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Editorial

Welcome to our July issue! It doesn't seem possible, does it? The summer is flying by so quickly.

Firstly, thank you to all who have taken the time to tell us how much you are enjoying the magazine. We always appreciate feedback - both good and bad, although the former is always preferable! As we continue to stress, this magazine is produced for the community and we value community input, whether in the form of comments, ideas, editorial or photographs for potential front covers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have anything which you feel may be of interest. Our contact details can be found on page 3.

This issue sees the return of our occasional 'Spotlight on Local Business' feature and we are focussing on Eyemasters, run by Richard Smith. If you haven't yet visited Richard for spectacles, we suggest you do so - he provides a fabulous service and really takes the time to find a pair of specs to suit not just your face, but also your personality. We also have the second instalment in the history of Pett Methodist Church, which is proving to be fascinating reading, and we have what we hope will be a regular feature from the volunteers at the ARC resource, highlighting aspects of our local history.

Finally, many of you will have heard that Richard Bradshaw very sadly passed away on 30th May. Richard was a much loved, respected and valued member of the community, serving in numerous voluntary roles including working with Mike Wilkins as Editor of this magazine. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Donna and Louisa

Dear Editors

We first met Richard Bradshaw when he came forward to join the magazine team. He was charming, witty, full of enthusiasm and became a valuable asset providing challenging and refreshing ideas. He became a friend to us.

Latterly he provided tremendous support in setting up the churchyard guardians (and cajoling some of his extensive network into joining, but always in the nicest of ways).

We will miss him.

Mike & Lesley Wilkins

Dear Editors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have sent cards and condolences to myself and the family of Richard Bradshaw, who died 30th May this year. I, for one am so very grateful to all the people who contacted myself and who had a lot of good things to say about Richard. He will be sorely missed by his family and myself. A big thank you to all for your kindness

John Miller

EYEMASTERS... HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

By Richard Smith

The question I am often asked; how did you get into Ophthalmic Optics? Ours is an esoteric industry and few know much about it. The true answer is 'purely by chance'. I worked as a young territory salesman for Optrex, then a well-established family concern with which many people will be familiar. Their products included eye lotions, eye drops and a portfolio of family 'over the counter' medicines. They were acquired by a large corporate concern, who doubled the sales force but kept our sales targets the same. I failed to see the sense in this and began to look for another job. Having a young family to support made this quest more than necessary.

This was 1975. I spotted an advert in the press for somebody to join a well-known Optical company to sell instruments to Opticians, I applied and got the job. On arriving at the company, I was told they no longer wished me to sell instruments to Opticians, they wanted me to sell lenses to lens laboratories. (The company also sold Rayban sunglasses, which at that time nobody wanted!) Since I was committed and needed the job, I had little choice.

I promptly retired...and yes, an explanation is due! To retire at 24 years of age is some achievement - what I mean by this is delightfully straightforward. I quickly realised I'd found an industry that I really enjoyed, and here I am 48 years later...it was never 'work' in the sense of 'reporting' for work. I loved it and I still do.

In 1977 four of us started a lens making laboratory in Hampshire, making glass prescription lenses, with the permission of my employer. In 1979 I sold my shares, working 6 days a week was too much, 5 days corporate, 1 day dealing with the paperwork and lab problems.

I was then headhunted by an American company and given responsibility for the UK and Ireland lens sales, which quickly morphed into being appointed General Manager with additional responsibilities for lens making equipment sales in addition to lens sales. I knew every lens maker in the UK and Ireland. I was then asked to move to the European Head Office in The Netherlands, with responsibility for sales in Europe, Africa, The Middle East and Russia. This meant extensive travel in many other parts of the world too, installing lens-making facilities and training staff in the efficient use of the equipment.

In 1995 I tired of the corporate life, the inside of every commercial aeroplane from Concorde to Twin Turbo props had become very familiar. Sounds glamorous? It isn't! I decided to put my dispensing skills to good use and created Eyemasters in Cornwall, where I lived at that time. I had spent some time helping a friend who owned an Optical practice in Cornwall, it was there that I reasoned that there was a need for a different way of dispensing eyeglasses...it involved giving the customer more time, asking more of the right questions, offering style advice and above all, giving true customer service. I leave the judgement of the success or failure of this ambition to my customers!

Time pressures in the retail environment seemed to limit the amount of time given to each customer, so I created a model whereby the customer could have the time they required, by appointment and without interruption, at a mutually agreed time and date. I want my customer to be happy to wear a frame they really like, rather than having to compromise on a choice they could come to regret. I want them to have the lens choice that solves their specific problem, rather than just 'sell' them a generic solution. I find that people enjoy being given frank and honest advice, fair pricing and the time to choose a frame to suit their personality. Folk are genuinely grateful for honest advice on frame choice, and they appreciate appropriate lens knowledge. There are several ways to wear spectacles, it doesn't have to be dull, tragic and boring. *It really can be interesting.* You come to me as a work of Art, and together we will find the right frame. To all of you who have visited my studio, my heartfelt thanks for your patronage. I look back often and wonder how it happened....

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Pett Open Gardens Success

Pett Open Gardens, organised by St Michael's Hospice, and held in the village on Saturday 3 June, was a huge fundraising and attendance success. £4894.71 was raised on the day. Almost 400 people flocked to the event.

Laura Sully, spokesperson for St. Michael's Hospice, was delighted with 'the fantastic amount raised. This beats the last time we opened in Pett by over £1500, which is AMAZING! I know the weather helped, but I think a Saturday opening is definitely the way forward.'

Four gardens opened for the event: Robin and Chris Hutt at Fairlight End, Alan and Carol Pecorini at the Lodge, Suzie Gibbons and Guy Chadwick at French Court Farmhouse, and Jo and Peter Felton at Hither Green Cottage.

Chris Hutt said, 'The owners of all four gardens worked hard both in the run up and on the day, to make the event a success. It was clear from their response that visitors were really enjoying themselves. We are delighted with the amount raised. It was a great team effort.'

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This seems to be the time of year for Annual General Meetings, which are a requirement for most charities and companies. It is difficult to feel much excitement at the prospect of an AGM, but it is worthwhile to join in to thank all the helpers and supporters, especially in the voluntary sector. I know that organizers often worry that their thanks may not have remembered everybody entitled to be mentioned.

All this set me thinking how fortunate we are in Pett to have the benefit of so many caring people and contributors to local charities as well as helpers. There is, of course, a great variety of helpers: some give rather ostentatiously, others very quietly. Some are widely noticed, others scarcely at all.

There was a Korean girl waiting for the bus at the same time as me recently and she commented on how peaceful Pett seems to her. I am sure that living as a caring community helps achieve that.

I hope I can say without exhibiting hubristic smugness that I feel very lucky to live in this peaceful place and in this community!

Angela Hawksley

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Looking through Boxes



Rye & Battle Observer, Friday, September 27th, 1996

I have just spent a very interesting couple of hours looking through a box (one of many boxes and files) left to the ARC by John Taylor's family. He was indeed an avid collector of local information. But he also initiated many events, such as The Spirit of Pett in June 2004. In the box were labels from numerous items that were on display at that event, long since returned to the owners. Do you remember loaning articles, brochures, books or photos for that event? Have you thought about scanning them and putting them on our website? Photos need to be

scanned as jpeg or png using 600 dpi. Go to "Get Involved" and then to "Add your photos and stories" OR call one of the committee to do it for you!

Another item I found included photos of the Pett Players, but only two individuals, Ben Whitby and Freddie Neal were named. Were you one of the thespians and can tell us more? Do you know any other actors, have other photos, or programmes? Several plays were produced between 1960 and 1967 in the old village hall. I'll put a list on the website.

There is a Pett School photo from the 1930s. Wouldn't it be great to put some names to the faces? I will put this up on the website so please take a look through and see if your friends or relations are featured! For your help we can send you a copy.

And what about this photo of John and Ray Taylor with Meriel Deasy dressed as Brunhilde, in 1996, which doesn't seem that long ago, but 27 years have passed by, yikes! The picture appeared in the *Rye & Battle Observer* on the 27th September that year. Another event organised by John and Ray Taylor, this time an harvest festival fund raiser.

What a surprise to see the Sunday School registers of the mid to late 1950s and just how many familiar Pett family names are on it. In 1957/58 there were 36 attendees. Were you one of them and remember Mr Parkins? By 1964 the numbers appear to have dwindled to just seven! Probably blamed on that modern invention ... television.

And keeping to the church theme, I came across an old church building log book; the steeple repairs in 1972 cost £944.50 it said, however more repairs were needed and a newspaper article from January 1975 suggests that the parishioners gave over £1,800 in support of the ongoing work to the roof and guttering, including removing all but one chimney. The water pipe into the church was added in 1973. Meanwhile, down at St Nicholas, "modern 3-point square pins" were provided for both lighting and heating. I can only assume people wore thick coats during the winter months in both places before electric or gas heating. The cost of the porch, vestry and oak door, which was added to St Nicholas in 1959, was financed by an anonymous donor as an "In Memoriam", but by whom and to whom?

All of these items will appear on the ARC website, so if you can add to the collection do get in touch; or better still come and get training to help us catalogue it! Another box awaits.....

By Fran Rogers, Chair of The Archive Resource Centre

Warrior queen guest at festival

SAXON warrior queen Brunhilde put in an appearance at St Mary and St Peter Church, Pett, at the weekend when the church held its harvest festival and fund raising days.

Local children were invited to enter a competition to paint a picture of the church or to solve a mystery involving Brunhilde, who allegedly fought a battle against the Romans at Pett.

Taking place in the church was an exhibition of old postcards from the locality and dolls in period dress.

And weekend visitors were also able to enjoy musical interludes on the church organ.

■ Pictured, above, is Brunhilde (alias Meriel Deasy) with the harvest festival organisers Ray Taylor (left) and John Taylor, displaying children's paintings from the exhibition.



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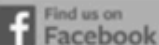
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Pett Parish Council Update

The council held an emergency meeting in June, to which we were pleased to welcome Cllrs Andy Norcott and Tim Grohne for the first time. The meeting was held for two main reasons: to approve the internal auditor's report and annual return before they were sent off to the external auditor and to discuss a number of planning applications.

The planning applications included information that a resident at Pett Level had appealed against the refusal of permission to live full time in a caravan there. While the council is sympathetic about the shortage of homes, it nevertheless continued to oppose the application, partly because this would set a precedent and partly because almost all of Pett Level is in a floodplain.

There were three other matters discussed at the meeting. The first was a proposal from Rother District Council to remove the restriction on dogs on the beach at Pett Level for part of the year, while introducing a restriction on dogs on the recreation ground sports pitches while sports are being played. The council agreed its opposition to both proposals. It was felt that the restriction on the beach was useful as it allowed families to use the beach without being concerned about dogs and their droppings, while any restriction on the recreation ground would be open to misinterpretation and it was reasonable to rely on people's common sense.

The second issue concerned the Civility and Respect Pledge that councils have been asked to sign up to by the National Association of Local Councils. For full information about this, see <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>. The council agreed to sign up to this and, as Chairman, I signed a letter to our MP, asking her to support an early day motion that seeks to re-introduce sanctions against councillors who do not behave correctly.

The third issue was whether the council should declare a climate emergency. A decision on this was deferred until the definition of a climate emergency was clearer. Information would be circulated before the next meeting.

Congratulations to the Methodist Chapel, which celebrated its 175th anniversary this month. The chapel held a successful weekend of celebrations in mid June and a booklet describing its history has been produced.

I am told that the Bluebells playgroup is now operating and more details can be found on Facebook. We wish them well in the new venture, which has the support of both the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council.

Following a walker's bad fall at the stile between the Recreation Ground and Gatehurst Farm, the stile has been repaired by Andy Norcott and is now much easier to get over. Many thanks to Andy for doing this.

With a different hat on, I am a member of the Executive of the Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) and I am pleased to say that a letter to the county council from RALC is in preparation asking not just for potholes to be repaired, but for information to be provided on the county's long-term policy for improving the roads throughout the county, if indeed there is one.

Finally, I am sad to report the death of Richard Bradshaw after a relatively short illness. There is a letter elsewhere in this issue from Mike and Lesley Wilkins mentioning Richard's time as one of the editors of the parish news, as well as his work with the churchyard guardians. He was also on the village hall committee for several years and was an early chairman of The ARC. His contributions to the village will be missed and our commiserations go to his family.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

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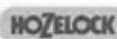
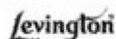
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Pett Level	08.30	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service
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Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion
Sunday 16 th July		
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Winchelsea	11.00	Parish Communion

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News from Pett Level Preservation Trust

Hawthorn: The May blossom this year was spectacular. However, at the time of writing the recent and persistent easterly winds have stripped the branches bare and now the trees blend more subtly into the landscape. Hopefully their fruits had a chance to set and we will be blessed with a heavy crop of haws in the not too distant future. The hawthorn or May-tree is the only English tree to be named after the month in which it flowers. The saying 'Cast ne'er a clout ere May is out' is taken to refer to the opening of the flowers, rather than the end of the month. Apparently, there is some superstition regarding bringing May blossom into a house. Some consider it unlucky and likely to presage a death! There are many reasons for this including links to the smell of the blossom and also to Catholicism. If you want more details, Richard Mabey covers it all in some detail in his book *Flora Britannica*. In regard to names for the fruit or haws of hawthorn another writer, Geoffrey Grigson, records the following as local to Sussex - cuckoos bread-and-cheese tree, agarve, agasse, hogarve, hogazel, hogosse and hag! Are any of these familiar to you?

Summer: The meteorological start to summer is the 1st June, as opposed to the astronomical start which is the 21st. This year the start of summer was also marked by a full moon on the 3rd. This full moon is called a strawberry moon as, in aboriginal cultures, it marked the ripening of the June-bearing strawberries. With May blossom and a strawberry moon and other long-established markers of the change of season, along with the reality of a sudden improvement in weather, can we be confident (as ever we can) that summer is finally here? The weather forecasters promise a couple of warm and dry months although possibly not as hot as last year. Hopefully, this will enable all those birds nesting locally to successfully get their fledglings away and possibly try for another brood. June tends to be the month when many species lie low, focussing on raising their chicks with just the occasional short burst of song or call to indicate their continuing presence. It can be very quiet for bird activity until July which heralds the beginning of the return migration for those species that grace our shores in spring and early summer, and the return of our winter visitors.

Summer is typically a time when the air is full of the activity of insects. Or should be. However, a number of commentators have pointed out that insects seem to be scarce this year. Many of us will remember when childhood journeys in the countryside at this time of year resulted in a coating of dead insects on car windscreens and bonnets. No more does this appear to be the case. Indeed, there does seem to have been a tendency over the years for fewer insects to be seen. Government scientists have calculated that the economic benefit of insect pollination to crop production in the UK is approximately £600m each year. Clearly if this proves to be a real and long-lasting decline then we have a serious existential problem for both our natural and farmed environments. Places such as the Pett Level Preservation Trust land play a small but valuable role in providing a diverse range of habitats for these insects to exist.

Vandalism: In my last article I mentioned some damage to the old war structures on top of Toot Rock. Sadly, there has been a further instance of vandalism with the gate to the Observation Post being damaged. I'm not sure what the perpetrators of this mindless vandalism hope to achieve but it results in wasted time and more expense.

Supporting the PLPT: The PLPT works on a minimal budget from year to year and 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?

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 or follow us on Instagram and Facebook

By John Newton, PLPT Chair



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Nature Notes

Why do the British always talk about the weather? Well simply because the British weather is always remarkable, and always changing. At least that used to be the case. I was told of a conversation between a British and US soldier during the war. The US soldier remarked on the changeable weather, to which the British one (Tommy) replied “Well you have seasons in the US, don’t you?”. “Yes, replied the other, “but not all in the same goddam day!” That used to be the case, but things are rapidly changing. As I write this, we have had no rain for more than four weeks and almost constant sunshine. Before that we had a couple of months of strong cold winds and almost constant rain. It is something that climate models have predicted as a consequence of global heating - long periods of stable weather, good or bad.



I have been asked how this has affected the natural world. In the case of bumblebees, this has not affected their hibernation. Usual numbers of queens went into hibernation last summer/autumn and usual numbers emerged in the spring. The cold wet weather, however, meant that the emerging queens were unable to find much in the way of forage and so the size of the colonies that they founded was reduced. But now that the good weather has finally arrived, there is plenty of forage around and numbers of bumblebees are starting to rise. But how do we know that, I hear you ask? The data comes from a scheme run by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT) called BeeWalk. Volunteers, like me, walk a set route once a month and we count the number of each bumblebee species we see. Anybody can join in; all you need to do is to learn how to identify the different species of bumblebee. (One-day Identification workshops are run by the BBCT every year.) Then you can choose a walk that takes in plenty of flowers and start providing the data yourself. (<https://beewalk.org.uk> or www.bumblebeeconservation.org)

Another way to help the bumblebees is to observe ‘No Mow May’. May is a critical time for the natural world and gardens can provide a lot of forage. Let a good-sized patch of your lawn go uncut for a month and you’ll be amazed at the increase in life and colour that it will bring to your garden. All those dandelions, buttercups and daisies look good and are great for our pollinators. It is too late for May but do it now and the pollinators will be grateful for a late top-up before they prepare for winter.

Birds are another group of animals that will appreciate you leaving your lawn uncut for a while because they, in turn, will be feeding insects to their young. In our recent moth trapping in the churchyard and at home, we found a lot of moths of one species - the Green Oak Tortrix. As its name suggests, it is green, its caterpillars feed on oak leaves and it is a tortrix, a large category of micro-moths in the family Tortricidae. We had about 80 individuals between two trapping sessions, and we’ve never seen more than a couple at any one time in the past. This means that less birds are eating the caterpillars, so more adult moths are about. It may be a matter of timing - our bluetits were very late nesting this year - or it may be that there are less birds about. Even the least observant birdwatcher must have noticed the lack of swallows and martins and the complete absence of swifts flying round the village this summer. Let us hope that this isn’t the run up to the ‘Silent Spring’ that Rachel Carson predicted back in the early sixties. She was concerned then about pesticides and we are still using them. Please don’t.

By Alan Kenworthy

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May 2023

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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.

If you are a taxpayer your contribution will be greatly enhanced if you sign a Gift Aid form which is available from the Church Treasurer: pettchurchestreasurer@gmail.com

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.

FLOWER FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Gardening Club Notes

Our second outing of the summer was to Old Bladbean Stud, a private garden set amongst the beautiful Kent countryside north of Folkestone. Carol Bruce, the owner, bought her property, a house with six acres, about twenty years ago and began creating from bare land the gloriously abundant garden there is today. She had no previous gardening knowledge or experience and no help, simply an unstructured vision. She had several practical criteria she felt passionate about that motivated her as she set about designing the space, summed up in the principle of “survival of the fittest”. She was mindful above all of the privilege she felt of living in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and was keen to be respectful of what that should mean for a brand-new garden. Carol set about choosing plants, through trial and error, that should thrive without much intervention - she never waters them, feeds them or uses chemicals, accepting pests and diseases as inevitable in the belief that the garden should try to mimic the natural environment as far as possible and find its own rhythm and balance.

The garden comprises several separate subplots or “places”, with specific planting, each inspired by emotions Carol wanted to evoke, using influences from music, films, books and life experiences. Over time, from this eclectic mix, the final ideal distillation gradually becomes clear to her and is then allied with the practicalities of site limitations, aspect, climate and planting constraints, eventually coalescing into the finished design, each intended to be a mindful idyll, a positive, accessible and contemplative place. Having explained her ethos and the origins of the garden overall, Carol led us through each one, describing, explaining and answering questions along the way.

The Rose Garden is showy and theatrical in pink and purple, crammed with old fashioned scented roses, alliums and hardy geraniums, accessed via a web of narrow, curving paths, encouraging the visitor to feel totally immersed and at one with the planting, sheltered from outside influences. The Pastels Garden, based on a soft artists’ colour palette, comprises wide borders of perennials around a huge, square lawn, the whole bounded by trees, shrubs and hedges and functioning as a gateway to the other gardens. The 300ft long Mirrored Borders, separated by lawn, are planted identically with blue, yellow and white flowering plants, to also mirror the colours of the sun and sky. Symmetry continues with equally spaced identical obelisks and stone benches at each end. The inspiration is a playful take on the mindset that the visitor feels impelled to go to the other end of the garden, despite it being identical to where they came in - “the grass is always greener...”. Along similar lines, Carol included vistas within each “place”, with pathways drawing the visitor in and suggesting onward progression to the next vista or garden, as they all connect through intriguing, narrow and semi-hidden entrances.

We finished a most enjoyable visit socialising with each other and with our most amiable hostess, with a welcome cup of tea and cake in the Yellow Garden. Carol planted this initially to accommodate the yellow roses she loves, but which she wished to keep visually separate from the pink ones in the Rose Garden, to avoid clashing. This has been achieved through enclosure with evergreen hedges and shrubs and provides a quiet space for reading and seed sowing. Over time it has also become the Tea Garden and Carol is currently planning a redesign to include more roses and yellow planting and to make it more resilient to the many visitors the gardens now command. Thus, the garden, twenty years on, continues to evolve as it increases in popularity. Yet, to this day, Carol has no help, having devised systems and discovered useful tools to deal with all the many necessary tasks and accepting that it all takes time - pruning the roses can take up December, for example!

Our next visit will be to Stonelynk Organics in Fairlight on Tuesday July 11th.

By June Harris

Meet the Seaside Stitchers

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Please bring plenty of money as most stalls will only take cash. Some concessions and the Tearoom will take card transactions.

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- **The Crockery Smash.** Great way to vent your frustrations. If you have any cracked, chipped china or some you dislike, please bring it along on the day.
- **The Bottle Stall, Tombola (for adults and Youngsters), Pick a Bottle and the Grand Raffle** will be delighted to receive donations ahead of the day. They can be dropped off with any Committee Member, **please see the back of the schedule.**
- **Books, Puzzles and Toys.** Always a popular pitch so please bring them along on the day.
- **Produce.** Also, on the day. Edible items for the stall, where all those spare fruit and vegetables not worthy of entry can be sold, along with pickles and preserves.
- **The Tea Room is being organised by the WI team, who are always grateful for donations of cakes or savoury snacks. If you can make something, please advise our WI events co-ordinator, Kay Clayton, on 07739 367196 or email to ke_clayton@yahoo.co.uk, who will be co-ordinating the assortment.**

BBQ. Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat will be attending with their delicious offer of burgers and hotdogs.

Parking. As the Village Hall car park will be set out with stalls, parking will be in the adjacent field. Following the insufficiency of space last year, action will be taken prior to the Show to level up and mow the grass.

Dog Show. This will also be staged in the field behind the Village Hall. We ask all dog owners to ensure that their pets are well behaved and are kept on the lead. Seating will not be provided so competitors are welcome to bring something to sit on whilst watching the classes. It is also essential to bring water for the dogs and poo bags. There is a poo bin sited at the entrance to the field.

Toilets. The facilities are in the Village Hall.

The Committee are working hard to make the show a great day for the village. Come along and enjoy yourselves.

Philippa Strickland, Chair, PDHS

A history of Pett Methodist Chapel

Part 2. The Early Pioneers - By Keith Miller

The chapel was built at the Western extremity of the plot, leaving room for a small cemetery to the East. Right next to the chapel lies the grave of Delias Down, presumably one of the original settlers as the gravestone indicates that she originated from the Scilly Isles. She married Richard Down, an early Bible Christian minister, in 1864, and sadly died less than a year later, following the birth of Emily, who herself died at the age of just 17 days.



One of the earliest members was Joshua Foster. Born in 1829 at Barden's Forge, he had already turned to religion and to the Bible Christians by the time that the chapel was built. In 1852, aged just 22, he became an itinerant local preacher, travelling extensively across the south of England and, in 1853, was appointed as a minister in the Shanklin circuit on the Isle of Wight. It was here that he met Harriet Rayner, then 16 years of age. They married on 8th August 1856 and, just twelve days later, set sail from Liverpool aboard the clipper "White Star" on a journey of some 5 months or so to Australia, where Joshua had been posted as a missionary. One must

admire the zeal of these early Bible Christian pioneers.



In 1907, the Bible Christian denomination was merged into the United Methodist Church. Ahead of the merger,



new trustees were appointed at a special meeting on 8th May 1906, as every one of the 1848 trustees had died.

One of the new trustees was Richard Scrase Moon, who was described as a Temperance Hotel Keeper. This reflects the power of the local squires, the Shadwell family, who were able to impose their temperance principles on the entire village.

The hotel in question is now the Royal Oak Inn, where children once went to buy sweets. To enjoy a pint in those days, villagers had to trek down to Pett Level.

Teetotalism is a discipline often associated with Methodists, so it is interesting to note that such observance was not a condition ever imposed by Mr. Wesley himself, although he did warn against the dangers of gambling and drinking. The Methodist Church became involved in the Temperance Movement as a response to the problem of alcohol abuse prevalent around the late Victorian period. The rules were relaxed in 1987 (to the great delight of many) but members are still expected to drink only in moderation, and the sale or consumption of alcohol is still not permitted within Methodist premises.

Other trustees mentioned in the 1906 document emphasise the importance of farming in and around Pett at that time. Surnames such as Merricks and Dunlop are still well known in the local farming community, and we have a picture of Charles Griffen (known as Henry) working in the fields.

Next time - the inter-war years.

Pictures :

1. Plan of plot from original deeds.
2. The Royal Oak.
3. Henry Griffen in the fields.

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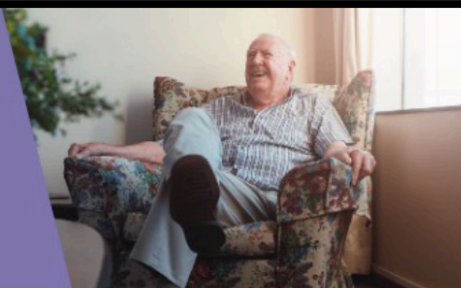
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Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

At last, it was warm enough to set up the Coffee Morning outside and that is where everyone chose to be. A beautiful late Spring / early Summer morning but still very breezy and we lost one of the flower vases, which blew over. It was good to see some new faces and to welcome some new borrowers to the library.

In addition to coffee, cake, badminton, books, jigsaws, 500 draw, good friends and new neighbours *and* the Parish Council chairman, we also had a Police presence which is an unusual occurrence. They were warning about a spate of car thefts and break-ins in Pett and Pett Level and handed out posters asking us to be careful with our car security and to check that any CCTV cameras we have are fully functional, and operational. If you have such a device, now would be a good time to check it. (And thank you from those of us who do not have one).

It is also good to know that the new jigsaw library system is working well, as evidenced by our jigsaw enthusiasts. So, just to remind you, Pett Puzzles is still managed by Jane Sweaney but is now to be found in the upstairs room at the Village Hall. Please be sure that you sign out and log back in any puzzles that you borrow. And please be respectful of anyone else using the main hall when you go through to access the stairs.

Almost all of this happens again on **Wednesday 5th July, 10 - 12.**

Our **Book of the Month** for June is by Tracy Rees - **Darling Blue**, an historical novel. The story spans a year starting out on Blue's 21st birthday in the Summer of 1925. Set in London, it is well-researched, covering a wide range of topics of the time, but the research is elegantly absorbed into the storylines. This tale touches on the challenges of some of those who have returned from the front lines, PTSD, post-natal depression, the 1926 general strike, sexual uncertainty, marital love, the changing structure of society, poor housing conditions, fashion and architecture amongst other elements. These are all woven into a story full of interesting characters (most of whom walk everywhere) and which is atmospheric right to the end, "A cocktail shaker . . . how thoroughly modern!" says Blue's father on her 22nd birthday. A long book, but a real pleasure to read.

We look forward to your company again on 5th July.

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La Cucina de Angela

Spaghetti alla carbonara

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Being such a quick and easy recipe, my mum used to cook it in the evenings to satisfy the numerous requests from all of us (6 children and a very understanding husband).

For four people:

400g spaghetti pasta

200g bacon cut into small pieces, or pancetta cubes (the original recipe suggests to use the “guanciale” (pig cheek bones, but being a difficult ingredient to find, it can be replaced with either the bacon, or the pancetta cubes).

6 egg yolks

100g pecorino Romano cheese, grated

Salt and black pepper

In a boiling pan put some salt and cook the spaghetti al dente (please refer to the cooking time shown on the packet). While the pasta is cooking, in a non-stick pan put the bacon (or pancetta cubes) and fry it for about 5 minutes, making sure not to burn it otherwise it will release too much flavour and the final taste will be too heavy.

In a separate bowl beat the egg yolks, adding most of the pecorino cheese while the remainder of it will be used before serving. Add a tablespoon of cooking water from the spaghetti to dilute the mixture. Season with black pepper and set aside.

When the bacon (or pancetta) is cooked, using a spoon, take aside the meat - leaving the melted fat in the pan - and turn off the hob. By now the spaghetti should be cooked, so use a sieve to drain the hot water but save a glass of the same water for later (in case you want to make the carbonara more creamy).

Put the pasta into the frying pan with the melted fat from the pancetta (or bacon) and start stirring to let the spaghetti absorb the flavour of the fat. Add the eggs and the rest of the pecorino cheese and stir vigorously. At the end, add the bacon (or pancetta) and season with black pepper.

You can make the carbonara creamier by adding some of the cooking water you saved earlier. Please serve immediately and..

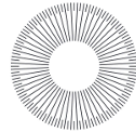
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Stinging Nettle

In the shadows under the Oak trees my enemy awaits. There are hundreds of them, huddled together in a silent, ferocious mob. With their drab green leaves and insignificant flowers, the Stinging Nettle is a joyless plant, infamous only for its ability to inflict pain. I can almost hear these nettles straining at their roots, desperately trying to reach me because I am in possession of something they crave: a pair of bare legs. When I started writing this article, I realised that I hadn't been stung by a Stinging Nettle for so long that I had forgotten what it felt like. So, dear reader, just for you I am wading into a nettle patch in a pair of shorts.

As my legs brush the underside of the nettles' leaves, I break the fragile tips off hundreds of hollow hairs, and I'm injected with histamine, serotonin and acetylcholine, with a splash of formic acid. This volatile cocktail acts like napalm on my knees - my skin itches and blisters and that familiar fiery, tingling, pulsing pain sears up my spinal cord. The plant does not inflict this agony as some sadistic vendetta against schoolchildren and writers. The nettle's hairy, hurtful suit of armour is a defence mechanism against hungry herbivores.

Despite our hatred for the Stinging Nettle, we have found many uses for it over the centuries as cloth, medicine, and food. Seventeenth century Sussex herbalist, Nicholas Culpeper claimed nettles - which "can be found by feeling in the darkest night" - cured everything from nosebleeds to leprosy. Celebrity chefs extol the virtues of vitamin-packed nettle soups, risottos and spanakopita. And the caterpillars of our most impressive butterflies enjoy munching on nettles too. Red Admirals, Peacocks, Commas and Small Tortoiseshells all depend on them.

Halfway through the nettle patch all this is offering me little comfort. If I focus my mind, I can rise above it and the waves of pain can start to feel strangely invigorating. But not for long and I soon start frantically searching for a cure. Rubbing mashed dock leaves on my legs has soothed my stings since I was a schoolboy, so I was surprised to read that it's all a ruse. Scientists claim dock leaves are simply a placebo - and the searching and rubbing is just a distraction that numbs the pain.

Beyond the nettle patch I stumbled across an amazing glade of orchids, vibrant and stunning in the sunshine. In an instant the stinging stopped. Maybe it was all in my mind after all. Even when we are in our darkest night we need to keep pushing through the painful patches. There's something surprising and soothing awaiting us on the other side.

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

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MY GARDEN BLOG

Flaming June! So much sun and wonderful long days, especially now the beastly wind has disappeared. As I write we are having the hottest days of the year; great for barbecues, beach and holidays. For gardeners though there is the serious lack of rain to contend with, so much time is spent watering. We always have something to complain about!

Shrubs and flowers continue to be amazing. Roses in particular are fantastic, and I have petunias, geraniums, delphiniums, begonias and gladioli to name but a few that are thriving. There are two quite impressive Philadelphus in my front garden (Mock Orange to some) with a wonderful scent. All has been rather slow in the vegetable garden but now there is promise of things to come with peas, beans, onions, potatoes, courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash progressing well and beetroot and spinach at last making a move. I am eating my broad beans now and hopefully will be able to freeze some if I can keep the black fly off. There are some ladybirds around so that should help.

I haven't seen the fish in my pond for a couple of weeks. I know the heron managed to manoeuvre a few through the net but surely not 100? They always come up for food but have not done so. I am quite puzzled. As the heron has been back on top of the net a few times I am banking on the fact that it knows there are still fish there. Is that a reasonable assumption, do you think??

The fox family has given me great entertainment lately. I can't put the dog biscuits or chicken carcasses out until after 9 p.m. as the seagulls and magpies are still up. Both are not averse to dog food! There was great excitement the other day when I had bought a whole salmon. The fishmonger asked if I wanted the 'extra' bits when he had filleted it and I nearly said 'no' but thought of the wildlife. I don't much like dealing with fish heads but was glad I did as the badger ran off gleefully with the head. The foxes left the fins until last, so they are clearly less palatable. The 3 cubs prefer the dog biscuits which you can hear being crunched. In between hunting out the biscuits which I scatter widely over the lawn they scuttle around and romp with each other. This does merit a sharp cuff from a parent at times. Samson (my one-eyed cat) thought he would take on the smallest fox cub last night, so they had a face-to-face stand-off. Fortunately, the fox cub thought better of it and ran away (fortunate for Samson that is!).

Now, I love my holly tree (especially in the winter when it attracts many birds), but at this time of year it sheds thousands of prickly leaves over the terrace. This means I spend a lot of time sweeping them up as they get everywhere. Hopefully by July they will have finished, and I can safely sit on the chairs without getting stabbed!

I have harvested about 12 strawberries from my fruit cage. I am hoping for more but must check the perimeter fence for badger incursion. Last year they broke in and demolished all strawberries and most raspberries. Hey ho on to the next challenge!

By Gill Plank



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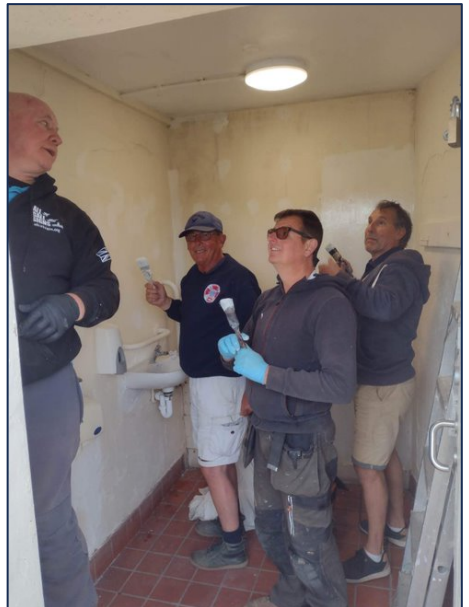
News from PLIRB

Hello to all our friends and supporters from everyone at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat! It took a while, but we finally welcomed some wonderful weather, our villages and countryside are looking beautiful, and the beaches are getting busier!

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 took place on Sunday 14 May. We heard reports from our Chair and Treasurer and elected the Committee for the upcoming year. The Committee team are Adam Flower, Jo Barry, Sarah Harris, Kevin Nuttall, John Brooker, David Martin, Kevin Prescott, Stuart Homewood, John Crowther.
- We extend our thanks to Hastings Winkle Club who are so generous every year with their support of us. Members of the PLIRB team attended their annual presentation evening to receive our donation.
- Raffle tickets for our Open Day Grand Raffle are now on sale! Top prize is an Aquaplanet Max 10' 6" inflatable paddle board with a paddle board lesson and wetsuit! Lots of other great prizes on offer. Tickets are £2.50 each or £10 per book of four. Available from PLIRB on Sundays on the Charity Shed stall or speak to any PLIRB volunteer!
- In May we were delighted to be involved in two fantastic community events - the Coronation Community Fun Day and the Activate 25th Anniversary event. Our BBQs and games are always super popular and great fun! We'll be at more events during the summer months including Icklesham School Fete, Pett Flower Show, Winchelsea Summer Fete and Icklesham Village Summer Fete - we look forward to seeing you all there!
- In June our crew saw the social media post which highlighted the poor state of the public toilets at Dogs Hill in Winchelsea Beach. With the busy season approaching, we felt something had to be done and contacted the council - who were very happy to accept our offer to help! Over three evenings, volunteers gave the toilet a fresh coat of paint and a good clean! It is now much more presentable and welcoming to visitors!



- The Charity Shed continues to sell a fantastic selection of donated items - from housewares and toys to clothes and shoes, do come and browse! We also have great merchandise items including hessian bags, pin badges and our 2024 calendars, all great gift items!
- A major project for PLIRB over the next 12-18 months will be to work towards securing Declared Facility status. This is a recognised code for lifeboat facilities which will become a necessity for PLIRB if we are to continue operating in the future. Securing this status will involve significant administrative work, advanced training and assessments and potentially an upgrade to our current equipment and facilities. We are confident that we will successfully complete all we need to - but it will involve additional cost and a huge input from our dedicated team. Please keep looking out for updates on our proposed plans and updates.

Have a wonderful July and we hope to see you out in the community. 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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News from St Michael's Hospice

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Saturday 5th August at the Arthur Easton Centre, 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB, from 10am - 12pm. Free entry.

For more information please contact the Hospice Retail team on 01424 728728 or email retail@stmichaelsospice.com

Rye and District Country Show

Looking for affordable ways to entertain the kids this summer? Join the Rye and District Country Show at Elm Tree Farm, in Icklesham, for this year's fun filled family day out on Saturday 19th August - kids under 16 go free! This popular summer's day offers hours of entertainment, including a fun dog show, a traditional horse show, a classic car show and an open-air country fair with stalls. Don't let the children have all the fun, the fantastic St Michael's Hospice Lottery team will be there if you would like to try your luck on a scratch card. Players must be 18+. The Rye and District Country Show is kindly run by a dedicated committee every year in aid of the Hospice and has become a staple on the local events calendar.

Tickets are only £5 and you can purchase yours today via stmichaelsospice.com/event/rye-and-district-country-show-2023. For more information please contact the Hospice Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com.

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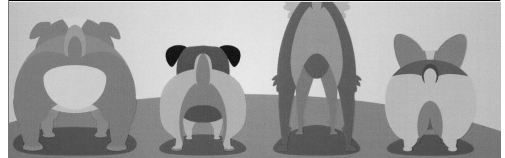
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Pett WI



Sadly, I was unable to attend April's meeting of the WI having been cajoled by my daughter to look after her 2 new rescue dogs while they went on holiday. I must admit to being disappointed by my absence, but Amanda Leeson our Vice President ably deputised for me in her usual inimitable style, which I am sure was full of humour. She presented our two new members with their Pett WI tote bags.

I also missed a fascinating talk from our new Secretary, Sheila Fellows-Turnbull, in her capacity as Chair of the Hastings and Rother Beekeepers Association. She expertly described the life cycle of the honeybee and how honey is made, as well as describing what it is like to live in a hive. Sheila also spoke about the impact of climate change on the survival of bees and how we could encourage wild bees into our gardens.

After refreshments, served by Pat and Helen, it was down to business. Philippa Strickland reminded everyone of the Annual Pett Flower Show to take place on 29th July and that the schedule was now available in the Pett and Pett Level magazine and encouraged members to enter the home produce section. Heather Godwin announced that there was to be a blessing service for pets at Winchelsea Church on Sunday 21st May at 3pm.

Our walkers have been active again, this time taking advantage of the lighter evenings with a very steep walk of 2 miles down to Fairlight Glen in Fairlight Country Park. I gather that the walk ended with a few walkers enjoying a rendezvous at The Two Sawyers.



The tablecloth project is at last underway with guidance from Amanda, and Emmie Tasker supervising the actual putting together of the cloth. A brain storming session at next month's meeting should move the project nearer fruition.

Louisa Tasker is busy organising a trip to London to see *The King and I* in January. So far 20 members have expressed an interest in the production, which is excellent.

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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 or phone 0871 200 22 33



PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

Pett Village Hall

Saturday 29 July at 2pm

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

Brass Band - Teas & Refreshments - Pimms & Beer Bar
Produce Stall - Books & Puzzles - Putting - Coconut Shy
Face Painting - Donkey Rides - Tombola - Barbecue
Pick a Bottle - Crockery Smash - Dog Show - Bottle Tombola
Ice Cream – Grand Raffle

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

FREE OFF ROAD PARKING

For more information go to www.pettnet.org.uk