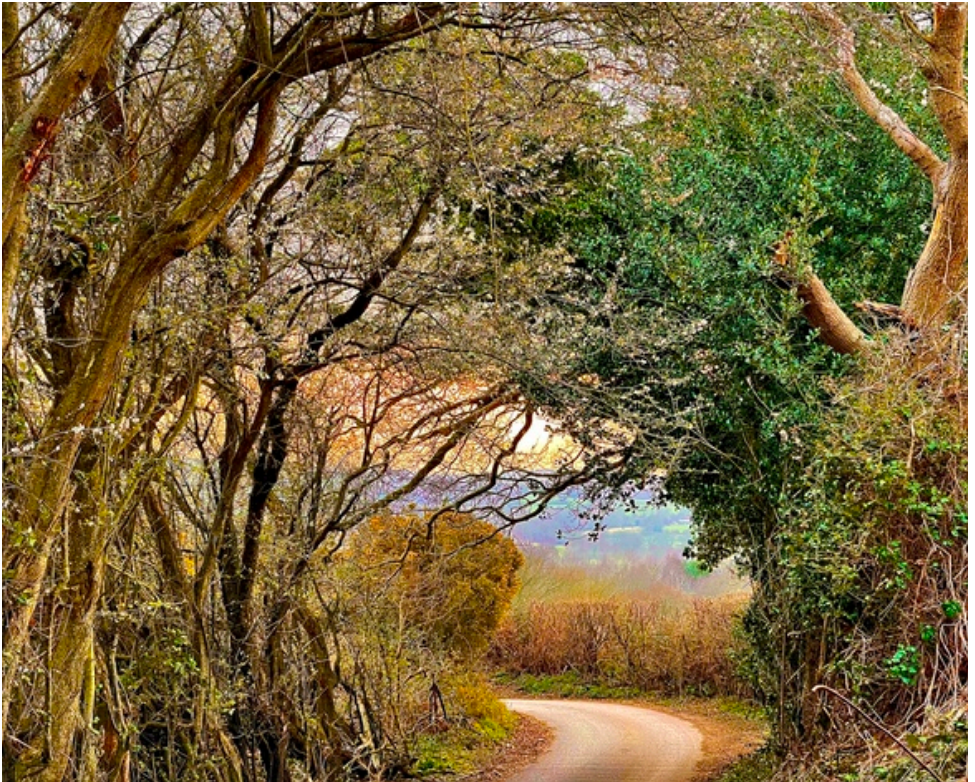


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Editorial

It was fantastic to see so many people turn out at the end of August for the Open Meeting to discuss the flooding which occurred at Pett Level earlier this year. The audience was so large that the meeting had to be held in the car park of the Village Hall, rather than the Catherine Hollman room which had been booked for the event. There was much talk about what could be achieved by the community working together, alongside outside agencies and, of course, if grants could be obtained and money no object! What was particularly interesting however, was hearing local residents - and specifically the farming community - describing action which had been taken in the past to deal with local flooding. On pages 24 and 25 of this issue, Andrew Dunlop elaborates on this and expresses his views on what can be done to help the residents of Pett Level moving forward.

Also in this issue, we have an article on the rise to fame of our local stars, *The Pett Slip Buoys*. Hopefully many of you caught their appearances on Meridian TV and/or BBC Radio Sussex, or attended their debut performance at the Boat House, Pett Level on 24th September. The group are singing their hearts out to raise vital funds for a replacement rescue boat, so please do support them.

We were disappointed to hear of the Post Office's sudden decision to close the Outreach Post Office held twice weekly at Pett Methodist Church. Another vital resource sadly lost to the village!

Finally, Louisa has kindly updated the bus timetables yet again. Please bear in mind that these are subject to change, so please check before you travel whenever possible. See you next month!

Donna and Louisa

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change of date for the Quiz Night

**For personal reasons I have had to change the date of the
Quiz Night in aid of Pett Churches
FROM Saturday 28th October TO**

Saturday 11th November at 6.30 for 7pm

**I apologise to all those who were coming but now can't,
and welcome those who couldn't come but now can!**

PLEASE SEE REVISED NOTICE ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS ISSUE

A history of Pett Methodist Chapel - Part 5

The late 20th century

Alas, at least in terms of attendance, the 1960s/70s marked the high point of the chapel's history. By the mid-80s, work with children had ceased, services had decreased to fortnightly, and parts of the building were in urgent need of attention. Church membership fell so low that closure seemed almost inevitable.

However, a faithful few refused to give up and, under the leadership of Rev Godfrey Johns, a working party was assembled to give the drab church hall a much-needed facelift. Materials were donated, equipment loaned, and the hall was transformed amid much singing and merriment. This, almost miraculous, achievement appears to have been something of a catalyst for further revival.

It was shortly after this that Wendy and Ken Hatch, having felt a call at Easter People, moved with their family from Calvert Methodist Church with a vision of re-establishing work with youth in the village.

Unbeknown to them, members at the Parish Church were also attempting to address a similar issue, but they had no suitable building to meet in. Working together was the obvious solution to the problem, and in July 1990, the Pett Village Junior Church was born. There followed a very fruitful few years, both in terms of youth work including junior church on Sunday, a youth club and a parent/toddler group, and increased co-operation between the Christian community in Pett.

Other fruitful collaborations were established during this period. Two merit particular mention, both of which persist to this day.

The work of the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Association will be well known to readers and, since the 1990s, along with our Anglican friends, we have been supporting the crew especially around Sea Sunday, which is marked every year in July with a special service to offer thanks for their work, and prayers for their safety.





In the early years, they would bring the inflatable lifeboat to the church for a blessing, but our practice now is to take the service to them, holding it, whenever possible, in the open air to encourage passers-by to join in.

December, as a rule, is not beach weather, so it is time to wrap up warm and join our good friends Tim and Anne Jury at Pickham Farm, for Carols In The Barn, an event which has become a popular fixture of the advent season. Mulled wine and mince pies are always on offer, along with comfy seating in the form of hay bales, and a backing group of cows and sheep, who often add an accompaniment of moos and baas to the enthusiastic singing. Over the years, this event has raised thousands of pounds for the charity Farm Africa.

Next time ... into the 21st century.

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Pett Parish Council Update

The council met in September. There were no major decisions made. However, some time was spent (in public time) discussing the council's position regarding the proposed affordable housing site behind the houses on Pett Road and Watermill Lane. As I have noted previously, the council's position has been that, as far as Pett is concerned, the results of the housing needs survey of 2020 were not met by what was proposed for the site in question. Following discussion, it was agreed to review this position at the next meeting. No planning application has yet been submitted, so the council is unable to comment formally on the proposals.

It was noted that Rother are referring this site to East Sussex Highways to obtain their view on the access issues. In addition, Rother is carrying out bio-diversity surveys of a large number of sites in the district, including this site and, as you will have seen from the September issue of the parish news, there are also proposals to treat this as a Local Wildlife Site.

The council also discussed declaring a Climate Emergency, as Rother District Council has done (see <https://www.rother.gov.uk/strategies-policies-and-plans/corporate-plan-2020-2027/climate-emergency/>). It was decided that this was a step too far for the parish as it really had no meaning, but various measures that could be introduced will be discussed at future meetings.

There was a public meeting at the end of August in Pett Village Hall (In the event outside the Village Hall as the number of people attending was too many for the Hollman room) to discuss progress on the flooding issues at Pett Level. A report of the meeting is on Pettnet. There is a related article by Andrew Dunlop elsewhere in this issue of the parish news.

With less than two week's notice, it was announced that the Outreach Post Office, which is run in Pett Methodist Church, would not open after business on 21 September. This is just one of a number of Outreach POs that the Post Office has decided to close. Because of the short notice, there appears to be nothing that can be done to stop this closure. At the council meeting a vote of thanks to Anthea, who has run the Post Office over the last few years, was passed and I understand that a presentation has been made to her. In this connection, note that stamps can be bought at the butcher's shop (as well as on the Internet) and that Royal Mail will collect parcels, although you have to buy your postage online. If you don't have an internet connection, you could probably ask a friend to do this. If you do have a connection and would like to help in this way, please let me know. Also, if you still have stamps without barcodes, you can send them in to Royal Mail and get replacements.

The council has just received an invitation to contribute to Slow Ways (<https://beta.slowways.org/>), which is a scheme to both encourage people to use footpaths and cycle paths and, at the same time, get people to check and report on the condition of these paths. The council will discuss this at its next meeting, but individuals may wish to check it out for themselves.

Some good news. The Rye swimming pool is re-opening on 2 October, although only for limited periods. A timetable has not yet been published, but see <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/rye-sports-centre/swimming/> for updates. Use it or lose it?

Finally, I am very sorry to announce the deaths of Anna King and Jude Robertson. There is a tribute to Anna elsewhere in this issue; as many will know, she was a leading member of the team running the Community Library and her family has had a house in Pett Level for many years. Jude was well known in the area for her flower-arranging skills. Both will be much missed and our sympathy goes to both families.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council



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SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

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PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

PETT LEVEL	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service
ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion (Harvest Festival)

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion
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Church Fund-Raising

In case you are feeling a bit flat after the excitement of the Flower Festival, you can start looking forward to the Pett Church Christmas Fair on 2nd December at Pett Village Hall. The variety of stalls will provide an opportunity to start on Christmas shopping and decorations and, of course, the refreshments will be plentiful and delicious.

Some people wonder what all the Church fund-raising is for. Quite a lot of money has been spent over recent years, for example, to repair the steeple and to provide a new boiler. The two main problems we need to deal with at the moment are the internal walls just inside the church and also the lighting system. We are taking advice from an architect about solutions. Progress may seem slow to some but we have to make sure that what is done to the church building is appropriate and this may involve seeking the approval of the Church authorities, that is, the Diocese.

Angela Hawksley, Secretary, Pett Parochial Church Council

WHY?

Why is it that the number of people attending Pett Church services has been going down and down? A lot of people are very generous and very helpful when it comes to fund-raising events but do not choose to worship in church.

Why am I writing about this now? Because I want Christian non-churchgoers to know that, if the congregation continues to dwindle, there may come a time when our St. Mary and St. Peter's church will not be able to continue as a Parish Church. We all know that the reasons for non-attendance include the facts that, now, on the whole, women have jobs outside the home and so need the weekends to be without commitments; that most shops are open on a Sunday; that often the only day the family can get together is on Sunday.

There must, however, be some other factor. Back in 1997 there was a very large attendance in Pett Church on the Sunday after Princess Diana was killed. And without Covid restrictions, a large number attend funerals and special services. Some say that most people feel that they do not need God in their lives. Or, there be mundane reasons for non-attendance such as the times of the services.

Perhaps we do not any longer need a church in Pett.

So, if you can suggest any answers yourself, do please get in touch!

*Angela Hawksley
Pett Parochial Church Council*

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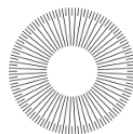


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News from Pett Methodist Church

Our first Coffee, Cake & Chat of the autumn was a great success with yummy cakes, fifteen of us having a good chat, lots of giggles and three dogs! Our next one will take place on Tuesday 10th October, 10.30am.

Our Harvest Festival is planned for Sunday October 8th at 3pm. We will concentrate on tinned and packaged goods so that we can donate these to the local food bank. All donations will help.

Our food bank box is always available to donate goods during open times, when ARC, Seaside Stitchers, Village Voices and Sunday services are all happening. Sadly the closing of the post office means drop offs cannot be made then.

We are very sad to lose the post office and we will miss Anthea. Hopefully she will be coming along to our Coffee & Chat mornings so we can all come and see her then.

A Date for your Diary: Saturday December 2nd. Jonathan Veira is making a second visit to Pett. Pett churches are working together to make his visit a great success. Look out for more information soon.

Wendy Hatch

Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

Many of you who read these notes, in print or electronically, may not know that Anna King is no longer amongst us. She passed away after a short illness on 21st August.

I feel very lucky that I met her when she chose to join our then newly formed book group a few years ago. Anna was unassuming, interesting, knowledgeable and, for me (Vivien) it has been a joy and an education to be alongside her at the Community Library for the five years it has been running.

Anna so enjoyed chatting to our borrowers and getting to know many who were new to her, although she has lived in Pett Level for a very long time. Anna instigated a little 'show and tell' corner where 'lockdown' crafters could show off what they had been making and we were always impressed with Anna's 'animals', be they toys, gloves, book covers and more. This year, Coffee Morning fell on St David's Day and Anna displayed her Welsh national costume which, of course, she had made and was rightly proud of.

Anna, dear friend, we miss you.

The Coffee Morning Team

There was a Direct Cremation and Anna's ashes will be interred at a future date, to be confirmed, at Jordans Quaker Meeting House in Buckinghamshire, when there will be a celebration of her life.

The October Coffee Morning is Wednesday 4th October, 10am - 12noon



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Gardening Club Notes - September 2023

After a summer of successful visits we began our Autumn schedule in Pett Village Hall, with a talk from Andrew Gaunt from the Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate, a sub division of Defra. Andrew had first visited us in 2015, but much has happened since then - Brexit, Covid, climate change, etc., so it seemed pertinent to have an update. In principle the role of Plant Health is to protect food security and, with the world's population now vastly outstripping food production, it is more important than ever to identify and control dangerous plant pests and diseases. The Forestry Commission monitors commercial plants, with Andrew's inspectorate monitoring private premises, down to individual gardens. He encouraged us to contact them if we discover a potentially new pest or disease attacking our plants as they would rather come out and inspect them and pronounce them clear than risk a new predator spreading. In our own area the European Spruce Bark Beetle has been found in Peasmarsch. The inspectorate has the legal right to both inspect private land where infestation is suspected, then destroy all affected vegetation for as wide an area as necessary and declare the land shut down for up to five years. Andrew led the inspection in Peasmarsch and was very surprised to be suddenly accosted by security staff at one such property - he had no idea who the owner was - of course, Paul McCartney!

Most countries have plant health legislation, with Plant Passports designed to prove plant material for export is of the approved standard and disease free, but international adherence to standards varies, so continued vigilance is key. Andrew explained that, therefore, regular and random inspections of all types of imported plant material, from trees, on which increasing numbers of new pests and diseases are discovered, through to live plants, bulbs and seeds, continue to be necessary. Checks happen at airports, dockyards, nurseries and garden centres, on both imports and exports. The UK is 64% self-sufficient in food, so particularly in winter fruit and vegetables must be imported. Tomatoes from Morocco, a major import country, were recently in short supply due to crops being destroyed, having been devastated by a virus. Conversely, there has been an outbreak of Colorado Beetle in Kent this year, which has resulted in a ban on potato exports to the Canary Islands, a major customer. It was so interesting to become aware of how internationally interconnected plant and food production now is. In 1900 there were no recorded instances of imported plant pests or diseases, but by 2015 there were 1408 in the risk register!

Andrew illustrated his talk with much statistical data and had also brought with him some of the bugs, insects and evidence of their ability to wreck crops. One such example, thankfully encased in resin, was the Asian Hornet, however, not to be outdone, the windows being open on this warm evening, we had an impromptu visit from a European Hornet, as seen in Louisa's photo, which Andrew himself deftly trapped in a sample collection jar, much to our collective relief!

Our meeting next month is on Tuesday October 10th when Jane Scotchmer will tell us all about her trip around the verdant valleys, mountains and tropical gardens of Cuba.

By June Harris



Meet the Seaside Stitchers

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

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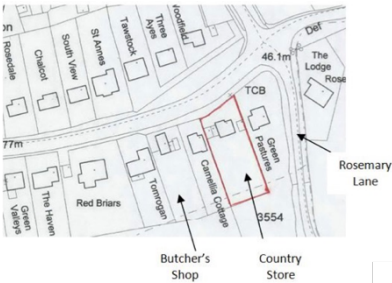
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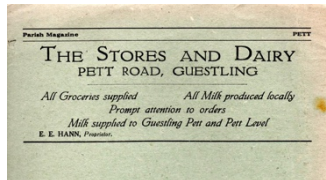
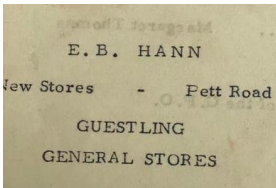
The Country Store (photo undated) - Circa 1980



The shop and the building no longer exist but it was located near 'The Old Butcher's Shop', just inside the Pett/Guestling boundary. Technically, the store was in Guestling.



A building in this location first appears on the OS 1936 map (right). It shows a wide drive entrance which suggests a shop apron - as similarly appears at the front of the Butcher's shop.



However, the earliest references found so far are not until advertisements (plus errors) appear in the early 1950s.

Ernest Edward Hann named his shop the 'New Stores' - new in 1952, or was it in existence before then? Certainly, his business was still there in the mid 1960s.



The shop ran continuously under different proprietors until 2002, when it appeared in an article on Village Life in the Rye & Battle Observer.

By then the owners had already applied for 'Change of Use' (June 2000) and after the shop's closure gained planning permission in 2005 to demolish the building and replace it with the pair of semi-detached properties seen today.

Article by Amanda Snowdon

Our 14th September 2023 talk by Christopher Whittick

We had over 50 people attend a very illuminating talk by Christopher Whittick which, you could argue, demonstrated the historic superiority of East over West Sussex! Christopher lives in Lewes and was the Archivist of the East Sussex Record Office for over 40 years, so if he does incline that way it is understandable. We would have guessed that if there were witches to hang, disgruntled workers rioting, cannon to be sold to France, wine to be stored in cellars, hops grown for beer, smugglers to pillage, political and religious effigies as bonfire fodder, that would have to be in East Sussex. West Sussex meanwhile had its gentry with their great estates, although it has to be said that one area in East Sussex with such an estate historically was the Lucas-Shadwell's Fairlight Estate. Most of us live in houses on that same land today!

Do you have a spare phone and answering machine?

We now have a dedicated phone number in our room at the Pett Methodist Church, and an answering machine would allow those without computer access to leave a message. Do have this old technology sitting in a cupboard taking up space which you could donate to us?

An ARC Member but no contact details

At our event on the 22nd April. Chris Taylor became a member but we have no form. So we are sorry, Chris, for not being in touch, but please email us with your details. We are only asking £10 for membership for the rest of the year to April 2024. Your support helps pay our way and keeps this community asset running. See our website for a form.

We do try to open our room up on Thursday afternoons, but it does depend on our other commitments. We hope to have a sign that we can put up outside to let you know when we are in, but in the meantime try between 2pm and 4pm.

Fran Rogers.

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What's on at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - October 2023

Sunday 1st October (8.45am - 10am) - Birds and Breakfast

Enjoy coffee and pastries with a private birdwatching lesson with some of our experts, from the comfort of the Discovery Centre. Binoculars and telescopes available to borrow. Suitable for adults. Booking essential. £13.50 for SWT members, £15 for non-members.

Saturday 7th October (10am - 2:30pm) - Wildlife Rangers

Our monthly group for teenagers interested in wildlife, taking part in practical conservation, or those wanting to volunteer for their DofE awards. Suitable for ages 12-16 years. Free, but booking essential. Email: ryeharbourlearning@sussexwt.org.uk

Saturday 14th October (8:30am - 4pm) - Friends' Open Day

Meet the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, starting with a guided walk from the car park at 8:30. Stalls and craft items in the Discovery Centre from 10am - 4pm, 833 Lottery draw and a chance to meet other Friends and committee members. All welcome. No booking necessary.

Saturday 14th October (1:30pm - 3pm) - Gardening for Insects

An insightful talk by insect expert, Chris Bentley, about how our gardens can be havens for insects, and what we can do to benefit this wide and varied group of animals. Free for members of the Friends of RHNR, suggested donation of £5 for non-members. Booking essential.

Monday 23rd October (10:30am - 2:30pm) - Microscope Monday

Pop into the education room at the Discovery Centre for a closer look at some of our special wildlife using microscopes, magnifiers and binoculars. Suitable for all. Free event.

Tuesday 24th October (10am - 12pm) - Saltmarsh Explorer

Discover what lives in the mudflats and saltmarsh and check them out under the microscopes in the Discovery Centre classroom. Suitable for accompanied children aged 5-11 years old. Booking essential, £2 per child.

Wednesday 25th October (10am - 12pm) - Wild Bird Wednesday

Join us for birdwatching and discover the birds on the reserve. Then get crafty and create your own bird to take home! Booking essential. £2 per child.

Thursday 26th October (10am - 12pm) - Creepy Crawlies, Spooky Spiders and Bizarre Bats

Get crafty and create your own creatures with a Halloween theme. Booking essential. £2 per child.

Friday 27th October (10am - 12pm) - Feed The Birds

Identify our garden birds and make a bird feeder to help them throughout the winter months. Suitable for accompanied children, aged 4-11. Booking essential, £2 per child.

Saturday 28th October (10am - 12:30pm) - Wildlife Watch

Halloween special for our monthly club for children to discover more about Rye Harbour's special wildlife through exploration, games, crafts and countryside skills that can help wildlife thrive. For accompanied children aged 5-11. Booking essential, £5 for SWT members, £7 for non-members.

Sunday 29th October (10am - 3:30pm) - Guide in a Hide

Come along to the Gooders Hide, between the car park and the sea, where there will be guides available throughout the day to show you the birds. Binoculars, telescopes and spotter sheets available for you to use. Suitable for all. Free, no booking necessary.

To find out about more events taking place in October, or book a space, go to sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whatson



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Nature Notes

If you see a long thin insect with very long and mobile antennae, possibly with red, yellow, or white stripes (like the one pictured below), and possibly with a long prong attached to its rear end, then you are probably looking at an ichneumon wasp. Don't worry about the word wasp, or the long prong, it cannot sting you. The correct name for the long prong is 'ovipositor' which means egg-layer. There are around 2,500 species of ichneumon wasp resident in the UK, and they are all parasitoids. That means that not only do they rely on other insects to rear their young, but in the process, the host insect will die.

The majority of host insects are moths, though they also parasitize beetles and some other wasps and bees. One of the reasons for choosing those hosts is that they all have rather soft-bodied caterpillars or larvae at some stage in their development. But not all of those caterpillars need to sit out in the open chewing leaves, many complete that stage inside stems of plants or in twigs or buds where they have some protection and a certain amount of invisibility. Of course, that is why the female ichneumon wasps have the long ovipositor so that they can penetrate the bark or even the wood in some cases to inject their eggs into or on the hidden larva. The ichneumon though, has to know where to direct her ovipositor. She can't waste her energy randomly prodding a host plant hoping to find a caterpillar. The whole point of the larval stage of development, is for the caterpillars to eat their way up to adult size and the soft extendable body is perfect for the task. Eating, however, may involve chewing through some tough plant material and that is going to make a noise. So, it is thought that the ichneumon wasp listens for her victims.



Caterpillars out in the open are easier for the ichneumon, but I once saw an ichneumon trying to parasitize a Cinnabar Moth caterpillar and the caterpillar, well aware of the ichneumon, was thrashing its tail so that the ichneumon couldn't aim her ovipositor, and the ichneumon eventually flew off.

The ichneumon in the picture above is male, so he has no need for an ovipositor. His only role is to find and fertilize a female and the flower provides a vantage point, as well as a snack of pollen and nectar to keep his energy up. (It is called *Ichneumon sarcitorius* should you wish to know.)

On a completely different subject, I met up with some botanists in the churchyard today and they found a new plant called Sharp-leaved Fluellen. It is considered an arable weed and appears to like disturbed ground!

By Alan Kenworthy



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Reflections from the Rectory

As I have mentioned before, I am privileged to be the Chaplain to the High Sheriff of East Sussex. The post is only for a year and begins at his declaration in March. Essentially my duty is to support him in his duties and I have had the opportunity to meet and pray with him and his wife on a regular basis. Of obligations, events where I am essential, there are few, his Declaration and the Judge's Service which takes place in Lewes in October. Most of the other events are occasions when I can be in attendance if I am interested. I have had some informative encounters, mostly involved with youth work within the County and I look forward to more. As it happens I will be visiting HMP Lewes early in the month. However one of the other obligatory events is to attend and support the High Sheriff for the commemoration of the infamous Dieppe Raid in France, which takes place every year on the anniversary of the raid, August 19th.

I must confess to not being aware of the significance of the raid which took place in 1942. Nearly 1000 men lost their lives within a few hours on that morning, most of them Canadian and many of them from the Royal Canadian Regiment 1st Battalion, which had been stationed in Winchelsea. The raid was a disaster and the question of responsibility is still discussed today. It is of great significance to Canadians who are well represented at the commemoration.

Apart from the most important sites, there were a number of different locations in surrounding villages and French representatives followed round, carrying banners which were raised and dipped at each memorial. One elderly gentleman said that since June he had covered two or three such events each week. This brought home to me how much more closely occupied France was involved in the actions of the Second War. Our solemn remembrance on the 11th November is an important annual event but for these French villages there are memories of many different battles or skirmishes, commemorated on each appropriate day.

The principal ceremony took place just outside Dieppe at the Canadian Cemetery, followed by one on the beach in Puys, where most of the Canadians were slaughtered, and a gathering beneath the castle in the *Square du Canada*. In the afternoon we visited small villages. One where we assembled around the remains of a German gun emplacement destroyed by Lieutenant Colonel (Lord) Lovatt and a small band of commandos, one of the few successes of the day. I met a lady from a family that has had a house in the village since 1919 and her father had remembered every detail of that day in August. Later we went to what is now an industrial estate at Saint-Nicolas d'Aliermont, with a memorial to mark the place where between 1000-2000 captured Canadian soldiers were kept under guard for the night before being transported to Germany; still a living memory for some inhabitants. That was followed by a visit to the church in Envermeu where the officers had been kept under the guard before they were transported. It was notable that the mayors and those organising these commemorations were very keen to involve young people and children to ensure that the memory should not be lost.

There is of course much more to tell but, for me, one of the highlights was to be asked to read from the prophet Isaiah as we gathered for a short service at the Canadian Cemetery.

The reading ended, "I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort, creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips, Peace, Peace, to the far and the near says the Lord; and I will heal them."

Amen to that.

By Rev Jonathan Meyer

Pett Level Flooding: Food for Thought

There has been much discussion concerning the flooding incident in Marsham Brook on Jan 16th, centring on the cause, effect, and a solution to an ongoing problem.

The Marsham valley has historically been a tidal inlet like so many others around the Rother basin. Whilst the sea has retreated over many centuries, the incidence of flooding has not.

Unlike most of the other valleys, Marsham valley is unusual having been developed into a small residential area at a point

where not only is the flow of water concentrated into its narrowest point but is also the lowest point of the whole catchment area. In short, all run off water from an area of about two square miles has to pass through this point which, in places, is only 110m wide and relies on the Marsham sewer to carry it away safely.



1983: Creating flood plain to east of Marsham



1983: Levelling off soil from banks

This small development area that is below sea level relies on a number of factors for its salvation, one being the height of the tide. A high tide, with the flood gates closed on the Rother at Rye, means that no flood water running through the many river valleys (covering much of East Sussex as far back as Rotherfield) can get out into the sea. This means that the flood water

fills up the many rivers and tributaries which backs up through the valleys until the flood gates can be opened as the tide goes out. Pett Level has to wait its turn before its water can be released to the sea. In the meantime, flooding naturally occurs.

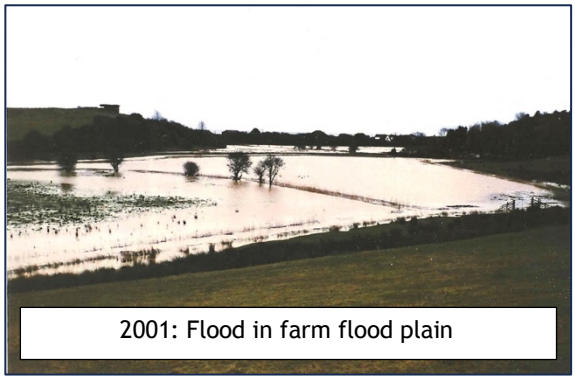
Another key factor is the long-term neglect of the Marsham sewer itself by the Environment Agency. In particular, the stretch between the footbridge 200 metres west of Chick Hill Bridge that has not been properly maintained for 50 years. The sewer is narrow and choked with silt and tree roots. The banks have been allowed to grow a 'forest' of mainly Alder trees that seed and grow very fast, restricting access to machinery to clear the water course. The bank on the south side is 1.5 metres lower than the north bank which means the sewer quickly fills up and overflows into the National Trust reed bed. Once this fills up the water



1985: Horses Marsh: making flood plain

crosses the road straight into Marsham Brook.

There has been speculation around the 'culvert' under Chick Hill Road Bridge being too small and overwhelmed as a possible reason for the flooding, fuelling suggestions for a larger aperture. On the day of the flooding, looking down from the bridge, it appeared that this was the case, with the torrent hitting the brickwork at the side of the culvert and deflecting into the reed bed. Climbing down beside the culvert, one could see that there was clear space and capacity for the water to pass through and the water was deflecting to the side because it was taking the least line of resistance with gravity dictating.



2001: Flood in farm flood plain



2001: Flood in flood plain at farm

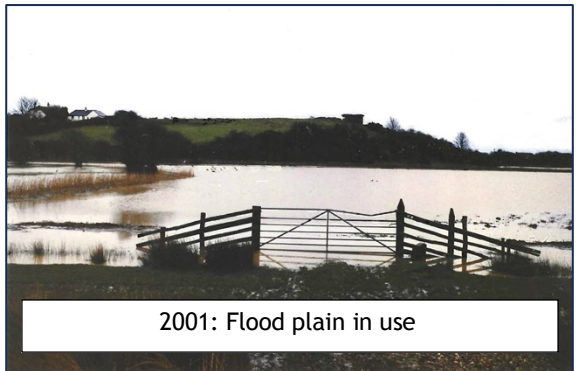
In order to stop the flooding, I believe the solution in practical terms is fairly straightforward and embraces the 'slow the flow' principle. To do this, it would be necessary to clear all the trees, roots and scrub along the bank of the sewer to the west of the bridge and create a lagoon in the reed bed. Build up the bank by 1.5 - 2 metres with soil from the reed bed. Build an earth wall from the bridge alongside the road towards the houses near the junction with Pett Level Road end and extend it around the back

of those gardens until it meets up with the higher ground on the southern side of the reed bed. The more earth that can be built into this wall, the more space for water can be created in the lagoon and the sewer.

The water flowing down the Marsham would have more time to disperse into the existing flood plain. This was created on the eastern side of the Marsham Brook, on either side of the sewer, by my family over the last 60 years (see photos). The sewer bank would need to be built up on the Toot Rock side of the sewer between the gate into Toot Rock and Belle Tout where the sewer overflows into the Toot and flows around the back of the Marsham Brook, flooding through its 'back door'. The more difficult aspect of this plan is getting the various parties to agree, the National Trust's permission for the work, and a plethora of consultants to pay!

Additional benefits would be that the lagoon would create a wonderful wildlife feature for migrating wading birds, an amenity for people to walk round and an opportunity to support the edge of the road and create a passing place for traffic at the bottom of Chick Hill.

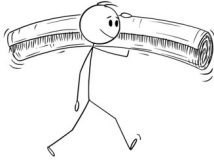
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2001: Flood plain in use

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Pett WI

I don't know why but it seems to be tradition to not have a formal meeting in August for the WI. A nod to summer holidays, I suppose. However some sort of social evening has become the norm and this year Tracy Hedley very kindly offered her house and garden for the event. Along with a few other members, she organised nibbles and Prosecco, pizzas and fruit crumbles. Luckily the weather smiled upon us and we had a reasonably warm evening with a sunset to round it off.

Those who wanted to walk met at 6.00pm and walked part of the Pett Jubilee Walk, starting opposite the Royal Oak. It was a perfect evening and the 20 or so of us that took part enjoyed a good chat on the way. On our return to Tracy's house we were greeted by the 'hunks' for the evening! Namely John, Pete and Mike bravely wearing quite suggestive aprons and serving the Prosecco and cooking the pizzas in the pizza oven. With the non-walkers now joining us, the evening was a huge success. A couple of members swam in Tracy's pool before the food. Judy Harvey was presented with a certificate for 50 year's membership of the WI. She started when she was a young farmers wife and despite moving several times to various parts of the country had always joined each nearby WI. She told us we were the largest and the youngest she had been a member of. It was a truly lovely social evening and our huge thanks go to Tracy and her husband Mike for hosting and organising such a great evening. Thanks also go to all her helpers and of course the 'hunks'.

A welcome return to RSPCA Mallydams for a guided walk through the woods happened on a very hot day, so the shade and cool were very welcome. Anna Herrieven, who is the Education person, explained that she would go ahead and leave questions on the way for us to stop and discuss and decide the answers. We then met up with her in a clearing and discussed the answers. It is a great way to make you look at your surroundings and ponder on the environment. She explained that the comparatively new manager of the centre was looking at some form of rewilding the estate as it was becoming overgrown and a lot of species were disappearing. It is a very new plan with a lot of consultation and research to go before any implementation but certainly made for an interesting discussion. Two hours later we returned to the car park wondering where the afternoon had gone. A truly interesting experience and once again thanks to Anna for making it so interesting and for Tracy Hedley for organising us so well.

Our next meeting will be as usual at Pett Village Hall at 7.30pm and we have speakers from our supported charities for the year talking to us about their work. They are the 1066 Pink Ladies and the Rye Hub. Our Winter Fair will soon be upon us on Saturday 18th November where the proceeds will be going towards those two charities, so please come along and support us.

We do have a waiting list but if you are interested in joining our busy, vibrant group please contact us on pettwi@outlook.com.



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The Pett Slip Buoys - the story, the journey!

In December 2022, PLIRB co-hosted a carol singing evening at Eater's Café opposite the boathouse - a great night that many in the community enjoyed.

A while later, and possibly in the pub, a few of the crew decided they wanted to meet regularly and sing together - after all, singing is good for the soul. And, as things do, this developed to the notion of singing sea shanties - and oh, wait - one of the crew knows a musical director who would love to train you!! Well, why not give this a go...

And this was the origin of The Pett Slip Buoys (although later agreeing the name was about as easy as plaiting jam...to coin one of the team!). So, they started... Meeting every Monday at the boathouse, under the expert guidance of professional singing coach Lesley Olivia van Egmond, they opened their lungs, read old lyrics, listened to harmonies and began to SING. A bunch of gregarious, bristly blokes all belting out unfamiliar tunes with gusto and enthusiasm but little real skill - at first it was all a bit of fun and camaraderie.



Thankfully Lesley listened to their voices, made them feel the beat and heart of the songs to understand what they were about, and the group began to come together. Words were learnt, melodies were tuned in, vocal capabilities were aligned and a passion for singing developed!

Naturally, with a group of 'gentlemen' there is a degree of buffoonery and so the Buffoon Stick was born to keep buffooners in check! The knobbed, wooden rod of discipline serves both to maintain vocal timekeeping and address those who go off track or forget their lines!

But as they trained and came to the realisation that their dedication was paying off, there were serious reflections that their efforts could potentially help raise funds for PLIRB. We're not talking the dizzying heights of the Fishermen's Friends - but why not try to use this passion and dedication to raise money for the charity that unites them all? A few impromptu outbursts of song during Sunday training seemed to please the crowds... and passers-by on Monday evenings seemed to like what they heard!

And now, just eight months on, The Pett Slip Buoys are a group of 10 and sounding absolutely terrific! A bit of PR got them on to BBC Radio Sussex, Meridian TV, in the Observer newspaper and other online media outlets. They have completed a few small, private performances to very appreciative audiences. And beyond that, they have been asked to sing at the Trafalgar Night at the Robin Hood in October, the Hastings Beer Festival 2024 and the Past Times Rural Festival 2024.

But first up is their debut public performance on Sunday 24 September which, by the time you read this, will have already taken place. At the heart of the venture is to raise funds for the replacement rescue boat which will be needed within the next five years - any money raised for any performance will go towards the new boat. If you are interested in The Pett Slip Buoys singing at an event or other location, please get in touch at plirbrescue@gmail.com or call Jo on 07546 320558.



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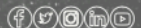
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Open Day!

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Out on shouts

During August and September PLIRB were tasked on multiple occasions by UK Coastguard. Our brilliant team of volunteers responded to every shout and for each tasking were launched in under 20 minutes from the time of being called. During one weekend we received three taskings in under 24 hours, including a night shout. Call outs included towing vessels in difficulty, aiding pleasure craft crew, searching for missing or vulnerable persons and providing essential first aid. During the hottest weekend, we stayed on station for full days meaning we were immediately able to assist critical situations. Many taskings were multi-agency involving colleagues from Rye Bay Coastguards and our neighbouring RNLI stations - a testament to the close collaboration between the local emergency services.

And out in the community

After a busy summer attending local community events, our final outing was to join the Emergency Services Day held at RNLI Littlestone Lifeboat Station. A super day that brings together those that serve the community. And we love it when the community comes to us! We were delighted to welcome back the Activate Fairlight Youth Group for a BBQ and tour of the boathouse and facilities.



We invited and we welcomed..

In September we promoted recruitment and we have been delighted to welcome some new volunteers offering a great range of skills, experience and enthusiasm. We truly believe that there can be a role for everyone at PLIRB - whether you have sea legs or not. We're always happy to speak to anyone who may be interested - if not yourself, perhaps a friend or family member. Always feel free to get in touch and find out more. Please check out our website <https://plirb.com> and our social media: Facebook [@PettLevelRescueBoat](https://www.facebook.com/PettLevelRescueBoat) and Instagram [@pettlevelindyrescueboat](https://www.instagram.com/pettlevelindyrescueboat).



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News from St Michael's Hospice

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

St Michael's Hospice Death Café

Join St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 11th November at the Arthur Easton Centre for an opportunity to talk openly and honestly about dying, death and loss.

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It's a session guided by yourselves in order to speak freely about your thoughts and feelings regarding the subject of death. Hospice employees are available if guidance is required to help stimulate discussion.

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St Michael's Hospice Pumpkin Trail

Bring along your little witches and wizards to the Hospice on Saturday 21st October, 10am - 12pm, for the Pumpkin Trail.

Put on your detective hat, explore the Hospice gardens and hunt for tokens in order to receive a thrilling reward. Rumour has it that there will be a witch in the gardens working on her potions and magic, if you discover the name of her cat then you could be in for the chance to win a ghostly prize!

This is a fantastic family-friendly event with no booking required, just turn up on the day. Children £3.50 and adults £1.50, refreshments are included.

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My Garden Blog: September 2023

I returned from holiday to garden chaos. The rain had obviously arrived, and grass, weeds and shrubs had gone mad. I did find some vegetables amongst the weeds - a few beetroots, carrots, the last of the runner beans but plenty of tomatoes and cucumbers in the greenhouse. The courgettes turned into marrows, but I am hoping they will continue to produce small courgettes again. The weather has now changed to a heatwave - there is no pattern to our weather now - but we will enjoy the sunshine before the shorter days are upon us.

The fruit trees have had mixed results this year. Plums were quite good although many had fallen whilst I was away and provided a feast for the badgers. They also liked the pears which did moderately well. The apples, however, have been disastrous. I thought the Bramley would do well after a wet winter but no, very few fruits and those that are there are very small. One eating apple tree is doing well but the other two have failed. I have heard it is not a good year for apples, so I don't know how common this is.

Now there is a mystery about squashes - I only ever buy butternut squash seeds but they don't all turn into butternut squashes. I have collected two very large round orange squashes and variously shaped green ones. About half of the crop are butternuts but this happens every year, I end up with a mixed variety. I don't really mind but am puzzled. Perhaps there are different seeds lurking in the ground from previous years? It all makes for interest, and they all make very good soup. Blackberries have been brilliant - my apple and blackberry crumbles may well have more blackberry than apple this year!

I have some sunflowers that are taller than me. They are planted in tyres and dry out very quickly but are impressive. I will keep the seeds for next year. It is amazing how they remain upright and I wonder what the fields of sunflowers in France look like if they suffer damaging winds or rain. It has been quiet on the songbird front - not much activity in the garden although I can hear birdsong in the nearby woodland. Magpies, wood pigeons, rooks and jackdaws are everywhere though. The young buzzard is very noisy, constantly calling to its parents. The heron continues to visit the pond and although I can see no sign of fish, I live in hope if the heron thinks it is worth coming. I have enjoyed seeing the dragonflies and damsel flies over the water and the frogs are still very active. A couple of ducks turned up for breakfast this morning. I haven't seen them for months so have no idea what triggered that. The owls are quite noisy at dusk - a lovely sound. I have seen the occasional bat but not as many as I used to, obviously not enough insects for them. My three fox cubs are doing well - romping up for supertime snacks every evening. I have not seen any adults for several weeks, so they seem to be on their own now. I wonder what will happen to them as winter approaches. Do they have to find their own partners and homes? Time will tell.

By Gill Plank

The New Beach Club Gigs and Events

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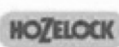
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Hoverflies

Everyone loves bees, don't they? Knowing that our bees are in decline has prompted protests and petitions and highlighted the important service these buzzing pollinators provide to our planet. Without them our crops and ecosystems would collapse. Yet many other pollinators that provide the same service don't get the same level of public support. So today I'm waving my flag for the hoverflies.

For some reason, they're not as loveable as bees. Perhaps it's because most of the time people mistake them for wasps. This isn't totally our fault because that's exactly what the hoverflies want you to think. The 283 species of hoverfly in the UK come in many shapes, colours and sizes but most of them sport yellow and black stripes, making them easily confused for wasps, bees, hornets and bumblebees. It's a strategy called Batesian mimicry and was first proposed by Leicestershire lepidopterist Henry Bates in 1861. Hoverflies are harmless. They don't sting and can't bite but they have discovered you don't actually have to be dangerous to deter predators - you just have to look like something that's dangerous.

Yet their devious mimicry isn't the most incredible thing about them. Their wings are the things. Hoverflies (like all flies) have just two wings (half as many wings as bees and wasps). Whereas other flies keep their wings straight, hoverflies incline theirs to create an angled downward stroke at a remarkable rate of 120 beats per second. This allows hoverflies to fly to a most amazing place: nowhere. Hoverflies have become the motionless masters of mid-air.



It's not all sitting around in the sky though. During their few days of life, hoverflies fight, fornicate and feed and while busy collecting energy-giving nectar and protein-rich pollen they inadvertently provide that vital pollination service to our flowers and crops. And hoverflies have earned the title of 'The Gardeners Friend' because about 40% of them have a larval stage which is basically a tiny crawling stomach that roams around your flowerbed eating aphids. Pollination, pest control - next thing you know these beneficial little insects will be mowing the front lawn for us too.

So why not thank these friendly flies by planting some of their favourite flowers in your garden - parsley, fennel, borage, hebe, sedum and alliums - and consider putting in a pond no matter how small. Do your bit for the pollinators and they'll keep the world working for us.

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

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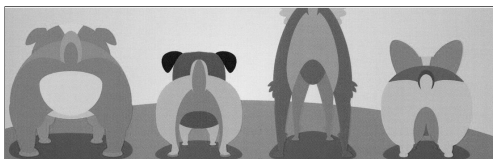
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Tiella Barese (Barese casserole) Patata Riso e Cozze - (Potatoes Rice and Mussels)

Ingredients

(For four people)

1 kg mussels, with the shells	200g arborio rice
700g potato - preferably yellow	1 big white onion
1 clove of garlic	250g cherry tomatoes
Salt and pepper	1 big bunch of parsley
Extra virgin olive oil	50g grated parmesan cheese.
80g grated pecorino cheese	

The best way to cook this recipe is to use a terracotta casserole, but you can also use a ceramic/metallic one suitable for the oven. Please follow the steps as described:

1. Slice the potatoes quite thinly into small round discs, making sure they are about half a centimetre thick otherwise they will not cook properly. Put them aside in a bowl of cold water to rest.
2. Chop the onion and the tomatoes very finely and season them with extra virgin olive oil, salt, and pepper - then put them aside in a bowl
3. In another bowl, prepare the seasoning mix: roughly chop the parsley and the garlic (also finely chopped), and add the pecorino, the parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.
4. Wash the mussels and open them with a little knife, discarding only half of the shell leaving the other valve with the mussel still attached to it. Make sure to eliminate the byssus (the little lateral tongue that usually sticks out of the shell when opening the mussel in half). Once the mussels are open, wash the half valve with the mussel attached in a bowl of cold water to eliminate any debris, then put them face up on a plate to drain for a couple of minutes, then put aside.
5. Wash the rice in a sieve under running water to remove excess starch, then put aside.
6. Turn on the oven at 220° Celsius. In the meantime drain the water from the potatoes and dry them with a cloth. Season the sliced potatoes with oil, salt, and pepper, and put aside. At this point, all the ingredients are ready.

At the bottom of the casserole create a base with half a centimetre of water, 3-4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, seasoning mix, the onion and the tomatoes. Start creating the first layer using the potatoes, making sure they don't overlap too much. Sprinkle them with some olive oil, the seasoning mix, and few tomatoes. The second layer must be made with the mussels. Make sure to place them very close to each other to create a compact layer, facing up, then sprinkle abundantly with the seasoning mix, oil, and tomato.

Cover the surface of the casserole with the rice and repeat the seasoning layer.

Finish with the last layer of potatoes, also sprinkled with oil, tomato, and seasoning mix.

At this point, using boiling water, fill the casserole to the last layer of potatoes and put it in the oven. If you are using a terracotta casserole in a ventilated oven, cook at 220° Celsius for 20 minutes in the lower part of the oven, and after the first 20 minutes lower the temperature to 200° Celsius for 40 minutes. If your oven is not ventilated and you are not using a terracotta casserole, cook at 190° Celsius for 60 minutes. Check regularly that the dish is ready using a fork. It should penetrate easily, and the potato should be golden and crisp, also the water should be completely absorbed.

Once cooked take the casserole out of the oven, and cool it down for 30 minutes or more to make the ingredients and flavours mix together. It is important to serve this dish warm - not hot or cold - and..

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays								SATURDAYS			
	Sch	Hols				Hols	Sch				
Pett Chick Hill	0819	0826	1012	1217	1402	1542	1547	0826	1402		
Pett Church	0822	0829	1015	1220	1405	1545	1550	0829	1405		
Guestling Green School	0829	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼		
Guestling The White Hart	0834	0834	1020	1225	1410	1550	1555	0834	1410		
Ore The King's Head	0838	0838	1024	1229	1414	1554	1559	0838	1414		
Ore Post Office	0840	0840	1026	1231	1416	1556		0840	1416		
Milward Road Manor Road	0845	0845	1030	1235	1420	1600		0845	0952	1157 1420 1522	
Hastings Queens Road	▼	▼	1035	1240	1425	1605		▼	0957	1202 1425 1527	
Hastings Harold Place	0849	0849						0849			
Hastings Rail Station	0851	0851						0851			
Fairlight Glen										1603	
Fairlight Cove Hotel										1609	
Pett Level										1615	

There are no Sunday or Bank Holiday buses on route 347.

- Hols** - This bus journey runs on Mondays to Fridays during school holidays only.
- Sch** - This bus journey runs on schooldays only.

Rye | Fairlight | Hastings | Conquest Hospital 101

from 3 September 2023

Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays

Notes	MF	Sch	SSH							
Rye Rail Station Stand A	0654	0748	0756	0856	Then	56		1756	1856	2154
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0704	0759	0807	0907	every	07		1807	1907	2205
Pett Level Canal Bank	0708	0803	0811	0911	hour	11		1811	1911	2209
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0714	0809	0817	0917	at	17	until	1817	1917	2215
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0720	0815	0823	0923	these	23		1823	1923	2221
Ore Co Op	0725	GG	0828	0928	times	28		1828	1928	2226
Hastings Railway Station arrive	0740	0852	0843	0943		43		1843	1943	2241
Bohemia Road Fire Station	-	-	-	-		-		-	1947	-
Silverhill Filling Station*	-	-	-	-		-		-	1951	-
Harrow Lane Ashdown House	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-
Conquest Hospital	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-

Sundays and public holidays

NR	NR	NR	NR
1034	1234	1434	1634
1045	1245	1445	1645
1049	1249	1449	1649
1055	1255	1455	1655
1101	1301	1501	1701
1106	1306	1506	1706
1123	1323	1523	1723
1128	1328	1528	1728
1132	1332	1532	1732
1137	1337	1537	1737
1142	1342	1542	1742

- Notes** **MF** Journey runs Mondays to Fridays only
- Sch** Journey runs schooldays only
- SSH** Journey runs on Saturdays and school holidays only

- * Buses terminating at Silverhill stop in Chatham Road
- GG** Serves Guestling Green School at 0830 and Ore Post Office at 0838.

Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays

Conquest Hospital										2045
Harrow Lane Ashdown House										2051
Silverhill London Road										2057
Bohemia Road Fire Station										2101
Hastings Railway Stn stop F	-	0747	0847	0949	Then	49		1749	1855	2106
Ore Co Op	0711	0802	0902	1004	every	04		1804	1905	2116
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0715	0806	0906	1008	hour	08		1808	1909	2120
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0721	0812	0912	1014	at	14	until	1814	1915	2126
Pett Level Canal Bank	0727	0818	0918	1020	these	20		1820	1921	2132
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0731	0822	0922	1024	times	24		1824	1925	2136
Rye Rail Station	0743	0834	0934	1036		36		1836	1937	2148

Sundays and public holidays

	1045	1245	1445	1645
	1049	1249	1449	1649
0856	1056	1256	1456	1656
0900	1100	1300	1500	1700
0910	1110	1310	1510	1710
0923	1123	1323	1523	1723
0927	1127	1327	1527	1727
0933	1133	1333	1533	1733
0939	1139	1339	1539	1739
0945	1145	1345	1545	1745
0957	1157	1357	1557	1757
NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

For other buses between Rye and Hastings, see timetable for route 100.
 For other buses between Hastings and Conquest Hospital, see timetables for routes 28, 29 and 100.

NR On Sundays, buses continue to or from New Romney - see route 100 timetable for full details

**Timetables are subject to change
 Check before you travel**

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The graphic features the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' in a large, bubbly, pink font with a blue outline. The text is centered against a dark purple background. Surrounding the text are several colorful confetti pieces in shades of yellow, orange, and light blue, scattered in a circular pattern.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11 November
6.30 for 7.00 start at
Pett Village Hall

In aid of Pett Churches

£5 per Team Member (which includes a FREE raffle ticket!)
Teams of 6 maximum. BYO drink and refreshments

Please register your teams with Heather at heathergodwin19@gmail.com
Tel: 07977 100 296