta from Sainsbury).

Boil the pasta in salted water - “al dente”, according to the instructions on the packet - and while this is cooking slice the onion and chop it very finely. Soften the onion in the oil in a second pan and add the capers and the cherry tomatoes - previously cut in half.

Cook for 5-8 minutes until the tomatoes are softened. When the pasta is ready drain it and pour it into the pan with the tomatoes.

Turn off the heat and add the ricotta cheese and a couple of handfuls of chopped rocket leaves or basil and..

Buon Appetito.

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I've just discovered a group on Facebook called [Hug in a Blanket UK](#).

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Now, regardless of whether you enjoy knitting or crochet, after I looked through pictures of these blankets, I was overwhelmed with the sheer skill they involved, but that doesn't mean you can't take part if you are a beginner. All that is required is you send in six 6-inch squares to be assessed.

Each blanket requires 88 6" squares, made from washable DK, ideally with no or little wool or animal fibre content (a lot of recipients also have allergies). With an assortment of colours, sometimes to match a specific colour scheme, the recipient's name, patterns, designs, and what are called "specials" (squares with the applique and motifs) each square is allocated to a blanket. Once enough squares are collected, they are sent off to a "finisher" to be sewn together, and finally sent off to their new owner.

Pictures on Facebook of the new owners opening their parcel is just so rewarding. If you want to learn more just send me your email address and I will send you the specifications and contact addresses. I will be attending the Seaside Stitchers at the Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoons from 2-5pm when I can, and will be knitting squares there. Come and join them and me!

Heather Godwin

The poster for the 'CONQUEST FRIENDS SUMMER FETE' is set against a light blue background with white clouds and colorful bunting flags at the top. The title 'CONQUEST FRIENDS SUMMER FETE' is prominently displayed in a yellow banner with 'SUMMER' in large white letters and 'FETE' in red letters below it. The event details are listed in a white cloud-like shape: 'Saturday 15th July 11am until 3.30pm' and 'ARK ALEXANDRA/HELENSWOOD PLAYING FIELD'. Below this, the location is specified as 'THE RIDGE, ST LEONARD'S ON SEA, TN37 7PS (OPPOSITE THE CONQUEST HOSPITAL)'. A red banner indicates 'FREE ENTRY'. A list of activities includes 'Coconut shy', 'Crock smash', 'Traditional games', 'Grand Summer Raffle', 'Entertainment', 'Craft stalls', and 'Bar & BBQ and much more!'. A QR code is provided for more information, and the Facebook logo is also present. The bottom of the poster features a green banner with the text 'Kindly Sponsored By:' followed by the logos for 'BARTLETTS SECURITY' and 'CLIFFORD'. The website 'www.conquestfriends.co.uk' is listed at the very bottom.

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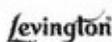
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Reflections from the Rectory

As I write this it is almost a week since we celebrated the coronation of His Majesty Charles III. There were several services in the Benefice and at Pett, as well as a number of street parties and other events to mark the Coronation. As the King is the supreme governor of the Church, I took time to watch and reflect upon the service, which I found most uplifting. Like many people I think the music was perhaps the highlight. However we were reminded that although it was a state occasion it was above all a Christian and religious service. At a wedding I often note that marriage is not the beginning of something, it is simply a way of consecrating and bringing before God something that already exists. The Coronation is the same.

There were a number of things that were very striking about the service. As well as the music, which I have mentioned, there was the very moving and personal moment of the anointing. One of the most notable aspects and, I believe, an innovation, was the start of the service when the king was welcomed by a page and then responded, "I come not to be served but to serve". The theme of service was very central to the whole of the liturgy and indeed was re-emphasised at the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle on the following day. There are very few who doubt the dedication and long service of the late Queen and we pray that Charles will follow her example in a life of service.

I have always felt it must be hugely challenging to have this kind of office thrust upon you and it is by no means easy to take up a life of service. It made me think of other aspects of service in our society that are not always noticed and remain unsung. One such role is that of High Sheriff.

It is a great privilege for me to have been asked to be the chaplain to the High Sheriff of East Sussex for this year. The High Sheriff is an annual post dating back at least 1000 years, which is onerous and completely unpaid. The original "Shire Reeves" were royal officials appointed to enforce the monarch's interests in a county and, in particular, to have responsibility for the enforcement of law and order. In the modern world there are a variety of different responsibilities but perhaps one of the most significant is supporting the judiciary, the police and the emergency services within the county. So much of this work goes on behind the scenes; usually we hear about the failures rather than the successes, of which there are many. My responsibilities are limited but I have already gained an insight into how much goes on behind the scenes as a force for good, whether it be encouraging the police, the fire services, probation officers, the judiciary or restorative justice programs. I am looking forward to observing and learning more about an unseen and important aspect of service in the community. Let us all try to serve in the best way that we can.

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- <i>Friends</i>	Gill Plank	812154	gillplank@yahoo.co.uk
- <i>St Nicholas</i>	Fran Rogers	812964	
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<i>Village Hall</i>	Clare Walker	07718 518053	clare.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
<i>New Beach Club</i>		812080	info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk

MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE

Hospitals & GP Surgeries

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

Other Numbers:

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

PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

Pett Level - The New Beach Club

Pett - Telephone box opposite The Royal Oak on Elms Lane

Pett - Village Hall



EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR UTILITIES

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

POST OFFICE

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

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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