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Editorial

It's nearly May and as we write this, the wind is whistling outside and it's cold - again! No doubt like us, you can't wait for warmer temperatures and some more consistent sunshine. Let's hope that May is kinder weather-wise.

There are lots of excuses to get out and about as the weather improves. This month sees the introduction of Pettfest at the Royal Oak from 24-27 May, with live music and a choice of food, beers and ciders, as well as a charity raffle. If you fancy something more intrepid, why not join St Michael's Hospice for its paddle boarding challenge at Bodiam on Sunday 12th May? On a more serious note, the Pett & District branch of the Royal British Legion is celebrating its centenary with a service at Pett Church on Sunday 11th May, followed by a parade through Pett of the Branch Standard. Please do consider attending the church service and/or lining the road for the parade to pay your respects to these brave veterans.

Please remember that the Pett Church 'Love it or Lose It' appeal is ongoing. So far 10% of the total needed has been raised so there's still a long way to go!

Lastly, are you taking part in no-mow May? We've been inspired by Tim Jury's article in the April issue to leave the grass long and just enjoy observing the benefits it brings. Let us know what wildflowers and insects you spot!

Donna and Louisa

Dear Donna and Louisa,

I'd like to nominate Pett WI for hero(es) of the month. What a fabulous group of ladies who are there for our village, making it a better place to live.

Thank you both for your hard work too.

Louise Bowles



Saturday 27 July 2024



PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

Hasn't the English weather been messing us about? Rain, rain and more rain, Then lovely sunny days. Fingers crossed for super weather in July.

The schedule for the show '**24 Hours in a Day**' is being distributed with the May issue of the Parish News. It can also be found on the village website www.pettnet.org.uk, from which additional entry forms can be downloaded. Copies of the schedule will also be available from local businesses and hostelries.

There is plenty of time to check out the classes and plan your entries for the growing classes; also the cooking and craft ones. It is important to note that the time for staging entries has been changed to **8.15 am to 10.00 am**. This will allow the scrutineers to calculate points for the cup winners.

Details of the Evening Dance are advertised in the schedule. Great to have this event to make the show day one for all to enjoy.

We were delighted to welcome a new judging team for the Dog Show last year and they will be with us again this year. Owners are asked to study the schedule, select their classes and check out the entry details as they differ from previous shows.

The Committee are planning all the familiar stalls and sideshows, which are kindly run by volunteers who generously give their time for the enjoyment of villagers and visitors. New faces are always welcome. If you would like to help and be part of a great village event, please contact any of the Committee members listed on the back of the schedule.

In addition, there will be pitches for local organisations and businesses. Interested parties should apply for an application form from the Honorary Secretary, Louise Bowles, Fairholme, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HE; phone 812296 or email lou.bowles192@gmail.com.

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Philippa M. Strickland (Chairman P&DHS)



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Just over a year ago I drove to council offices in Bexhill to submit my nomination papers for the forthcoming election to Pett Parish Council. I'd never lived in such a small community before and when I moved here in September 2021, I made the decision that it would be good to 'get involved.' It struck me that an obvious way to do this would be to seek election to the parish council once a vacancy became available.

I didn't expect the opportunity to come around so quickly. It quickly became clear that almost nobody else was interested in standing, so on May the 4th 2023 I was elected unopposed. I had no idea what to expect as my only experience of how parish councils run was from watching The Vicar of Dibley.

These few words are intended to give a flavour of the workings of a parish council and to quash some misconceptions which I had been holding and if I held them, I'm confident others may hold them too.

The Parish council is a tax raising body. Once a year it estimates the amount of money it will need to pay for items such as repairing the swing on the playground, having the grass verges in the village cut and to pay for the allotment, to name but a few. The parish council is asked to make donations to local organisations that benefit the community, for example the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat, The Pett Level Preservation Trust, and the local playgroup.

You may have noticed that about 2% of your council tax bill is identified as a payment that goes directly to the parish council. In view of this, it's important that the way it operates is strictly in accordance with guidelines pertaining to local government. Everyone who is on the parish council is a volunteer. There is one employee and that is the clerk. It is the role of the clerk, in our case Mary Philo, to ensure that everything the parish council does is in line with established standards and guidelines.

Whilst the parish council has a chairperson, you'll almost certainly know it is David Penfold in our case, being chair grants no additional powers, except when there is a tied vote on an issue in which case the chair has the casting vote. In all other respect councillors are equal. The agenda for each meeting is entirely in the ownership of the clerk - if councillors want to see something on the agenda, they need to request this from the clerk and the clerk is well within their rights to refuse.

Everything that the parish council does at its meetings is made public, as is the budget, and anyone can see exactly what it spends our money on.

All the meetings are held in public and whilst I must acknowledge that they are rarely exciting, I'd encourage you to at least visit one of our meetings each year to see how decisions are made and our money is spent.

Every single planning application in the parish passes in front of the council as it is a statutory consultee. The council can express its support for an application, or it can object. If anybody on the council is compromised on an application because for example it's being made by a relative or friend in the village, then it is compulsory for the councillor to stay silent. This applies to any issue within the parish, to remove any potential accusations of bias. The parish council has no power in terms of planning applications, but it will always get asked for its view. It may surprise you to know that the outcome of the vast majority of planning applications are determined by full-time planning officers. These people are qualified and have detailed knowledge of the **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA 1990)**: This is the primary legislation governing planning applications in England and Wales.

Parish council elections are held every four years so the next time the composition of the parish council could change, except for departures will be in 2027.

David Tasker
Pett Level
April 2024



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The Pett and District Branch of the Royal British Legion celebrates its centenary this year, having been formed on 23 January 1924.

The Branch covers the five villages between Hastings and Rye in East Sussex. These villages are Guestling, Fairlight, Icklesham, Pett and Three Oaks.

Eighty-four of the men who left the five villages to fight in the First World War did not return, and of those who did return, at least twice that number had been injured, wounded or maimed, many of them permanently.

Initially set up in Pett School (now a private house), the aims of the British Legion Branch were to provide companionship, a place to meet and financial support for ex-servicemen, widows, orphans and families.

In 1948 a Women's Section was formed. This ran alongside the main branch until the mid 1980's, at which time ladies became full members of the Branch and the Women's Section disbanded.

The Branch continues with these aims, raising considerable sums every year; not just over the Poppy Appeal but at other events throughout the calendar. Welfare officers from Pett and District continue to visit ex-service personnel and their families living in the local villages to offer companionship and support.

Remembrance is the focal point of the calendar, with Remembrance Parades being held in rotation at the four parish churches. This year's Parade will be at St Andrew's Church, Fairlight. In addition to parades the Branch provides educational packs to local schools.

To mark the centenary, the Pett and District Royal British Legion will be holding a service at Pett Parish Church at 11am on Saturday 11 May. This will be followed by a parade through Pett of the Branch Standard, led by a piper and accompanied by standards from Royal British Legion branches across Sussex, other veterans' organisations, cadet's corps and youth groups. The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex will be very graciously representing His Majesty, The King.

The members of Pett and District Branch would welcome the public attending the church and lining Pett Road to watch the parade to the village hall.



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Proactive residents tackle road safety concerns

Two of our Pett Level residents have been liaising with Cllr Keith Glazier about speeding traffic and potholes along Pett Level Road, particularly the stretch between Chick Hill and Canal Bank where their property is situated. They have asked us to share Cllr Glazier's responses here:

Dear Ms Hamilton,

Thank you for your email of 30 January, 2024, regarding the concerns you have about the speed of traffic using Pett Level Road and the condition of the road surface.

This section of Pett Level Road is subject to a 30mph speed limit and there are regular 30mph repeater signs through the 30mph speed limit. The enforcement of the speed limit is the responsibility of Sussex Police, however, their resources are relatively low for dealing with speeding issues. You may be aware that the Operation Crackdown scheme has been set up to enable residents to assist the Police in targeting their resources and reduce antisocial driving behaviour in the community. Drivers ignoring the 30mph speed limit on Pett Level Road can be reported on the Operation Crackdown website at www.OperationCrackdown.org or via the telephone on 01243 642 222.

If a vehicle is reported through Operation Crackdown the Police will send out a warning letter to the driver. Reports are kept on file for a 12-month period, so if repeat reports are received in respect of the same driver, higher levels of intervention are exercised. I appreciate that it may not always be possible to record a driver's details, however, reports submitted to Operation Crackdown provide real evidence that enables the police to justify targeting their resources at specific locations.

The bends to the east of your property are protected by bend warning signs with SLOW road markings and there are yellow backed chevrons on the bend itself. As a result of your email, Officers within the Road Safety Team have visited Pett Level Road and noted that one of the SLOW road markings is faded and one of the chevrons is missing. These issues have now both been reported to East Sussex Highways for remedial works to be carried out.

We have a limited amount of funding to develop local transport improvements such as traffic calming measures. We need to ensure that we target our resources to those schemes of greatest benefit to our local communities. To help us prioritise improvement requests, we have developed a process to determine which schemes should be funded through our Integrated Transport Programme.

Your previous request for a 20mph speed limit with traffic calming measures has been assessed under the initial stage of the scheme prioritisation process. I am sorry to say that the proposal did not achieve the benchmark score to enable it to be taken forward at the present time. Priority is given to those sites where the wider community and area would benefit from a scheme, or where the proposed scheme could promote public transport or benefit the environment, amongst other factors including the latest crash record for the site.

I was disappointed to read that some areas of the recent pothole patching works have failed and potholes have re-formed. A Highways supervisor has now been instructed to investigate. I can assure you that if the failure is due to poor standard of workmanship, then the contractor will be instructed to carry out remedial works at no additional cost to the rate-payer. If any other cause is identified, the local Highway Steward will carry out a follow-up inspection and arrange for additional repairs, where the investigation criteria has been met.

I would like to thank you again for taking the time to contact me about this matter and trust that my response will be of use to you.

Councillor Keith Glazier

See Page 13 for follow-up email

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Dear Ms Hamilton,

Thank you for your further email 27 February 2024, about traffic speed and potholes on Pett Level Road.

With regard to your query about speed limit repeater signs, there is a legal requirement to provide these signs within a 30mph speed limit where a system of street lighting does not exist. I can confirm that there are 7 locations where 2 x 30mph repeater signs have been erected back-to-back on posts within the 30mph speed limit on Pett Level Road. I am satisfied that this provides drivers with a suitable level of reminders and that no further signage is required here.

I can appreciate your concerns about the lack of footway on this stretch of road. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a footway on this stretch of Pett Road. There is very limited available public highway verges either side of the road (in some sections none at all) which could be converted to footway. Furthermore, it is not possible to narrow the existing width of the carriageway to facilitate a footway.

With regard to the potholes on Pett Level Road, I can confirm that the local Highway Steward has carried out an inspection and identified a number of potholes which meet our intervention criteria. We intend to complete the necessary repairs within 28 days.

You will be pleased to hear we have a series of larger scale carriageway patching works planned for various sections of Pett Level Road, which will be addressed in the new financial year. In the meantime, our Highway Stewards will continue to monitor the road on their routine inspections and in response to enquiries received from members of the public.

If you believe there are potholes which have not been identified by the Highway Steward, we would encourage all residents to report these via our website at <https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem> which will allow you to identify the location of the issue on our map. You will receive a unique reference number for your report, which will then be sent directly to the local Highway Steward who will carry out an inspection.

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Councillor Keith Glazier
Leader

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If you were not able to attend, do remember to keep checking our website www.thearc.uk and go to "Latest Pages" to see the most recent additions. We will be adding from our presentation in the next

few weeks. In recent weeks we have added many old photos of The Two Sawyers and The Royal Oak and homes such as Oakhurst, and Gatehurst Farm.



Left: Photos of Pett Level caravan park (Riddelcourt) over the decades have also been uploaded to the website.

The original plans for Pett Church from 1864 and, indeed, photos of the previous church that stood there can also be seen. There are various painted interpretations of the church over the decades, and photos of the windows. Not forgetting the Methodist Church, we have a plan and a list of those people buried there.

There's an article, written by John Taylor, about the history of Guestling Bradshaw School. Also, The Guestling Green property sale of 1919. And do you know about the Five Village Project in the early 1970's to build a home for the elderly? Originally it was hoped to be on the site of the old Guestling rectory, but land was eventually donated in Icklesham: read about it in "The Mustard Seed House" by Daphne Davis.

As most will know, the annual Pett Flower Show is approaching. But did you know it started in Pett Level at the original Beach Club (later The Smuggler and now...) back in 1947? Read the article asking for committee members to take it forward in 1949 as the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Society. Ray Barden has donated a substantial amount of material relating to the Flower Show which will make its way onto our website soon, and Philippa Strickland is giving us a lot more!

And you can do your bit too. If you have information on your home with old photos, or anything else, like old programmes, photos of the Pett Players, or just photos of our area from decades ago, we would love to hear from you.

We recently met with Liz Green who started up the Fairlight History Group Oral Recordings, our aim being to record more Pett residents with stories to tell. Please let us know if you, or anyone you know, would be interested in telling us your memories of Pett and Pett Level.

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First, let me thank all those who have expressed a concern over my stay in hospital and particularly those who have provided help in one way or another. This includes my fellow councillors and the clerk, who have continued to deal with issues as they have arisen. While I shall not be back to normal for several months, I am now well enough to resume work for the council.

The council held a brief meeting in April to consider some planning applications and the council's comments will be shown on the Rother planning portal. The council's next meeting will be in May and will be the council's annual meeting. There will also be discussion of the annual parish meeting, to which all parishioners are welcome, and at which can raise any issues related to the parish. More details of this and a date will be published in due course.

Discussions on the flooding at Pett Level and how to prevent it, or at least minimize its effects, continue and any developments will be reported at an appropriate time. It is clear that views differ on possible solutions, as will be clear from Andrew Dunlop's article in the April issue of the parish news. It was also good to see the flooding featured on BBC News.

Discussions also continue on the toilets at Pett Level. A meeting has been arranged with representatives of the district council, at which it is hoped progress will be made. While the parish council still wants to see the improvements listed in my letter to the Chief Executive (see <https://www.pettnet.org.uk/parish-council/pett-level-toilets>), the short-term aim is to get the toilets opened as soon as possible so that they are usable for the rest of this summer. I am appreciative of the comments made on Facebook, but the parish council is doing its best to achieve this. The council is also investigating other possible sites and options for the toilets, but, so far, these have not yielded a solution.

I reported in the Marsh issue of the parish news that the council would be removing the red litter bin by the playground; this will not now happen and the reasons for this are twofold. First, a volunteer has agreed to empty the bin and, second, that, after about three years, the district council has replaced the bin by the bus stop, where it was intended to use the red bin as a replacement.

I have written several times about the problems created by irresponsible dog owners. Now, a ewe was recently killed by dogs, leaving motherless lambs. And two horses have been killed after eating 'poo' bags left by dog owners. The horses are attracted by the wheat in the excrement and eat bags and all, which has a fatal effect, in one case leaving a motherless foal. While the 'strange fruit' of 'poo' bags hanging in trees is unattractive, bags in fields can be fatal. So, take you poo bags home! And, if there are sheep around, keep your dog on a lead!

I was pleased to see David Tasker's tribute to our 'local heroes' in the last issue of the parish news. If you know of others whom we should be acknowledging in this way, please let David or myself know. It is good to make public what people do quietly for the community.

I have, sadly, to report the death of Adrian Head. Adrian was well known to many in the community, in lots of cases as their doctor. Our sympathy goes out to his family. Also, Carol, the partner of our district councilor, Andrew Mier, died after a stroke. Our sympathy goes to Andrew and the rest of their families.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council



PETT & DISTRICT BRANCH

Centenary

1924 - 2024

On Saturday, 11th May 2024 the local Branch of the Royal British Legion celebrates its formation 100 years ago.

The Branch continues to serve the armed forces community with pride in our past and enthusiasm for the future.

To mark this event there will be a service at
St Mary and St Peter Church, Pett commencing at 11am
then a parade of Royal British Legion Standards
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PLIRB News - May 2024

A warm spring hello to all! We are embracing the return of brighter nights and an increased footfall to our beautiful coastline.

Crew training and updates

We are delighted to welcome back Martin Geldart as a PLIRB crew member! Martin holds a VHF Radio licence and RYA Powerboat Level 2 and is a dedicated and experienced volunteer - great to have him with us to continue to strengthen our talented team! Six of our volunteers gave up yet another Saturday to take or renew their VHF Radio licence course - everyone successfully received their licences. Thank you to our committed team for giving so much time to ensure we are the best we can be.

On a shout

PLIRB was tasked twice in the last month - on both occasions to provide support in multi-agency incidents involving vulnerable people in the Hastings area. One of these included an early shout at 5.30am. We are on call 24/7. Our local crew base means we continue to respond to every shout, night or day.

And still out on the run!

Firstly, our volunteer Ant Dixon (right) completed the Hastings Half Marathon and raised over £1,800. Then our wonderful

supporter from Fairlight, Natasha Keats (left), completed the Brighton Marathon and has so far raised well over £2000 - an unbelievable amount for which we are incredibly grateful. Natasha only started her running journey a couple of years ago which makes this even more of a significant achievement! A huge thank you to both - the contributions will go towards our boathouse extension and future new lifeboat!

PettFest 2024 - Featuring the Pett Slip Buoys!!

Pett's first beer festival! Hosted by the Royal Oak and the Old Butchers, this is a weekend to celebrate the very best of beers and ciders! Live music and good food on each day. The Pett Slip Buoys will be performing on Friday 24 May from 7pm - come and support them!

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Remembering Dr Adrian Head

On Thursday 11 April PLIRB volunteers joined friends and family to say goodbye and give respect and thanks to Adrian for an amazing life of service. A wonderful day celebrating a huge character in the community - our love goes to all the family.

PLIRB AGM 2024

The PLIRB AGM 2024 will take place on Sunday 12 May at the Pett Community Hall starting at 10:15am. Open to all to attend. The Chairman and Treasurer will provide their annual reports and officers will be elected.

Summer is coming, but beware..

A walk on the beach and under the cliffs at Pett Level is wonderful in any weather. But the recent heavy rain and strong winds have severely impacted the vulnerable cliff faces and we advise extreme caution when walking underneath. There have been many very visible cliff slips so please take extra care and ensure you let all visitors and guests know to be careful.

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2 eggs

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2oz (60g) ground almonds

1/2 teaspoon almond essence

A little milk if necessary

Cream butter and sugar, beat in eggs. Add flour, almonds and essence and mix to a soft batter. Add milk if needed. Place in a greased and lined loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven (180 deg C or 350 deg F) for 30 - 40 minutes.

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Gardening Club Notes - April 2024

Keith Swallow, a well-known local author and a member of the Club, was our speaker for April, with an illustrated talk on Pett Level Preservation Trust. He began by setting in context the chequered history of both Pett Level and the Trust, with some amusing insights into the many personalities and major characters involved during the last century. Hugh Seaton, an entrepreneur, bought the 60 acre estate in the late 1920s and developed the site over decades, often with hare-brained and badly executed schemes that rarely lasted long-term, before eventually selling up and moving away in the late 1930s, although he did return to spend his final years in the place he obviously loved. Keith showed slides of Seaton's tennis courts, unsafe swimming pool and the "castle" he built as his home, but using sand from the beach - locals will know this is currently being rebuilt...!

After the war the estate was bought by William Timber Gostick, whose daughter, Connie, proved eventually to be the catalyst for positive change for Pett Level's fortunes, since she had belief in the preservation of the natural landscape and a genuine interest in wildlife. A Local Plan in the early 1970s suggested the land might be massively developed for housing, a fear related to a plan then in place for a similar outcome at Rye Harbour. Pett Level residents, reverting to the ideals of Connie Gostick, and having been reliably made aware that the estate would be soon on the market again, resolved to buy it and preserve it as a natural environment for public benefit. Eventually, the funding was pieced together from various sources and, with the purchase made, Pett Level Preservation Trust was created in 1974 and, 50 years later, continues to protect its 24 acres.

Bridges, the Battery and the Pill Box are all owned by the Trust and need constant attention to keep them viable. In addition, the land itself is managed in ways that enable restoration of the grassland to improve its biodiversity. Keith showed slides of just a small selection of the wild flowers, birds and other abundant wildlife we can all enjoy during walks around the village - the bee orchid, waxwings, water voles, bats and kingfishers among them. These days the Trust continues to be funded in many ways, donations and bequests, local fundraising, annual membership and, due to the various statutory designations, SSSI, the Royal Military Canal, the Saxon Shoreway, etc., and the Environment Agency being the largest stakeholder, there is also a proportion of annual funding.

The Trust organises regular working parties of members and volunteers who carry out necessary land maintenance to curb the enthusiasm of various unwelcome and, typically, thriving and invasive plants, alexanders and blackthorn being the worst offenders, which readily overwhelm but have little benefit for the landscape or habitats. Keith himself is a Trust member and his interesting and informative talk gave us all a personal insight into this most worthy and important facet of our village, which we can all readily support and benefit from.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday May 14th, will be our Annual Plant Sale and local garden visit, followed by a social. All members will receive details by email.

By June Harris

PETT and PETT LEVEL REPAIR CAFÉ*

The Parish Council has agreed to establish a Repair Café in the village. To make this happen we will need volunteer experts. If you would like to be one of these, please contact David Tasker on 07733 307992.

*A Repair Café is a free community space where people can bring their broken or damaged household items to be repaired by volunteer experts.

CHURCH NEWS

Reflections from the Rectory with Revd Jonathan Meyer

It is customary for clergy to take a week off after Easter and Christmas. It is not always possible to fit in a break but this year we were lucky enough to spend a few days with each of our daughters and visit West Wales, where we went to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales and the delightful Aberglasney Gardens nearby. Although the break was possible this year, the weather did not exactly shine upon us, but we were lucky to dodge the showers and enjoy our break, including a sunshine visit to Laugharne, where Dylan Thomas lived and wrote, and now lies in the churchyard.

There is much for which to be thankful. But glancing at the Psalm for this week, I noticed the lines,

“O that we might see better times”,
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

The wider world certainly seems troubled. Perhaps, because of this, we are all the more moved by the turning of the seasons. Maybe we gain some security from the things and the beauty we cannot control. I planted my potatoes last week and sowed carrots and beetroot, the rest I leave to nature.

The psalm reminds us not to run after false gods. Sometimes we are so caught up in the concerns and worries of life that we fail to appreciate properly what is around us. I do not mean to say that there are simple answers and that all the world's problems can be solved by the burgeoning blossom. But in the small way, if we are moved by the beauty of this place and the good fortune to live around here, maybe we can do a little to make the world a better place.

The pattern of the ancient poetry of the Hebrews is often to cry out to God, acknowledging the struggles of life and then to lead to an acceptance of the presence of the Lord; and so ends the psalm. Let this thought sustain us during this Easter season.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to the few generous folk who have donated to the church building appeal. We have received £4500 in donations so far, but we still have a long way to go, and any donation, whatever the size will be extremely welcome, and will help safeguard Pett Church for future generations. Further information can be obtained from Heather Godwin, Treasurer, at pettchurchesgtreasurer@gmail.com or by phoning 07977 100296.

Rogation Walk and Service - All Welcome

This month we are planning a walk between the Parishes for Rogation Sunday on 5th May. We will start with Parish Communion in Pett at 10:00am. After walking to Icklesham there will be an outdoor service of thanksgiving in the churchyard and a break for lunch at 12:30pm. We will then walk to Winchelsea for Evensong at 3:30pm, followed by tea. Contact the Rev'd Jonathan Meyer revdjonathan@btinternet.com for more details.

Bible Study

Our informal Bible reading will continue on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the New Inn Winchelsea. The next gathering will be on the 2nd May when we will continue to look at the gospel according to St John. It is a very rich text and for this session we will consider chapters 3 to 6, but more extensive reading is always helpful. It is a very relaxed gathering and no prior knowledge is required: we always end around 7:00pm. There has been good attendance - Look at it as a Book Club with a difference. All welcome. Contact Jonathan for more details or with any questions, revdjonathan@btinternet.com 01797 226254

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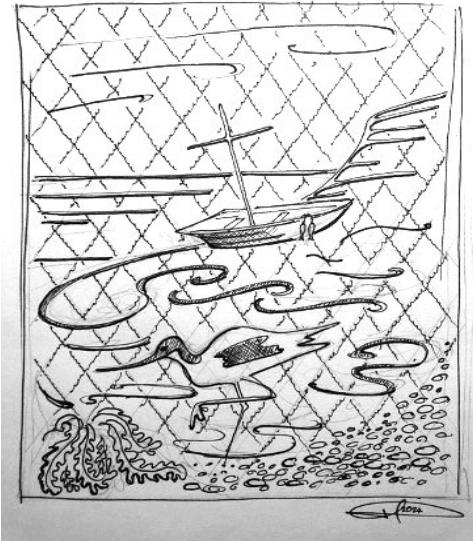
If you have visited St Nicholas recently, you will see a poster showing the new design for a window grille on the east of the building. Thanks to the ongoing financial support of locals and visitors, we have been able to once again engage the talents of Leigh Dyer to design and replace the current rusty grille. Incorporating a religious and sea theme it complements the cross Leigh made in 2018.

The binder of pictures of old Pett Level was finally returned to St Nicholas after being "borrowed" for five months. It was in a sorry state and will be put back in the church soon.

Recently we had another attempted raid on the donation box. Small items were damaged (since repaired) in the unsuccessful attempt. If you see anything suspicious, please take a surreptitious photo or report to the police. Fortunately, this is a rare occurrence.

A note was left asking for more factual books. We have limited space and so we cannot keep a library-worth of books to cover every interest. This is why we limit drop-offs to fiction only. Even charity shops are not interested in cookery books or biographies, so these end up in recycling. Please take any non-fiction books to charity shops to save us doing it for you.

Finally, please remember we have a service every second Sunday at 8:30am. It's very friendly... and short.



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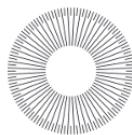


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This decision comes after careful consideration of the increasing need for hospice services and the challenges of operating from the current aging facility, which wasn't designed for modern palliative care. At this very early stage, the Hospice are exploring the possibility of developing the current site, as well as considering other locations.

Susan Munroe, Chair of Trustees, says "Our duty is to the community we serve, and we believe that our community deserves their care to be provided in the best possible environment. We are very excited at the prospect of creating a new facility that the whole community can take pride in; a welcoming and comfortable place for people when they need it." To learn more about this news, please visit stmichaelshospice.com/newsroom. If you have any comments or questions, please email info@stmichaelshospice.com.

Race the Rother

Are you a keen stand-up paddle boarder? Or do you have a sense of adventure and love splashing about in beautiful countryside rivers? Join St Michael's Hospice for Race the Rother, a stand-up paddle board event, in Bodiam on Sunday 12th May for all the keen SUPers, with a choice of a 3km or 5km paddle. Will you paddle to victory this spring and be the champion of the river Rother?

Don't worry if you're new to stand-up paddle boarding, or simply don't fancy a race, as you can take part in the family session after the main race has taken place. The event takes place from The Hub, Bodiam, TN32 5RA from 12pm. To find out how to get involved, visit stmichaelshospice.com or call 01424 456396.

Evening Dance at Pett Village Hall on 27th July 2024 from 8.00pm until late. Doors open at 7.30pm

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Pett WI

Our March meeting was well attended to listen to Andy Dinsdale from Strandliners charity. He firstly explained how the charity came about and what their aims are, and he then inspired us, explaining about their newer, more local project called the Three Rivers Project which -in this area- includes cleaning and identifying plastic rubbish from the banks of the River Rother.

In his own inimitable style, Andy gave us a multitude of facts and figures about the plastic the volunteers had found and where this plastic had originated. It is truly mind blowing where some of the origins are, including the coast of the United States and of course spills from container ships. They are also testing water from the rivers to give an indication of what pollutants are present. Our grateful thanks go to Andy for an inspiring talk, which links extremely well with a WI initiative on Cleaner Rivers which some of our members are already involved with.



A glass of Prosecco followed and the usual business items and a sad farewell to Helen Pugh, who is moving to Bexhill. Our thanks go to her for her support while she has been a member of Pett WI.

Saturday 6th April was luckily one of our better days weather-wise and saw our Spring Fair as busy as ever. With a huge variety of good quality goods on sale from our now loyal stall holders and an excellent raffle, there was plenty for visitors to spend their money on. Naturally there was also the usual high standard of refreshments on offer. Thanks to all the hard work from an amazing team of WI supporters, a huge total of over £1300 was raised for our 2 charities for this year, The Grumpy Cook Cafe in Hastings and Sailability in Rye.

The latest event involving members was a beautiful walk from the De la Warr Pavilion Bexhill to Cooden Beach mid-April. The walkers were blessed with a lovely sunny day and, from the photos, enjoyed a lovely morning.

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My Garden Blog

Well, the weather has improved a bit, but we are still waiting for a few consecutive dry days. There certainly can't possibly be a hosepipe ban this year! I have made some progress in the garden. The potatoes I planted in early March are coming through and there are also early signs of the onions appearing too.

Most exciting was getting tomato plants into the greenhouse last week and they are looking good. In the main garden now are beetroot, chard, spinach and carrot but not above ground yet so I hope they germinate soon. I have got peas growing in trays in the greenhouse and cucumber seeds inside the house. (Do you know you only get 4 seeds in a packet? This leaves very little room for error so I will guard them very carefully.)

I put the runner bean poles in place whilst the ground is soft as I am pretty sure once the rain does cease we will have a heatwave as this tends to happen just when the young plants need daily watering. I was replenishing the bird feeders the other day and went to the fat ball box only to find a number of chewed fat balls and a mouse nest inside. Obviously, a wonderful winter home was created. No need to leave the nest at all, maybe that explains why the cats are not bringing rodents in for me!

I do have a problem with the rooks and jackdaws eating the bird food - yes, I know they are also birds, but they do empty the feeders very quickly. There are several goldfinches who visit regularly along with the tits, and I just love their twinkling song.

The grass has now had two cuts, which is wonderful, and hopefully there will be regular cuts from now on. How is it that weeds manage to grow incredibly quickly including out of concrete or stone? I know the same would not happen if I scattered vegetable seeds in the same place.

The magnolias have been wonderful, but the winds have almost finished them off now. The camellias seem to manage better and are still flowering. However, the spring flowers are beautiful, with the last of the daffodil-yellow being replaced by forsythia-yellow. Grape hyacinths, tulips and azalea are fabulous, and I have been planting geraniums as I just love the brilliant red. Blossom on the fruit trees is also very lovely, with apple and pear blossom replacing the earlier plum.

The birds are singing merrily but the poor things really don't know what to make of the weather. It is warm enough to nest but wind and rain make life difficult, and I am not sure if the right insect food is available yet. Most trees are showing green, but the oak is, as always, lagging behind.

I bought some French marigolds at the garden centre to plant next to the carrots to deter carrot fly. Something chewed them the day after I planted them so that was a waste of money!

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Hawthorn

You could set your calendar by it. Around the first day of May, our ancestors would step outside to find foamy white clouds erupting across the Sussex countryside; the Hawthorn was blooming, spring was turning to summer. The sight was so visually stunning and so linked with the arrival of May that Hawthorn became the only British plant to be named after the month in which it blooms. Well, the name Hawthorn is derived from the Anglo-Saxon hagathorn (haga meaning hedge). I'm referring to that other name for Hawthorn: May.

Unlike the impetuous Blackthorn, which flowers in March before it's even bothered to grow leaves, the Hawthorn is more dignified. It waits until it has clothed itself in undergarments of lobed leaves before it dons a resplendent gown of exquisite white flowers. This stunning costume and perfect timing meant Hawthorn took centre stage at May Day celebrations and it partied with Green Men, Morris Dancers, Maypoles and May Queens. 'Gathering nuts in May' actually refers to 'gathering knots of May' to make May Day garlands and decorations.

Then, in the middle of the eighteenth century, tragedy struck. I don't know about you, but I get thrown into disarray twice a year when the clocks change. My life would have gone into meltdown in 1752 as our whole calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian, and we lost an entire 11 days. In this new timeline, Hawthorn now found itself late for the party, blooming around May 12th.

It wasn't the first time Hawthorn had been cast aside. Superstitions dictated that bringing



Hawthorn indoors led to misfortune - even death. This could stem from the fact that Hawthorn blooms release trimethylamine, which gives the flowers that unpleasant smell of cat's wee and attracts pollinating insects. It's also a chemical formed in decaying tissue and reminded people of the smell of Black Death - and nobody wanted to be reminded of that.

I remember at primary school being taught 'Ne're cast a clout 'til May is out'. I translated this gibberish into the fact that you should keep your warm clothes on until the end of May. I've only just discovered that 'May is out' refers to Hawthorn blooming. My clouts could have been cast weeks earlier.

But the world has changed since I was a nipper - we're warming up. For a temperature-sensitive plant like Hawthorn, the blooming times are changing again. Hawthorn is responding to climate change by flowering up to two weeks earlier than it was thirty years ago. It has crept back to bloom around May Day and is now more commonly seen flowering at the end of April. So, this May Day, cast your clouts, get out into the great outdoors, and welcome the return of the real May Queen.

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

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Nature Notes

After a cold, wet and windy start to the year, in mid-April as I write this, we have had a few days without rain and a little warm sunshine and put the clocks forward (far too late!), so it feels as though Spring has finally arrived. There has been a grand show of daffodils through the village as well as a few snowdrops, but they are all gone now. Walking through the village yesterday, I saw a few heads of Ladies' Smock, also known as Cuckoo Flower, so we should hear a Cuckoo any day now - well we should, but we may well not hear one, sadly. The churchyard is starting to show bluebells in bud and Honesty has burst into flower and is thriving in many parts of the village. There are a couple of other thriving species that are not so welcome though.

Three-cornered Garlic (or Three-cornered Leek) - *Allium triquetrum*, can be difficult to control once it gets established, but it looks wonderful in full flower by the roadside. I once mentioned Wild Garlic to a friend, thinking Ramsons, who then said as it grew in their garden I could have loads of it. It turned out that they meant Three-cornered Garlic and we too now have loads of it. But I'm not too worried about it taking over the garden because there is an easy way to control it - Eat it! The entire plant is edible - bulb, stems, leaves and flowers. It can be used in salads like Chives or Spring Onions, tossed into soups and stews as a garnish, and I suspect, it could be used like Ransoms leaves as a basil substitute in pesto (more research required). The plant is not native; it is from the western Mediterranean and was introduced in Cornwall in 1752 and is gradually marching through the country in a north-easterly direction.

Another invasive import from the Mediterranean is Alexanders - *Smyrnium olusatrum*, or the 'parsley of Alexandria'. (Though I suspect the generic name *Smyrnium* refers to the ancient greek city of Smyrna on the Aegean.) Like Three-cornered Garlic, the entire Alexanders plant is edible, which is probably why the Romans introduced it to Britain. The stems blanched by the leaf sheaths can be cooked like celery and the flower heads can be pickled like miniature cauliflowers. The roots are pungent when eaten raw but are a good root vegetable when cooked. The seeds can be ground up and used as a spice and the leaves can be substituted for parsley in a white sauce with fish. So, it is a useful plant for foragers, but there are serious concerns about its ability to crowd out more delicate native plants.



One plant I was pleased to see recently as I walked back from the Village Hall, was a double-flowered variety of Lesser Celandine growing happily in one of the road verges - a clear advantage of not blitzing the grass with powerful strimmers.

By Alan Kenworthy



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SUNDAY 5 MAY - ROGATION SUNDAY - A walk from Pett to Icklesham and then on to Winchelsea

WINCHELSEA	8.00am	1662 Book of Common Prayer Service
PETT	10.00am	Parish Communion followed by a walk to Icklesham
ICKLESHAM	12.30pm	Outside service, lunch then a walk to Winchelsea
WINCHELSEA	3.30pm	Evensong followed by tea and cake

SUNDAY 12 MAY

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

SUNDAY 19 MAY

PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

SUNDAY 26 MAY

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion
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Yoga	6.00-7.30pm

Tuesday

Doctor Surgery	9.00am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
Doctors Prescriptions	12-12.45pm
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
Doctors Prescriptions	12-12.45pm
Art	12-3.00pm
Fitness Pilates	6.30-7.15pm
Lindy Hop (Intermediates)	7.45pm
Lindy Hop (Beginners)	8.45pm (starts 9 th May)

Friday

Badminton	10.00am-12pm
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PETT VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting

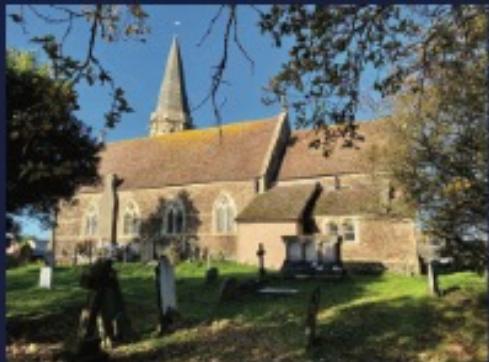
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4 SA	07 51	2.6	20 11	3.0
5 SU	08 48	3.0	21 05	3.5
6 M	09 38	3.5	21 53	3.8
7 TU	10 22	3.6	22 39	4.0
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17 F	06 16	1.8	18 41	2.2
18 SA	07 34	2.0	19 49	2.4
19 SU	08 27	2.3	20 40	2.6
20 M	09 07	2.5	21 20	2.9
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27 M	00 50	3.3	13 14	3.3
28 TU	01 34	3.0	14 01	3.0
29 W	02 26	2.9	14 58	2.9
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Queens Road opp. Priory Meadow Stop N	0945	1150	1335 1515 1515	0945 1150 1335 1515 1640 1740
Milward Road Manor Road	0950	1155	1340 1520 1520	0950 1155 1340 1520 1645 1745
Ore Post Office	0955	1200	1345 1525 1525	1750
Ore The King's Head	0957	1202	1347 1527 1527	1752
Guestling The White Hart	1001	1206	1351 1531 1531	1756
Guestling School	▼	▼	▼	1351
Pett Church	1006	1211	1356 1536 1542	1801
Pett Chick Hill	1009	1214	1359 1539 1545	1804

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

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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	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

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