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Editorial

It seems strange writing an editorial for January 2024 when we're both in the thick of things preparing for Christmas. By the time you read this, Christmas will be done and dusted and we'll be awaiting the arrival of the New Year with both hope, and some trepidation over what the year will bring.

It's a slimmer issue for you this month. Doubtless our regular contributors are all wrapped in Christmas preparations as well. Sadly this month sees our last recipe from La Cucina di Angela. Angela has been supplying us with delectable dishes for a considerable length of time and always manages to brighten our pages with her delicious Italian dishes. Thank you, Angela. If there is anyone who would like to take over from Angela and send in a regular recipe, please do get in touch.

Our plea for front cover contributions is starting to generate a response and we look forward to seeing many more stunning images of the local area. This month's frosty flower by Tony Howard really brings a feel of those cold, crisp wintry days.

Happy New Year to you all - thank you for continuing to read, comment and contribute.

Donna and Louisa

Dear Editors

December was my last ever Community Library and it was an unexpected joy to be gifted with an armful of flowers. I have really enjoyed setting up and running the Library, as did Anna, so thank you for having me and thank you for the flowers. Jane was in charge in December and has already enrolled two new borrowers! Please keep supporting her; the Community Library is such a valuable asset in the village.

Vivien

Many thanks for all you have done, Vivien. The Community Library is a wonderful resource.

- *Donna and Louisa*

Coffee Morning and Community Library Notes

It was a bright and chilly day for the December coffee morning, and it was lovely to see so many of you come along to enjoy a hot drink and delicious slice of cake.

During the morning we said a fond farewell and huge thank you to Vivien, who has stepped down from the Community Library after five years. We very much hope she will continue to come along each month to see us and have a cuppa and a chat. I (Jane) have now taken on this role and very much look forward to welcoming some new members to our Library, in addition to the two new members this month. It is free to join, and we have a wide range of books for all tastes so please do come along and support us.

Our Book of the Month for January is the wise and gloriously big-hearted debut novel “Thrown” from the much-loved broadcaster Sara Cox. Concealed passions and heartaches are uncovered, relationships shattered and formed and the possibility for transformation is revealed. All the things that go on in a local community!

There are plenty of other reasons to come along, other than supporting local charities when you buy drinks and delicious homemade cakes. Why not borrow a jigsaw puzzle or two from Pett Puzzles or have a chat to a member of the Parish Council? Robert will also be on hand from East Sussex Hearing to assist with any hearing aid needs you may have. So please do come along and support us, we are a very friendly bunch and look forward to welcoming you.

Next Coffee Morning 10am - 12pm Wednesday 3rd January.

Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Coffee Morning Team

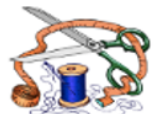
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Fundraising & Building works

Whilst this was a spectacular amount, considering the Fair was only open for three hours and the weather was awful, this pays for less than one month of the Parish Share to the diocese. In the coming month we hope to receive building tenders for the extensive repair work to be carried out on the interior of the west end of the church. The wall is suffering from peeling paint and rain ingress and requires radical repairs which will cost thousands. We will be applying for grants from various Trust and Foundations but because the church is not of major historic interest or age, these will be hard to find.

If you can help with a regular Gift Aided donation by becoming a Friend of Pett Churches, a one-off donation, or a legacy in your will we will be very grateful. Please get in touch with Heather Godwin, Treasurer to Pett Parochial Church Council at pettchurchestreasurer@gmail.com or phone 07977 100 296.

Carol Singing Around the Village

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Pett Carol Singers over two nights in December, and thank you to the Royal Oak and the Two Sawyers for allowing us to sing and collect money. We raised £405 for the Hastings-based charity Surviving Christmas, which is absolutely amazing! A big thank you to all the talented singers who braved the cold to sing as well! We had a lot of fun on two cold but dry beautiful evenings. Thank you all! Do think of joining us next year!

Becky Ware, Pett Parochial Church Council



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Saturday 27th July 2024

*Wishing everyone a belated Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

To begin the New Year, the Flower Show Committee will be planning for the 2024 show schedule with the topical theme of **24 Hours in a Day** giving plenty of scope for imagination in many of the classes. They are full of hope for a fabulous show in the summer to be held again at Pett Village Hall. To take full benefit of the period of hire for the Hall, plans are in place for the Evening Dance which will be run by Paul J Turner as a sub-committee. He has a great band planned and there will be a bar run by Robin and his team from the Royal Oak.

Our 2023 Show was a financial success, so the Committee are keen to make donations to local good causes in recognition of the support given to the Flower Show. Please contact any member of the Committee or go directly to the Chairman; Philippa Strickland, Adams, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HG; Tel. 01424 814384 or email pstrickl@icloud.com. Please submit requests in writing with details of any pressing needs or projects. The Committee will make decisions and announce their choice at the AGM in early March.

Philippa M Strickland
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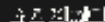
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Pett Parish Council

I am pleased to say that Jan Tomalin was co-opted to the council at an extraordinary meeting in December. You can find out more about Jan and what she has done, and it is still doing, by going to <https://abbasmedialaw.com/jan-tomalin/>. I am sure that the council will benefit greatly from her experience and expertise. And, though I probably shouldn't say it, it is good to have a female presence on the council once again.

The main reason that the council met in December was to consider the budget for the year 2024/25. This has to be submitted to the District Council by the end of January. At present, it looks as though the parish council precept will remain the same as in the current year, which, as I often point out, is less than a pound a week for a band D property. However, as discussed below, if some responsibility for the Pett Level toilets is assumed by the parish council, then it may be necessary to increase the precept.

With regard to the toilets, a letter was sent to the chief executive of Rother protesting about the planned closure of the toilets and asking the district council to reconsider its decision. The letter noted that there were no alternative facilities in Pett Level and also drew attention to the petition that had nearly 400 names on it protesting about the closure. The letter also pointed out that the closure could be considered as discrimination against women and the elderly, both of which groups have a particular need of the facilities provided by a public toilet. No response has been received as yet. A copy of the full letter can be seen at www.pettnet.org.uk/parish-council/pett-level-toilets.

A further online meeting was held with the staff member at Rother District Council responsible for this issue and she tentatively put forward the suggestion of sharing the cost of the toilets between the district and parish councils. However, the parish council representatives insisted that no move would be considered until a reply to the council's letter had been received. In addition, they felt that a review of the condition of the toilets and of the cost of running them should be undertaken and appropriate action taken where necessary. In particular, it is clear that the cesspit is emptied every other week, but it is not clear how many litres of sewage are removed each time.

There are many initiatives being undertaken at various levels to try and mitigate the effects of flood water at Pett Level. More about these in future reports.

On a different topic, although one that can be seen to be related, the district council has been urging parish councils to declare a climate emergency and look at establishing initiatives that will help reduce the effects of climate change. At present, the parish council has not decided to make this move as it is not clear what initiatives can be undertaken. Dr Lucie Bolton, Environment Strategy Officer at Rother, gave a presentation at the Rother parish conference and suggested a few, such as car clubs, electric vehicle charging points, promoting cycling, community food growing schemes, repair hubs and library of things, food waste reduction and community composting. Are any of these practical for Pett or are there others that you can suggest? We are hoping to put more information into next month's parish news, but, if you have any ideas, please contact Councillor David Tasker or myself.

I regret to say that I have to report four deaths this month. First, David Martin, who has been a supporter of the Independent Rescue Boat for many years. Then Sue Colgate, a member of one of the village's oldest families, Terry Cuthbert, who was active in a number of village activities, and finally the husband of Sally Watson, President of the Pett WI. Our sympathy goes to all the bereaved families.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

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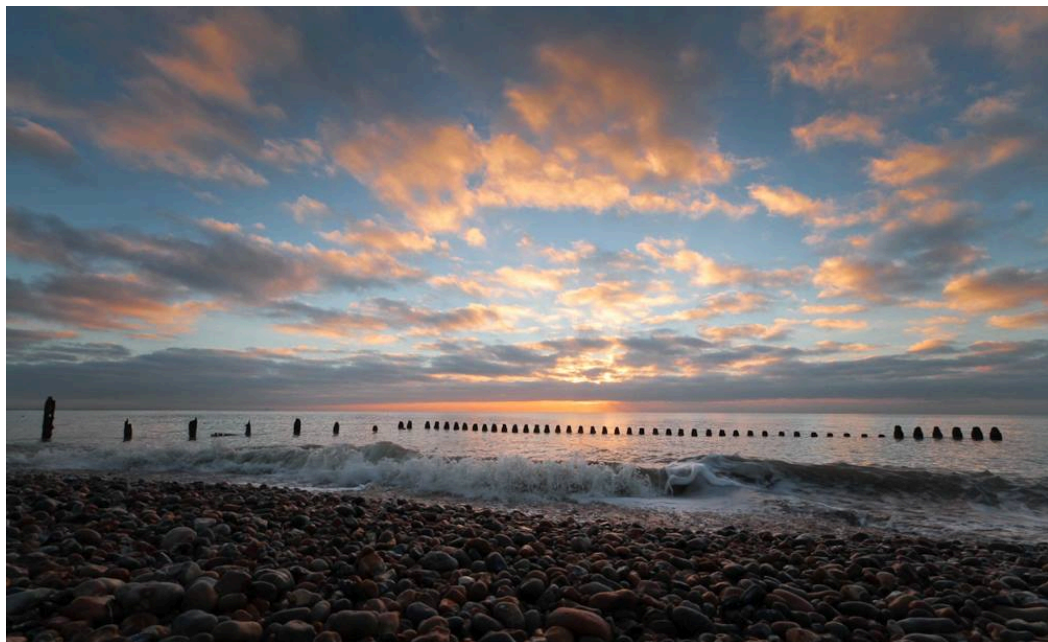
Friends Walk: New Year, new list.

Join the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve for a New Year's Day walk around Flat Beach, listing as many birds as possible to kickstart the new year. Approx 6km. Suitable for all.

3rd, 10th, 17th January (9.45am - 11.15am)

Wednesday Wellbeing Walks

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Lottery

St Michael's Hospice would like to thank everyone who has supported them by playing their Lottery over the past year. You have helped the Hospice continue to provide vital services to people living with life-limiting illnesses in your local community.

If you're keen to support a charity this year, why not support St Michael's Hospice by joining their weekly Lottery? It costs just £1 per week, per entry, for the chance to win up to £2,000, plus 57 other cash prizes. You could be next week's lucky top prize winner!

All profits from the Lottery go towards St Michael's Hospice to aid them in supporting the community of Hastings and Rother to live well with dying, death and loss. Visit <https://lottery.stmichaelshospice.com/lottery> to sign up or call the Team on 01424 456384 or email lottery@stmichaelshospice.com. Players must be 18+.

Saturday Social

The start of a New Year can be a difficult and often lonely time for many, which is why St Michael's Hospice invites you to their Saturday Socials. They are held on the last Saturday of every month from 10am - 12pm at the Arthur Easton Centre at St Michael's Hospice (Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB). Everyone is welcome for a chat, fresh tea and coffee, and delicious bakes. To find out more, please visit their website: www.stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary

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Yoga	6.00-7.30pm

Tuesday

Doctor Surgery	9.00am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
Pole Dancing	7.15-8.45pm

Wednesday

Pett Painters	2.00-4.00pm
Dance Fitness	6.00-7.30pm

Thursday

Doctor Surgery	9am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
Art	12-3.00pm
Short Mat Bowls	3.15-5.15pm
Fitness Pilates	6.30-7.15pm

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New Year Resolutions

My New Year resolutions don't seem to last very long unless they are ones which require no effort at all. I imagine the same can be said of many other people's resolutions. One of the problems, I think, is the length of the year ahead. It seems easier to give something up for the six weeks of Lent than to resolve to do something for a whole year.

So, I was wondering about the origin of the custom of making New Year resolutions on 1st January and here is what I found out:

The earliest recorded resolutions were made by the Babylonians in 2000 BC. It was the start of their farming season, and it was customary to make promises to pay debts and to return borrowed farming equipment.

The Romans adopted the custom and made promises to the god Janus, after whom January is named.

Christianity started to hold watchnight services on New Year's Eve and pray for forgiveness for the wrongs of the previous year, as well as God's blessing on the plans for the year ahead. The Methodists hold a covenant service in January affirming their relationship with God.

In the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah there is reflection on wrongdoing, and they seek and offer forgiveness.

New Year resolutions became much more common by the beginning of the nineteenth century and the phrase New Year Resolution was first used in a U.S. newspaper in 1813. Subsequently the idea was satirized, and suggestions made about what the resolutions should be of various politicians and other public figures.

What does all this tell us? Perhaps, that many people like making plans and many have a wish to improve, and there is everlasting optimism that such improvement is attainable. It's just as well, I suppose, that most of us do not disclose too widely our New Year Resolutions!

Angela Hawksley



Pett WI Community Aid
(WICAID)



RYE FOODBANK APPEAL

Pett WICAID has been collecting non-perishable, in-date food (tins, packets, cartons); sanitary products; toiletries and household products since we set up our Foodbank Appeal in 2020.

If you'd like to make a donation, we have collection points at:

- Pett Village Hall (Lobby)
- The Old Butcher's Shop, Pett
- 1 Arthur's Close, Pett Road, Pett
- Pett Methodist Chapel
- The New Beach Club, Pett Level
- "Nainni Tal", Cliff End Lane, Pett Level
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Nature Notes

Artificial intelligence (AI) seems to have been getting some bad press recently. Some consider that it will be making better decisions than human beings and will take over the world and make us all redundant. There are concerns that because of the way it works, it is not possible to find out how an answer has been arrived at, and whether or not there was some bias, intentional or otherwise, in the data used to train the system. There are also concerns that students may use applications like ChatGPT to finish their assignments. But there are a number of AI applications now available, that can be very helpful in identifying species in the natural world.

I have been using one such application called ObsIdentify. (Other applications such as Google Lens, Seek, PlantNet for plants only, and Merlin which identifies birds by sight or by their song are available.) The applications all work in a similar way - when you open the application on your smart-phone, it invites you to take one or more photos of what you are trying to identify, and then it tells you what it is. Sometimes it may offer several possibilities, each with a percentage as an indication of how likely the identification is to be correct. I have been using ObsIdentify to go back through my vast collection of plant and animal photos to see if AI can help me to identify things that I couldn't identify at the time, either because of the time required to trawl through field guides to find the right insect, or just plain lack of knowing where to start.



On the whole, it has been successful in identifying a large number of species. Some groups like moths, for example, can be readily identified from photographs. Micro-moths can also be identified, but the difference between individual species can be quite small, and with more than 1,000 images in the field guide, it gets quite bewildering searching through them. ObsIdentify will take me to 2 or 3 images on the same page, then I can read up about each species to see which answer to believe. ObsIdentify does get things wrong, sometimes spectacularly wrong, for example, identifying a beetle as a crane fly, but sometimes it is 100% confident, though only nearly right, which is more worrying. Fortunately, I don't have to believe the answers that ObsIdentify gives me. I do the best I can to check each answer in field guides or the Internet, before entering it on iRecord where proper (human) experts will verify or reject the record as appropriate.

Though going back through my collection has been (and still is) a time-consuming exercise, the breadth and quality of it has increased. It has also meant that I have found a lot of images of beautiful and interesting creatures that I have seen since moving to Pett, that I had otherwise forgotten about. I'm hoping to put some of the images on Pett Nature Facebook and WhatsApp groups soon. I will start with the stunning Lime Hawkmoth shown above - pure velvet.

By Alan Kenworthy



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In my house, my sister and my mum used to cook this dish when they had leftovers of cheeses and other ingredients. Even now every time I prepare it, it evokes warm and nostalgic memories of my family.

(For 4 people)

250g pennette pasta
500g courgettes
140g mascarpone cheese
100g of brie (more or less)
50g pancetta or smoked bacon
40g grated parmesan cheese
Some basil leaves.
Extra virgin olive oil.
Salt and black pepper.

Boil a pan of salted water and preheat the oven to 200 Celsius. Peel and chop the courgettes. Heat the oil in a non-stick pan and slowly brown the pancetta, then add the courgettes, season and cook for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the pennette in the pan of salted water in line with the instructions on the packet, but 3-4 minutes less than the instructions (the pasta must be undercooked as it finishes its cooking time in the oven).

Drain the pasta and add it to the mixture of ingredients in the non-stick pan. Stir and remove from the heat. Add the mascarpone and the basil leaves, season and mix well.

Pour everything into an oven casserole, and add the brie chopped into small pieces, sprinkle with parmesan cheese and then bake for 15 minutes (more or less) in the preheated oven at 200 Celsius until golden brown, and as usual:

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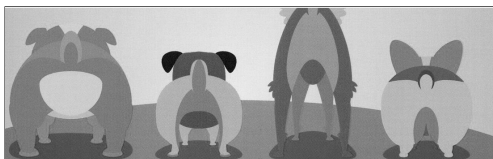
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OK, I warn you now: after reading this article some of you will be scouring your face with a Brillo pad. But it's time to face the facts. Your face is crawling with animals. You, yes you, have face mites. And there's no 'might' about it - research has shown that 100% of adults have them. Our faces are one big nature reserve for mites: from your mountainous nose and skin pore caves to your eyelash jungles. In fact, our faces are home to two different species. *Demodex folliculorum* thrive in your eyelashes while *Demodex brevis* lurk in your pores. They're feeding on dead skin cells and oils but don't harm us - a commensal parasite.

Before you run to the bathroom mirror, these guys are tiny. I'm not going to lie to you, they're not pretty (unless you think a microscopic 8-legged slug is pretty) and under high-powered microscopes they look like something you'd encounter in a galaxy far, far away. The egg and larval stages last two weeks and you'll probably be relieved to hear that the adults live for just five days and then die. And it's right about here you'll realise that these things are constantly mating on your face. You can scrub and scrub, but you can't wash away the hard truth: you're just a mammal. And like dogs, cows, orangutans and meerkats we're the perfect hosts for a range of parasites.

Personally, I've grown quite fond of my little pets - despite never being able to see them. When I go to bed at night, I imagine Clarence the Demodex, climbing from his pore, going for a wander across my cheek and hoping to meet a girlfriend. But instead, he meets his nemesis Evil Arthur, and a mite fight ensues until ...well, you get the idea. There are hundreds of these little adventures happening on your face every night. Sweet dreams.

By Michael Blencowe, Sussex Wildlife Trust

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Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat News - January 2024

Welcome to the New Year from everyone at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Our new Arancia RIB boat

With huge thanks to everyone who supports us, we have been able to purchase a new Arancia RIB boat to replace the old one which had reached the end of its life with us. The Arancia is the smaller of our two boats (the one we take to community events) and is ideally suited for getting close to shore and navigating through shallow waters and over the treacherous rocks around the cliffs.

Open Day 2024 and Community Events

A date for your diary! It's a long way off still, but please keep Sunday 25 August free for our Annual Open Day! If you would like to get involved, please contact us at plirbrescue@gmail.com.

And as we like to get out into the community to meet and thank those that support us, do let us know if you would like us to be at a community event you are holding. We can't promise to attend them all but get in touch if you have something planned.

Recruitment and training

As we welcome the new year, we would like to welcome new recruits. If you, a friend or family member would like to join - please visit us on Sundays between 9-12 or contact us via Facebook or at plirbrescue@gmail.com.

Being part of PLIRB is a fantastic way to learn vital skills and to support your local community. It is also a great way to meet people and become part of a strong and close family. Volunteer roles can include boat crew, beach or base crew or helping organise our administration or fundraising and events. Do come and see us to find out more!

The Pett Slip Buoy

The Buoy had a great few months and were invited to sing at several functions - all of which were well received and enjoyed, and helped raise funds. Not only do they LOVE to sing (and are actually pretty good!), but they are also doing it to help raise the funds to purchase a new rescue boat which we will need in a few years. If you would like them to sing at an event or location, please contact Jo on 07546 320 558.

Fundraising for 2024 and beyond

We have exciting times ahead at PLIRB as we look towards essential upgrades to both our boathouse facilities and boat assets. This clearly comes at a cost, and we work hard to raise the funds we need. Every contribution made goes towards our training or operational costs. If you would like to become a regular donor or can make any contribution, it is hugely appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone who supports us. To keep in touch, please visit our website <https://plirb.com> and our social media: Facebook @PettLevelRescueBoat and Instagram @pettlevelindyrescueboat.



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Gardening Club Notes - December 2023

We met in the Main Hall at Pett Village Hall for our Christmas Social, a chance for members to enjoy a fun, festive get-together, to round off a very successful year for the Club. We all enjoyed a gardening quiz, raffle, buffet supper, music and dancing, but most of all the opportunity to socialise with friends old and new.

Our first meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday January 9th at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman Room at Pett Village Hall. This will incorporate our Annual Subscription Renewal, when new members will be most welcome - just turn up and pay on the night - £10 per person for the year. Our speaker for the evening will be Barry Yates, whom many will know, with a talk on Seaside Flowers of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Happy New Year Everyone!

June Harris and the Committee

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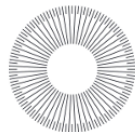


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FLOOD WARDEN

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01424 787000; www.rother.gov.uk/residents

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EAST SUSSEX COUNCIL (ESCC)

www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem

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THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA)

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- <i>St Nicholas</i>	Fran Rogers	812964	
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<i>Sports Pavilion</i>	Stuart Ware	815197	sjw@meadowshed.co.uk
<i>Village Hall</i>	Clare Walker	07718 518053	clare.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
<i>New Beach Club</i>		812080	info@thenewbeachclub.co.uk

MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE

Hospitals & GP Surgeries

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

Other Numbers:

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

PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

Pett Level - 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

BUS TIMETABLES: 347 and 101

Hastings • Ore • Guestling • Pett

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays

SATURDAYS

	Hols			Sch									
Hastings Rail Station ⇌ Stop E		1330	1510	1510			1330	1510					
Queens Road opp. Priory Meadow Stop N	0945	1150	1335	1515	1515	1640	1740	0945	1150	1335	1515	1640	1740
Milward Road Manor Road	0950	1155	1340	1520	1520	1645	1745	0950	1155	1340	1520	1645	1745
Ore Post Office	0955	1200	1345	1525	1525	1750			1345		1750		
Ore The King's Head	0957	1202	1347	1527	1527	1752			1347		1752		
Guestling The White Hart	1001	1206	1351	1531	1531	1756			1351		1756		
Guestling School	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼			▼		▼		
Pett Church	1006	1211	1356	1536	1542	1801			1356		1801		
Pett Chick Hill	1009	1214	1359	1539	1545	1804			1359		1804		

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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

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CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

WINCHELSEA	8.00am	1662 Book of Common Prayer Service
PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

PETT LEVEL	8.30am	1662 Book of Common Prayer Service
ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

CHURCHES IN ICKLESHAM, PETT & PETT LEVEL & WINCHELSEA

ICKLESHAM	St Nicolas Church	TN36 4BH
PETT	St Mary & St Peter Church	TN35 4HE
PETT LEVEL	St Nicholas Church	TN35 4BS
WINCHELSEA	St Thomas' Church	TN36 4AB

RECTOR	Rev Jonathan Meyer, 01797 226254 email: revdjonathan@btinternet.com The Rectory, St Thomas Street, Winchelsea, TN36 4EB
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