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Editorial

It's been a whole year since we started editing the magazine - where on earth has that time gone? We're feeling quite settled in our roles now, but this issue has probably been one of the most challenging yet, with more news and features than we could handle. It's wonderful that so many people wish to contribute and this edition we've gone up to 56 pages and still, very sadly, had to miss out a few regulars!

We think you'll find it a very interesting issue, though. Firstly, we have a letter to residents from Sally Ann Hart MP regarding the flooding at Pett Level. Suggestions to try and prevent this happening again will involve input from all of us and there's a meeting at the Village Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29th August if you'd like to find out more.

We also look at proposed plans for the site on the Guestling/Pett border behind the old police houses which is being considered for affordable housing and now a counter proposal from local residents to conserve the site as a nature reserve. Please do read both reports and let us know what you think.

Louisa has kindly updated the bus timetables which now include a later service for the 101 to and from Rye - very handy if you want to enjoy an evening meal or trip to the Kino!

Finally, please do take the time to support some or all of the events taking place in the village this month. Amongst others, there is the MacMillan Coffee morning on the 29th September, Pett Flower Festival on 16th and 17th September and what promises to be a fascinating talk on Sussex organised by the ARC on 14th September at Fairlight Village Hall.

Donna and Louisa

Letters to the Editors

Dear All

There is a public meeting for all regarding the flooding at Pett Level which occurred on 16th January 2023. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th August from 6.30pm at Pett Village Hall. It will be attended by Sally Ann Hart MP, Keith Glazier and ESCC Environment Agency and the agenda is flooding and the action plan towards building resilience for the area and for individual properties.

Please do come along and support us.

Thank you
Kathy Amos

News from ARC

Do you live in a home which was built pre-1920s, or a building which over time has changed use to become a domestic dwelling? Have you ever looked into the history of your home?

If you've answered yes to any of the above questions the volunteers at ARC would very much like to hear from you. We'd like to build upon our existing records of homes in Pett and Pett Level, possibly with a view to producing a brief guidebook later on. If you have any information which you think would be helpful, then please do get in touch.

In the meantime, here are some historic photos of local homes and buildings. Do you recognise any of these? Can you shed any light on the buildings themselves, or indeed, who lived in them? If so, please do get in touch. You can contact us at archiveresourcecentre@outlook.com or telephone Fran on 01424 812964. Alternatively, we are open at the Methodist Church Hall in Pett every Thursday afternoon from 2pm.



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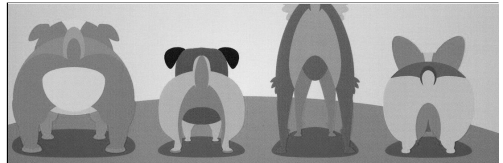
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Gardening Club Notes - August 2023

The plan to visit Great Dixter in August should have guaranteed good weather, but as this summer has been dismal to date, it was not to be. Our stalwart and cheerful band of members braved the chill and the mizzle in their raincoats and resolutely enjoyed all this renowned house and garden have to offer, whatever the time of year or the weather!

Fergus Garrett, head of the Trust that has run Dixter since the death of Christopher Lloyd, had visited us last September and briefed us about the sustainable practices followed in the gardens, to further encourage biodiversity on the estate. Our follow-up visit, therefore, enabled our members to see what this means in practice and judge its success for themselves.

At this time in the year the gardens are abundant, planting being at its height, often literally! All the borders and garden “rooms” were crammed with colourful perennials, interspersed with flowering shrubbery - roses enjoying a second flush and some stunning dahlias being of particular note. This late in the season, however, the flowering meadows in front of the house and in the topiary garden are over and looking very tired, but the plants within them are busy setting seed, ready to burst forth again with colour next summer.

Fergus and the team made the switch from manicured lawns to a softer, meadow style many years ago and they form an essential part of Great Dixter’s biodiversity ethos. That following organic practices does nothing to diminish standards was also evident in the productive vegetable gardens - somehow they even manage to grow basil very successfully outdoors!

We all enjoyed chatting about the gardens as we strolled around, then met up again in the tea garden, socialising over a welcome cup of tea and excellent cake. Some of us also bought plants we had seen along the way and decided were a “must-have”, from the pretty and extensive nursery. Thankfully the rain stayed away during our visit too!

Our next meeting will be the first of the Autumn schedule, on Tuesday September 12th at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman room at Pett Village Hall. Our speaker will be Andrew Gaunt from Defra, who last visited us in February 2017. He will be giving us an essential update on their work on Plant Health, Imports and Quarantine, in the wake of legislative changes brought about by Brexit and Covid, amongst others.

June Harris

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We are in need of items for the stalls - this year there will be a handbag stall, a Christmas stall, a gardening stall, a White Elephant stall, and a raffle. All donations must be in pristine condition. If you can donate a cake please contact Kay Clayton

ke_@yahoo.co.uk.

As the NHS states: '1 in 2 people will develop some form of cancer during their lifetime'. Even if it hasn't affected you, personally, we all know someone who has been affected.

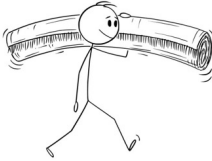
Please spare the time to come along to the Village Hall on Friday 29th September, have a cuppa, eat delicious cakes or scones, and help us beat last year's total of ALMOST £2,000. Bring cash if you can, but cards will also be accepted.

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Flooding at Pett Level - a letter from Sally Ann Hart MP

Dear Resident

Earlier this month I convened a meeting between Southern Water, the Environment Agency, East Sussex Highways, the Internal Drainage Board and representatives of local residents, Chris Saint and Hester Bloch, to discuss the issue of the Marsham Brook Lane flooding which occurred on 16th January this year, how this fits into the Fairlight Pathfinder and how we can reduce the risk of flooding in Marsham Brook Lane in future.

Southern Water is working hard with local agencies and residents to reduce storm overflows and surface water flooding in Fairlight. As part of its improvement plan, Southern Water is introducing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to help control excess surface water in the Fairlight area. One aspect of this is to install free slow drain water butts - 'Slow the Flow' - to residents and businesses within Fairlight.

This will help reduce the flow of roof run-off pouring into the sewer system during periods of high rainfall, which will in turn, help reduce the amount of water heading towards Pett Level. However, this is not enough; Southern Water have published their report on Pett Level and it is clear that the surface water run-off coming from the Fairlight village and Fairlight Cove catchments pale into insignificance compared to the water run-off contained in the wider catchment system from the hilly countryside above and surrounding Pett Level.

In the meeting, solutions were explored and action points noted. One key solution would be to create large attenuation ponds (which could also help with water storage in periods of low rainfall) within the upper reaches of the Marsham Sewer. Put simply, by managing the flow of water upstream we can reduce the risk of downstream flooding during heavy rain. An added benefit is that attenuating water upstream can help regulate the availability of water resources for various purposes including agriculture. Proper water attenuation upstream is essential for sustainable water management, and I understand that the Environment Agency looked at this a few years ago.

The planting of more trees was also discussed and it was interesting to look at maps of the area in 1947 where a significant part of the land was covered in trees, with natural wetlands lower down the valley. Trees take moisture out of the soil which decreases the amount of water contributing to flash flooding events and can help delay the arrival of flood peaks. Trees therefore play a vital role in natural flood management and should be considered a part of local flood management. There are grants and funding schemes available to farmers and landowners to plant trees.

We also discussed a successful multi-partnership project in Wyre - the Wyre Catchment Natural Flood Management Project - which delivers a number of measures to reduce flood risk, sequester carbon, improve water quality and improve biodiversity. It appears that the project is the first example in the U.K. of private investment enabling the delivery of natural flood management. This is an interesting project and needs to be looked at more closely to see if a similar model is possible for the Marsham Sewer catchment.

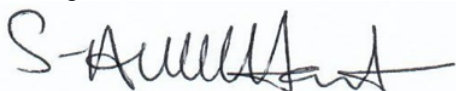
What we did find out from the data is that the flooding on 16th January was a flash flood. 34 - 36mm of rain fell in a 6.25 hour period - nearly a month's average rainfall for January. This has now been established as a 1 in 13 year event - rather concerning for us all as the impact of climate change may further increase the risk of future flood incidents. We must therefore not only look at how we can reduce this flood risk for local residents, but also how local resilience can be improved. Southern Water confirmed the presence of a small amount of sewage in the water gushing into Marsham Brook Lane, but it was the sheer volume of water which caused the flooding.

Discussions were held on whether the culvert near Fairlight Treatment Works needs to be made bigger. The general consensus is that water attenuation measures further up the catchment need to be focussed on before assessing whether the size of the culvert should be increased. To increase the culvert now may well add to the volume of water flowing down stream and thus making matters worse. Marsham Brook Residents Association and Pett Parish Council are commissioning a hydrology report which should shed more light on this.

In order to help improve community resilience, and in effect act as a warning system, it is proposed that local people act as volunteer flood wardens to help with any future flooding. Another point of note included confirmation that the Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board will continue efforts to clear the sewers, specifically on the corner of Pett Level Road and Chick Hill. The Environment Agency agreed to reinstate the pump on Canal Bank and will look at permanent fixings to reduce the incidents of theft. Other locations for pumps on private land are also being considered.

In summary, whilst there are other points which need to be ascertained before we can progress, including who actually owns the land and which agency would lead on a flood management project, it does appear that by bringing all the relevant stakeholders together, with the focus on nature-based solutions to climate change and flood management and the development of green finance, we can find a way forward.

Kind regards,



Sally-Ann Hart, MP Hastings & Rye

Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

Our August Coffee Morning was Summer-quiet. We set up a table for coffee chums in a quieter space, but even that was surplus to requirements. At the Library, we took in more returned books than we lent out, although we could have lent Richard Osman's **The Bullet that Missed** twice over. Happily, we will have an extra copy of that from September.

Also from September, we are reintroducing large print books. These will be found on the Recent Arrivals shelves. They include romance, historical fiction such as **The Great Deception** by Australian actress Joyce Chambers, mystery in **The House of Silk**, a Sherlock Holmes novel unexpectedly written by Anthony Horowitz, as well as a wartime mystery **A Bespoke Murder** by Edward Marston. We are also adding to the shelves an Andy McNab thriller **Silencer**, Bill Bryson's biography of **Shakespeare** and Billy Hopkins **Anything Goes**, a humorous memoir of bringing up a family in the 1960s, amongst others. Michael Bond, better known for Paddington Bear, also wrote a series of comic detective novels of which we have **Monsieur Pamplemousse and the Carbon Footprint**. Who wouldn't enjoy a farcical detective story with haute cuisine and a bloodhound called Pommes Frites? Even in large print it is a very modestly sized book, so super-easy to read.

Hopefully, there is something here that appeals to you? Lastly, but far from least, we now have a copy of the charming book **On the Level - Pett Level Then and Now** by Keith Swallow. Books of local interest are always popular, so if you would like to borrow this beautifully and copiously illustrated tome, do come early to the next Coffee Morning and Community Library on 6th September, 10 - 12 at the Village Hall. Hope to see you there, The Coffee Morning Team.

News from St Michael's Hospice

Hospices to Holland

St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother) and St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne, are excited to be collaborating on a brand new cycling challenge in 2024, which will take place over four countries in five days. The Hospices to Holland journey will begin from East Sussex on Wednesday 18th September 2024 and pass through the stunning landscapes of France, Belgium and Holland, finishing in Amsterdam on Sunday 22nd September 2024. You can expect to cycle past beautiful beaches, along waterways and alongside treelined canals dotted with windmills. For more information please call the Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com

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Retail Mega Sale

St Michael's Hospice is excited to invite you to their Retail Mega Sale on Saturday 7th October, 10am - 12pm, to browse through their fantastic range of pre-loved items including children's toys, puzzles, clothing in a range of sizes and brands, accessories, and bric-a-brac. By coming along to the Mega Sale you're not only helping to raise vital funds for your local Hospice, but also helping to protect the planet by shopping sustainably. Feel good shopping at its best! The Mega Sale will be taking place at the Arthur Easton Centre, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB. Entry is free.

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

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Mallydams was given to the RSPCA by Horace Quick with the idea that the 55 acres would be used for the protection of wildlife. Over the years the centre has gained a huge reputation for conservation, treating injured or sick animals, research and, of course, education.

Several members decided to walk to the centre from Pett Village Hall, with a few red faces on arrival as it is a pretty steep climb to get there. Jane Sweaney had, unbeknown to others, walked the route in the morning cutting back some of the paths. Well done Jane!

We were greeted enthusiastically by the centre's Education Manager, Anna Herrieven who gave us a very interesting talk about the work the Centre does and the RSPCA, and particularly how they involve local children, plus how we can help with conservation ourselves and the facilities on offer. After tea and biscuits Anna took us on a short walk around some of the beautiful grounds, outlining some of the activities that take place at various points. We discovered that they have facilities to sleep 30 people so a WI sleepover may well be coming in the future. Many thanks to Anna who made the evening so interesting and fun.

Our walkers returned by the same route and met up with the rest of us for a welcome drink at the Two Sawyers garden. A perfect end to a lovely summer evening.

Pett Flower Show at Pett Village Hall took place on 29th July and luckily the weather was perfect. A team of WI ladies ran the refreshments in the Hall and provided a lot of the cakes. From the off, there was a constant queue and our small band of helpers worked non-stop serving drinks, cakes and scones, washing up and collecting dirty crockery. Judy Harvey was truly magnificent at the sink washing up and Kay Claydon organised us superbly. An incredible £730 was raised and just 2 slices of cake and a few scones were left!

We were exhausted but very pleased with a hugely successful afternoon. Pett WI has a richly deserved reputation for doing things to a very high standard and I feel extremely proud to be part of such a group of formidable women.

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The sun shone at Pett Village Hall, which has proved to be a very popular location for the show. It was so busy, with many locals and visitors coming along to enjoy the afternoon.

The weather this summer has certainly played tricks on gardeners, with dry spells, wind and rain, but we still had an amazing display of entries for vegetables and flowers. Floral Art displays were super, along with all that talent in the Home Produce and Handicraft classes. Great entries from the young people as well. Most important is the great spirit of competition. The Dog Show attracted puppies, veterans and waggiest tails. All very well behaved.

There are many people to thank: the volunteers manning the stalls and refreshments superbly run by the WI, our car-park attendant; the donors of cakes and tombola and raffle prizes; our sponsors; the great after-show clear-up team; the judges and stewards. We hope everyone has received a personal thanks. Please forgive us if you were overlooked.

What did everyone think of the Show? There are some excellent photos of the Flower Show on social media. We would love to see more. Finally, I give my thanks to the members of the committee, who work so hard throughout the year to bring the whole day together. You are a great team. Special thanks to Sue Dengate and her team for administering the entries. We welcome suggestions for a theme for 2024.

Philippa M Strickland, Chairman P&DHS

Pett Flower Festival

**Where have all the flowers gone?
Gone to Pett Church every one.
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The long-awaited dates of 16th and 17th September are nearly here! Do think of coming! There will be lots of stalls and also delicious refreshments. There is still time to sponsor the flower arrangements in memory of a loved one. Just get in touch with me.

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Julie Myatt	Golding Challenge Cup	Veg most points
Kit McLean	Golding Challenge Tankard	Veg second highest
Susie Gibbons	Gertrude Coleman Cup	Veg best exhibit
Susie Gibbons	Tom & Cath Wells Trophy	Herbs
Jennifer Grist	Charles & Anne Cooke Challenge Trophy	Flowers most points
Jennifer Grist	Jimmy Young Cup	Sweet peas
Jennifer Grist	Mabel & Leonard Cooke Challenge Trophy	Dahlia most points
Christina Whitmore	Fred Griffin Challenge	Flowers
Janet Marsh	Cecil Webb Cup	Roses most points
Philippa Strickland	Cecil Aldred Cup	Best rose
Gay Bayley	Two Sawyers Cup	Floral art most points
Janet Marsh	Albert Standen Trophy	Floral best exhibit
Caroline Still	Albert Luck	Floral class
Olivia Stafford	Hewitt-Jones Cup	Children (under5) most points
Esme Goring	Preston Ebbutt Challenge Cup	Children 5-8 years
Emily Shearer	Goldsmiths Trophy	Children 9-14 years
Freya Stafford	Darnel Plate	Junior cake maker
Not awarded	J McCausland Trophy	Photography (under 16)
Evie White	Cecil Bacon Talent Cup	Drawing/painting most promising
Philippa Strickland	Pam Dunlop Challenge Cup	Produce most points
Lizzie Nugent	John Parks Trophy	Show stopper
Not awarded	John Rootes Cup	Picture/painting
Fran Molyneux	Beryl Rootes Cup	Craft best exhibit
Michael Willard	Ron Dean Cup	Model making hand-made
Emile Shearer	£20	Under 16 model
Imogen Reeves	Diedre Dean Plate	Model-making miniature
Alfie Barnard	£20	Under 16 miniature
Evie White	£20	Design a tea towel
Dawn McConchie and Fern	John Pecorini Cup	Best dog in show
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Proposal to build affordable housing in Pett/Guestling

Many of you will already be aware of proposals currently under discussion to build affordable housing in the local area. Whilst this is strictly within the parish boundaries of Guestling, it is on the border with Pett and has caused a great deal of debate, and inevitably concern amongst local residents. *Pett and Pett Level News* recently interviewed Rodney Buse, one of the members of the Project Group, to find out more about the proposed development.

Rodney begins by telling us that two years ago, an Action in Rural Sussex Survey identified twenty-one families or people within the parishes of Guestling and Pett, looking for affordable homes in and around the village. Action in Rural Sussex became aware that Rother DC owned land situated behind the old police houses along Pett Road (figure 1) which had been earmarked for potential development. The council was keen to see the site being used for a community-led project which would provide affordable housing for local people. Having worked with Action in Rural Sussex before, Rodney was asked to become involved and has since set up a group alongside Marion Roberts (who chairs Guestling Parish but is acting in an independent capacity), Tim Jury and Bexhill resident, Jeff Newnham who is passionate about affordable housing and brings a great deal of expertise and commitment to the team.

Known collectively as the Marsham Community Land Trust, the project team is keen to stress that the scheme is very much in its infancy and there are many hoops to jump through before it can move forward. The current concept illustrated below (and note that this is a concept rather than plans) is for twelve eco-homes to be built. Architect-designed, the idea is that these homes will be built in blocks of three and will be very low energy in both construction and occupation, meeting EPC A, the top grade for energy efficiency. Each home may have a small garden and surrounded by newly-planted woodland to root it within its environment, thus ‘creating a habitat in which people, and the natural world, can thrive.’ On-site, freestanding parking, with charging points for electric vehicles may be situated to the left of an access off Pett Road. Ideally the scheme will comprise homes suitable for both individuals and families, will all be wheelchair-friendly and potentially accommodate those who require 24-hour care, with the option for carers to live onsite.

It is important to reiterate that currently these are concepts under consideration. The architects have been advised that these homes must be genuinely locally affordable but, of course, eco-homes are expensive to build and a sizable sum of money will be required for the project to go ahead. If it is to be viable, numerous grants will have to be put in place to cover initial development, planning, construction and, if the properties are to be let, a mortgage as well. There are also various surveys which must be carried out on the site before potential development can commence, comprising a preliminary ecological appraisal; an arboricultural survey, topographic survey; protected species; and transport and access. If the project continues to move forward, it is intended that draft plans will be submitted in Autumn 2023, with a full planning application being submitted to Rother DC in Spring 2024.

We asked Rodney how the trust intended to ensure that these homes remained strictly for local people and could not be sold for profit to people outside the area. He described the ideal scenario, which would be that all twelve homes be rented to people living within a mile or two of the site (thus encompassing Guestling, Pett and Fairlight) or who have been raised in the area and meet the local engagement criteria. Rents will ideally be set at 75-80% of market rate, whereas social housing is normally 60%. *If* sufficient money is raised, these will become affordable rental homes, but it is possible that some will become shared ownership, or may have to be sold on the open market. However, Rodney reiterates that “Our ambition is twelve affordable rental properties which are covenanted so they will always be available to local people should circumstances change”.

All project team members are keen to emphasise a shared deep-seated belief that people shouldn't have to leave the village due to housing costs; the idea that it's possible to build affordable homes is what's driving the project forwards. Rodney comments "It's really important to say that those of us who are involved are there because we want to see affordable homes maintained in the village. However, it's early days and we can't afford to raise the expectations of those looking for local affordable housing. But *if* the site is to be developed, is it not better to have it developed with some sort of sense of what the village would gain?" Rodney is adamant that there is a need for such housing, telling us that at the recent Pett Flower Show, seven people registered an interest in an affordable home; one or two of whom had been brought up in the village but had to move out due to the high cost of property; and another who was still living at home in Fairlight with their parents.

We have been notified that initial funding from Rother District Council has just been agreed, and the current project team will incorporate and become the Marsham Community Land Trust, a legal entity with a bank account, trustees and members from the three villages. The team hope to appoint eight to ten trustees; there are already three trustees from Guestling, but they would like to recruit two from Pett, one from Fairlight and ideally two more trustees who have been involved with other CLT's. Applications from open-minded individuals who meet the above criteria are welcome.

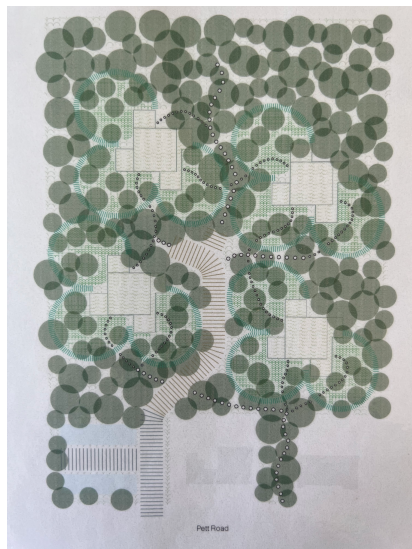
If the project moves forward, the Trust intend keeping local people fully informed via newsletters produced as and when events transpire, and will continue to consult with local groups. We have been assured that notes have been taken of all meetings which have taken place and all concerns have been properly documented and brought to the attention of Rother District Council. As Rodney states, "This is a community-led activity and the community needs to be involved, with some for and some against. Talking to objectors and understanding their objections is a must. The surveys should answer some of those objections and of course may come out on the basis that the land isn't suitable".

If you would like to comment on proposals, obtain further information, or are interested in becoming a trustee or member, please email MarshamCLT@outlook.com

By Donna Gilbert



Fig 1: The proposed site alongside Pett Road



Above: Architect's concept drawing of the proposal

Pett Wildlife Preservation Group

Who are we?

We are a group of residents from Pett and Guestling who care deeply about the future of a field situated in Guestling, and on the border with Pett. The field in question is behind Pett Road and Watermill Lane (see figure 1) and is a proposed site for Rother District Council to develop for housing. We have held one informal meeting so far in which we have shared our ideas for preserving the field, for the benefit of future generations. We intend on forming a Community Land Trust as formal opposition to the proposed development of this site. Our Community Land Trust will be called the Pett Wildlife Preservation Group.



Figure 1

Why is this field so important?

The field is a very rare habitat mosaic containing acid grassland, scrub, wildflowers, bordered by hedgerow and woodland which is nesting and feeding ground to many rare species. The field connects habitats to adjacent ancient woodlands, including Guestling Woods, and the hedgerows provide vital habitat corridors.

Species living in this field include slow worms and badgers, which are both protected species under UK law. It is also home to dormice, frogs, newts, red and green woodpeckers, barn owls, field mice, goldfinches, grass snakes and, of course, rabbits and squirrels. A range of fungi, including parasol mushrooms have found an environment in which they thrive. Having an area of acidic grassland means the area meets the standard for conservation under the UK biodiversity action plan. Development of the site would completely destroy this ecosystem.

What are the aims of the PWPG?

The Pett Wildlife Preservation Group proposes an alternative to the Guestling led initiative Community Land Trust Development. A positive proposition for the future of this field would be a nature reserve, which could be of great benefit to our local wildlife and community. This would prevent the erosion of the Area of Natural Beauty (AONB). We ask that the land is designated as a Local Wildlife Site and Habitat Bank Vehicle. This could be a pilot scheme as part of the local district plan in line with new biodiversity legislation that comes into effect in November 2023.



Would you like to get involved?

PWPG will be posting updates on the Pett Village Facebook Group page. If you would like to support the aims of the PWPG please request to join the Facebook page. Attend Parish Council Meetings at the Village Hall and have your voice heard.

Sarah Butters, on behalf of PWPG



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Pett Parish Council Update

The council did not meet in August. However, there are developments on various fronts. On some of these the parish council can simply observe, while on others it has some influence.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a report from our MP about the meeting she held with various parties, such as Southern Water and the Environment Agency, with a view to look at possible ways of reducing the risk of flooding at Pett Level. What is clear is that the catchment area for the water ending up at Pett Level is of large extent and that any measures to be taken will similarly cover a large area and involve land owners. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 29 August in Pett Village Hall at 6.30 pm for anyone to ask questions; I hope that this issue will reach you before that date. I would also like to thank Chris Saint for all the time and effort he is putting into trying to solve these problems.

As I noted last month, the parish council has agreed to extend the wire fencing on the south side of the recreation ground in order to stop cricket balls going over the fence into the adjoining garden. Work will start on this in the next few weeks.

We have had our annual report from RoSPA on the safety of the children's play area. As ever, they have come up with a number of suggested repairs. I am pleased to say that, once again, Peter Felton and David Nicholls have done their own survey and have offered to carry out most of the suggested tasks.

People may remember that there was a board near the toilets at Pett Level giving information about the Royal Military Canal, but the rain penetrated the board and much of the information became unreadable, so it was removed. I had a meeting with a representative of Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership, who were responsible for the board, and I am pleased to say that they plan to replace the board, as, indeed, they have done with other boards along the canal. I am also hoping that they will replace the board giving information about the sunken forest, which seems to have disappeared (the board, not the forest).

I am attending a seminar in September to bring myself up to date with changes in the planning regulations. I think that this is important because, although, as I have pointed out on many occasions, the parish council has no powers regarding planning, it does have a responsibility to comment on applications in (or near) the parish. However, comments and objections can only be made on planning grounds, so it is critical that the council knows what these are.

In connection with planning, many will have heard about the proposal to build affordable housing on a site behind the houses on the corner of Pett Road and Watermill Lane. Up to now, views on this have been based on rumour. Now, two articles in this issue provide alternative views on how plans for this site can be taken forward. I should note that the site is in the parish of Guestling and not in Pett; Pett Parish Council has not therefore discussed the site, except in the context of the housing needs survey carried out a couple of years ago. The council felt then that there was not a need for housing in Pett that this site could meet.

A meeting has also been held between council representatives and members of the committee of the Allotments Association. This was a constructive meeting; among other things, it was agreed to look for alternative sites in the village. A number of potential sites have been identified, so the next move is to approach the land owners to see if they are amenable to having the allotments on their land. Suggestions of potential sites are, however, still welcome. If you have a site in mind, please let me know.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

A History of Pett Methodist Chapel

Part 4 - The Post-War Years

Historians will tell you that the wars were a catalyst for major change in society, and this appears to have been reflected in the life of the village and of the church. New trustees, elected in 1949, were mostly newcomers, although one representative of the original village families remained in the shape of Charles Thomas Cooke, and the church building as we know it today stands largely due to the generosity of the Cooke and Griffen families.

In 1950, Mrs. Anne Cooke (pictured right), who lived in the bungalow next to the chapel and was affectionately known as "Cis", gave £50 to the church in memory of her brother, Percy Griffen. Subsequently, on the death of Charles Griffen, and in accordance with the wishes expressed in his will, Mrs. Cooke and her sister, Mrs. Davis, gave the church a plot of land to build an extension.

Initial plans for a new schoolroom costing £1,000 soon became plans for a new chapel with a budget of £2,500. Grants from the Rank Trust and the Isabel Blackman Foundation, along with local fund-raising, helped achieve the target.

The old building was retiled to match the new, and the cost of seating was reduced by transferring some of the pews from the original chapel. To meet the budget, however, one small sacrifice had to be made: the new church is three feet six inches shorter than originally planned.

An opening service took place at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 29th August 1956. Mr. R.E. Burstow, the architect, handed the keys to Miss Isabel Blackman to perform the opening ceremony, which was followed by a service of celebration.



MRS. COOKE. FORMERLY ANNE GRIFFEN.



As more people moved into the village and began attending the church, the 1960s saw further building work. A new schoolroom was added to the north side of the premises, at a cost of £1,400. The opening and dedication (pictured) took place on Saturday, 25th January 1969. Even with this addition, during the 1970s the lively junior church filled every room in the building!

By Keith Miller



EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST

A talk by Christopher Whittick, Thursday 14th September 2023, 7pm, Fairlight Village Hall

The Archive Resource Centre is delighted to announce a special event with a distinguished guest speaker. Christopher Whittick, author and university lecturer and formerly Head Archivist at East Sussex Record Office, will entertain us on a fascinating question - why have the two halves of our ancient county of Sussex evolved to be so different from one another? You might call it 'East is East and West is West'.

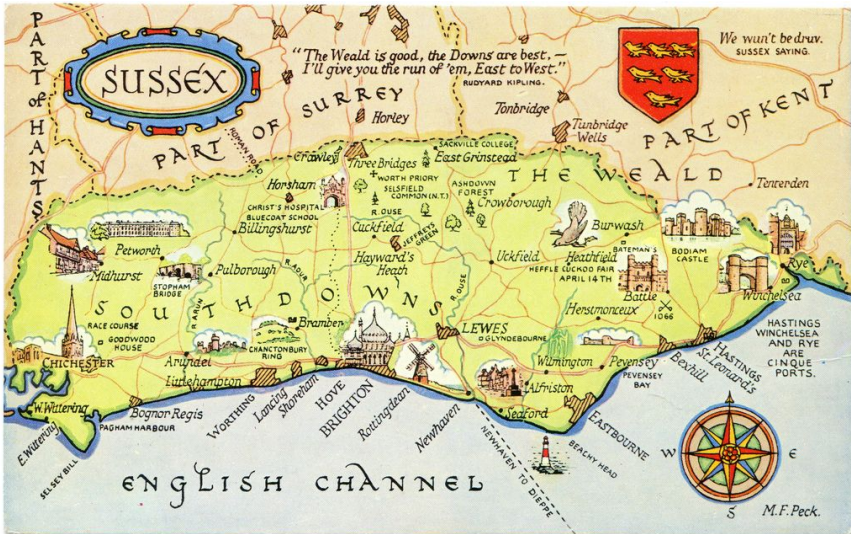
Native or newcomer, everyone knows that there is something imperceptibly *different* about the way the two halves of Sussex feel; something mysterious and strange happens on a horizontal trip in either direction; not only the air but much else besides is different at either end of the journey.

But what exactly *is* Sussex? what makes it like it is? and what distinguishes it from neighbouring counties, and each from its opposite half?

Christopher Whittick, whose 42 years as an archivist at East Sussex Record Office gave him plenty of time to ponder these questions, will attempt to explain what makes our county such an interesting and distinctive place, so different from its western neighbour.

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PLIRB - September

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Out in the community

At the end of July, our team supported the Nearly on the Beach Concert in Hastings. Despite the dreadful weather, we erected and dismantled the barriers, and our hardy fundraisers were there to shake buckets. A big thank you to all the organisers and to our very own Elaine Anscob, Pauline Kirk and Nigel Carter for braving the conditions to raise money.

Always learning

Ten of our volunteers undertook a three-day marine casualty care course - an intensive programme that teaches essential lifesaving medical skills. Congratulations to all those who successfully completed the course. This means that almost every volunteer holds the casualty care certificate - a fantastic achievement by all.

September is recruitment month!

We are all immensely proud to be PLIRB volunteers and everyone works and trains hard to ensure we continue to be an essential lifesaving service. But we are always looking for volunteers and September will focus on recruitment to encourage new team members.

There are many ways you can get involved and being part of PLIRB is great fun and hugely rewarding. Roles at PLIRB include boat crew; beach and base crew; launch and recovery vehicle driver; events, social and PR officers and fundraisers. Every role is vital to our effective running. During September we invite anyone who is interested to come and find out more. We provide a thoughtful and thorough induction programme to ensure all new volunteers understand all roles and what might be the best fit.

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The poster features the PLIRB logo at the top corners, which consists of a red Maltese cross with 'PLIRB' in white and 'PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT' in red. The central text reads 'JOIN OUR CREW!' in large, bold, red and blue letters. Below this, it says 'We are looking for volunteers to join our talented, dedicated and friendly team.' in red. The next line, 'There are many ways to get involved including boat crew, beach and base crew, launch vehicle drivers, first aiders, admin support, social media, events and fundraising.' is in blue. This is followed by 'EVERY ROLE IS VITAL!' in red. The text 'Boating experience, local coastline knowledge or a professional trade are all welcome - but experience not strictly necessary as full training given.' is in blue. At the bottom, it lists 'VISIT: SUNDAYS 9:00-12:00 AT THE PLIRB SLIP', 'CALL: 07546 320 558', and 'EMAIL: PLIRBRESCU@GMAIL.COM' in red. Two circular images show volunteers in action: one on a boat and one on a beach. The bottom right corner of the poster contains the text 'REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 286891'.

Introducing.. The Pett Slip Buoy!

We are so excited to introduce our very own Sea Shanty group - The Pett Slip Buoy!

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MY GARDEN BLOG August 2023 *by Gill Plank*

I am writing this early as I am going on holiday for the two and a half middle weeks of August. This means we are currently continuing with the cool, wet and windy conditions we had throughout July. The forecast indicates that as soon as I go, summer will return!!

The garden has certainly benefitted from the rain but not from the damaging winds. There are now plenty of tomatoes and cucumbers from the greenhouse and runner beans galore (although they have been badly battered by the wind). Also courgettes and a few carrots, squashes are coming along but like everything else, they are being chewed by various creatures.

Disappointments include spinach and beetroot (I had a lovely moment at the Flower Show last weekend - I was congratulating a gentleman on his beautiful perfectly formed beetroot and he gave me two. Thank you!). I have some lovely purple French beans but because of the weather they are beaten down to the ground where slugs and snails can easily reach them.

I had been enjoying watching the bees on the lavender bushes, particularly the white lavender which they love, but the heavy rain and wind have flattened them and I can't see that they can recover. The buddleias are much the same although they will continue to produce flowers for a while. I still have not seen many butterflies - a couple of peacocks and red admiral but not even many white ones. My (netted) broccoli is still intact!

I have removed the netting from the pond because the grass grows through it and makes weeding/cutting the grass very difficult as the net has to be undone and then refixed. As the years pass, more and more larger plants grow up through it and create even more difficulty. The netting was there to prevent the heron eating the fish and ducks getting in. The ducks are no longer with us and I like to see the dragonflies reaching the water so have decided to go with the flow and leave the pond open. If the heron works its way through the fish then so be it. Whatever one does is good for something and not so good for others. I have reached a stage in my life where I want to let the wildlife be as natural as possible and make maintenance easier for me!

I continue to be entertained nightly by the three fox cubs who gallop up in the evenings to have a snack. I have purchased a wildlife camera so I can see what happens throughout the night. The badger(s) still come out much later than the foxes and interestingly the camera shows two badgers arriving at about midnight. Amazingly one only has one eye so I not only have my one-eyed cat but also a one-eyed badger!!

Pett Methodist Church.

In July, we had a great morning with PLRB for Sea Sunday. We have been doing this for some years now, but it is always a wonderful time of worship, chat, coffee and time to say special blessings for the PLRB boat and crew. They are amazing and we are very grateful to them all.

Coming Up! Pie 'n' Chat.

Through the summer we have had a break from our 'Pie 'n' Chats' but we will start again on Tuesday September 12th. The first one will be will be a 'Coffee, Cake 'n' Chat' at 10.30am. These will then continue through the winter months either as Cake 'n' Chats or Pie 'n' Chats. Dates will be confirmed at this first meeting.

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday October 8th, 3pm.

Early Warning: Something to put in your diary! A joint Pett church event to start the Christmas season: **Jonathan Veira Concert Saturday December 2nd at Pett Village Hall.**

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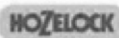
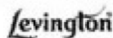
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What's on at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - September

Saturday 2nd September (10am - 2.30pm) - Wildlife Rangers

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Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September (9.45am - 11.15am) - Wellbeing Walk

Enjoy the outdoors with a morning of gentle walking and socialising across Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Booking is not required, but suitable footwear and outdoor clothing is essential.

Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September (10am - 12pm) - Nature Tots

Bring your toddler along to our nature-based outdoor learning group. Suitable for accompanied children aged 2- 5 years. Booking essential.

Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September (1.30pm - 2.30pm) - Nature Babies

Introduce your baby to the great outdoors with our nature-based baby group. Suitable for babies aged 3 months - 24 months with their carer. Booking essential.

Friday 8th September (9.30am - 1pm) - An Introduction to Waders

For those new to birdwatching, Mike Russell will guide you through the identification of waders. Booking essential.

Saturday 9th September (8.30am - 4pm) - Friends' Open Day

Meet up with the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, starting with a guided walk alongside craft and second-hand book stalls in the Discovery Centre. All welcome, no booking necessary.

Saturday 9th September (1.30pm - 3pm) - Seaside Flowers of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Dr Barry Yates, formerly the site manager of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, will give an illustrated talk about some of the flowers found on the coastal half of the reserve. Booking essential.

Friday 15th September (10am - 1pm) - Beginning Birdwatching in Autumn

Join a circular walk and visit a few of the hides to get excellent views of seabirds, ducks and a whole lot more. Binoculars are highly recommended. Suitable for adults. Free event, booking essential by emailing: jamesduncan@sussexwt.org.uk

Sunday 17th September (10am - 3.30pm) - Guide in a Hide

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Sunday 17th September (9am - 1pm) - Friends Walk: Castle Water Birds

Join the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve for a long walk to Castle Water to spot migrating birds. Suitable for all, no booking necessary.

Saturday 30th September (10am - 12.30pm) - Wildlife Watch

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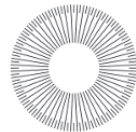


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When we return to rehearsals on September 11th we will have just a couple of weeks to re-visit these songs before we will be performing them at the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Pett Village Hall and MOPPs. We also owe the Five Villages Home in Icklesham a visit, as our intended visit in July had to be cancelled due to the fact that Roland, our keyboard player had a knee operation. Thankfully Roland is on the mend and so hopefully a visit in September will go ahead.

All folk who enjoy singing are welcome to come along and try us out.

Pett Methodist Chapel on Monday evenings 7.30pm for an hour. Subs: £2.

Wendy Hatch

Harvest Thanksgiving at Pett Church Sunday 3rd September 2023 9.30am

This is the date of our Harvest Thanksgiving at Pett Church. We will celebrate all things bright and beautiful and we will display fruit and vegetables and other items and, at the end of the service, sell them in aid of Farm Africa.

There was another 3rd September, also a Sunday, when Neville Chamberlain declared that this country was at war with Germany. So we also celebrate the peace we now enjoy.

In the absence of adverse weather conditions (snow, hail, fog, frost, gale-force winds, heavy rain, thunderstorms, boiling heat) the service on 3rd September will be outdoors in the churchyard. Bring a garden chair! There are various practical advantages to having the service outside: for instance, you can combine your visit to the churchyard with dog-walking; you can also slip in or out of the service inconspicuously. You can enjoy the wild flowers around you and also remember friends and loved ones who are buried there. And the service will probably be shorter.

*Glory be to God for dappled things—
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
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Nature Notes

I recently found two new species of dragonfly in the village. Not new to science - I'm neither that observant nor that lucky - but relatively new to Sussex. The first species was a Norfolk Hawker. As the name suggests, there has been a population in East Anglia for some time, but like many species it is expanding its range in the UK. It is very similar to the Brown Hawker dragonfly and I initially put it down as a Brown Hawker, but I couldn't explain certain differences, particularly the wings of the Brown Hawker are suffused with a golden colour, whereas in the specimen I saw, the wings were clear. I put the difference down to it being a freshly emerged Brown Hawker. It was only when I went to a presentation at Rye Harbour

Discovery Centre where I found that the Norfolk Hawker had been found in this area, that the penny dropped and when I checked the photos of the one I'd seen, it was clearly a Norfolk Hawker. It is thought that the Norfolk Hawkers we are seeing in this area are not from an expansion of the Norfolk population, but rather continental animals on the northward march due to global heating. The Norfolk population is also expanding northwards and westwards.

The second new species of dragonfly I found was a damselfly. (Yes, confusingly the term dragonfly refers to both damselflies and dragonflies and corresponds to the taxonomic division of insects - Odonata.) Again, the species was not new to science, but in this case, it is relatively new to the UK. The dragonfly in question is the Willow Emerald damselfly. This species has had very occasional sightings in the UK since the 1980's but became well established around about 2009 after an influx from the near continent. It is a beautiful metallic green colour and relatively large for a damselfly. It is unusual amongst damselflies because it doesn't lay its eggs on plants in or under water. Instead, the female inserts her eggs under the bark of willow twigs that overhang water. This forms a row of small galls on the twig and when the larvae hatch, they drop into the water. Presumably, this strategy reduces predation of the eggs and gives the larvae a better chance of survival. I found three examples - two males and a female in a relatively large area. Curiously, when I first saw the Willow Emerald, despite having never seen one before, I immediately thought Willow Emerald. It's odd how you can make your mind up about something and be right, but on another occasion make your mind up and despite lots of evidence to the contrary maintain the first wrong thought. (It's a phenomenon called cognitive dissonance - think Trump and Cameron!)

Many people find it hard to distinguish between damselflies and dragonflies. Size is one obvious difference - a big cruising Emperor Dragonfly and a tiny delicate creature floating around long grass are obviously completely different, but in between those extremes, the size ranges overlap. The wing position - held out horizontally, or close to the abdomen is not very reliable. The Willow Emerald damselfly holds its wings well spread. The main differences to look out for are firstly, the shape of the wings. In damselflies the forewings and the hindwings are roughly the same shape. In dragonflies the forewings are a different shape to the hindwings. The second difference is the eyes. Dragonflies have huge eyes that almost completely cover the head, meeting in the middle. In damselflies the eyes are well separated forming almost a dumbbell shape in top view.

So, you never know when you may see an animal you've never seen before, and when you are marvelling at the beauty of damselflies and dragonflies, don't forget to look up - White-tailed Eagles, Red Kites, and White Storks aren't that far away.

Alan Kenworthy

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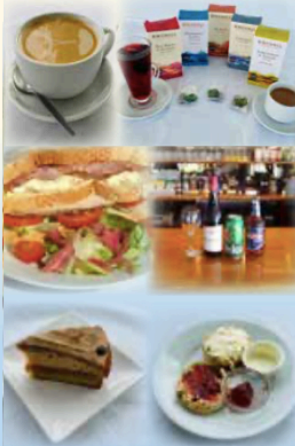
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Thursday	Pilates	8.30am - 9.30am
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MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE

Hospitals & GP Surgeries

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

Other Numbers:

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

PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

Pett Level - Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Boathouse

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 except Bank Holidays							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 except Bank Holidays							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	01:40	15:20	15:20	16:45	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		15:35	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 except Public Holidays											SUNs & Public Holidays		
	SCH	SSH				SATS	MF							
Hastings Railway Station (Stop F)			07:47		14:47	15:57	16:02	17:07	17:52	18:55	21:06	09:12		17:12
Ore, opp Co-Op	07:11	07:21	08:02		15:02	16:12	16:17	17:22	18:07	19:05	21:16	09:27		17:27
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	07:15	07:25	08:06	then	15:06	16:16	16:21	17:26	18:11	19:09	21:20	09:31	then 2	17:31
Fairlight Commanders Walk	07:21	07:31	08:12	hourly	15:12	16:22	16:27	17:32	18:17	19:15	21:26	09:37	hourly	17:37
Pett Level, Canal Bank	07:27	07:37	08:18	until	15:18	16:28	16:33	17:38	18:23	19:21	21:32	09:43	until	17:43
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:31	07:41	08:22		15:22	16:32	16:37	17:42	18:27	19:25	21:36	09:49		17:49
Rye, Railway Station	07:43	07:53	08:34		15:34	16:44	16:49	17:54	18:39	19:37	21:48	10:01		18:01
(from Lydd) RYE to HASTINGS	MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Public Holidays											SUNs & Public Holidays		
	MF	SCH	SSH											
Rye, Railway Station (Stop A)	06:54	07:48	07:57	09:08		14:08	15:40	16:08	17:08	18:08	21:54	10:37		16:37
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	07:04	07:59	08:08	09:19		14:19	15:51	16:19	17:19	18:19	22:05	10:48		16:48
Pett Level, Canal Bank	07:08	08:03	08:12	09:23		14:23	15:55	16:23	17:23	18:23	22:09	10:52	then 2	16:52
Fairlight Commanders Walk	07:14	08:09	08:18	09:29	then	14:29	16:01	16:29	17:29	18:29	22:15	10:58	hourly	16:58
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	07:20	08:15	08:24	09:35	hourly	14:35	16:07	16:34	17:35	18:35	22:21	11:04	until	17:04
Ore, Post Office	07:25	GG	08:29	09:40	until	14:40	16:12	16:40	17:40	18:40	22:26	11:09		17:09
Guestling Green School		08:30												
Ore opp Post Office		08:38												
Hastings Railway Station (Stop C)	07:40	08:52	08:44	09:57		14:57	16:29	16:57	17:57	18:55	22:41	11:25		17:25
	MS: Not Saturdays. SCH: School days only. NSCH: Not School days. GG: Serves Guestling Green School.													

Timetables are subject to change. Please check before you travel.
Visit www.stagecoachbus.com or phone 0871 200 2233

Pett Flower Festival

16th & 17th September

St Mary & St Peter Church
11.00 - 4.00pm



Refreshments, Tombola, Local Produce,
Cakes, Bookstall, Raffle!