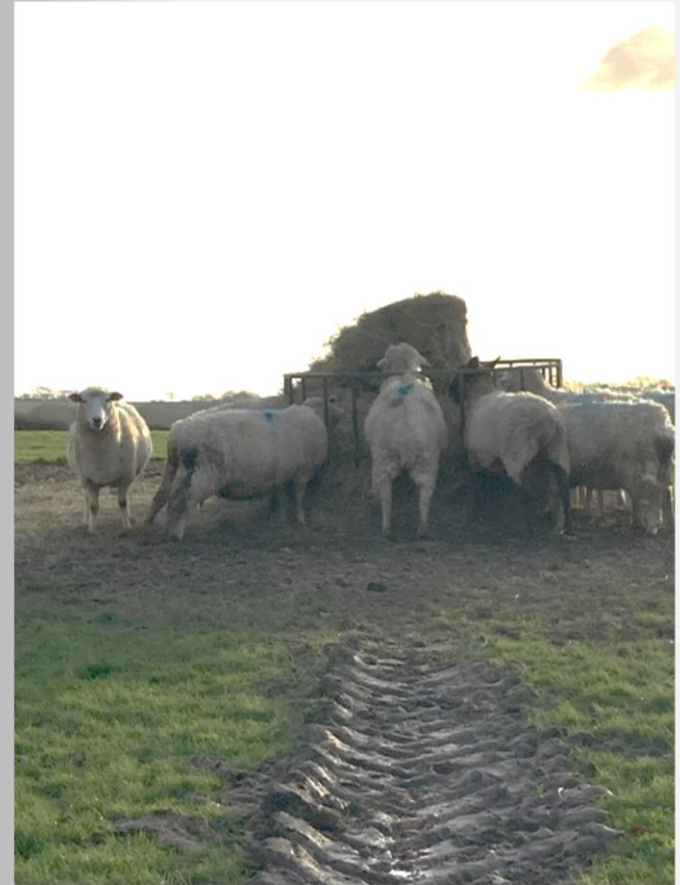




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Weeks and weeks of preparation and then Christmas is over in a flash, isn't it? Of course, as we write this, the big event has even happened yet - oh, the joys of being Editors and having to always exist a month in advance!

For the Pett & Pett Level News, January 2025 sees the welcome return of our monthly recipe spot, *Cucina di Angela*. Angela has very kindly supplied us with a recipe for every month of the year and it's a pleasure to have her back on board. Also in this issue, we have wonderful recollections from Paddy Gastrell of his family holidays in the 1950s down at Pevensey Bay. It's interesting to see how very similar it was to Pett & Pett Level in those days. Plus of course, we have our regular contributors keeping you up to date with all that is going on locally.

The team here would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year and thank you as always, for continuing to support the magazine.

Donna and Louisa

Gardening Club Notes December 2024

We ended the year with a very successful Christmas Party, thoroughly enjoyed by all - great food (many thanks to Pauline Stapley and the rest of the contributors) and great company, a real social occasion.

We have a varied programme arranged for the coming year, beginning on Tuesday January 14th at 7.30 p.m. in the Catherine Holman Room at Pett Village Hall, with a visit from Miles Hayward, of Miles' Japanese Maples West Sussex, with a general talk about the care, cultivation and propagation of Japanese Maples. He will be bringing along a selection of trees for sale as well as ferns, which he also specialises in at his family-run nursery based in Storrington, West Sussex.

The first meeting of the year is also Subscription Renewal time, the £10 fee for the year remains unchanged. If you've been considering joining, but haven't got round to it, you'll be most welcome! It only remains to wish everyone the best for the festive season and a very Happy New Year.

June Harris



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Friday 24 th January	Burns Night with Martin Ray
Sun 26 th January	Amanda Simmonds, Motown, Soul and Rock & Pop
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Banter with Bonkers with Andy McConnell

As the wind howled outside and the rain lashed down, Andy McConnell was creating a storm of his own with his aptly named ‘Banter with Bonkers’ talk at the ARC AGM held at Pett Village Hall.



The audience braved the elements to be thoroughly entertained and amused by Andy’s anecdotes and his fast-paced presentation. This began with tales of his school days (hardly a model pupil) as he made us laugh with stories of his pranks and misdemeanours. Following school, he was invited by a friend to head to the United States where he was lucky enough to indulge his passions for both music and writing, becoming a music journalist during the 1970s, covering rock music and travelling far and wide.

Eventually, an early love and knowledge of antiques instilled in him by his parents, led to a role on the BBC’s Antiques Roadshow which, Andy informed us, was the BBC’s most popular show, only topped in the ratings by ITV’s Coronation Street and Emmerdale. Andy became the programme’s glass expert where his knowledge and quick fire wit made him a popular figure, both with his fellow presenters and the audience. Andy told us how it was the human interest stories rather than the monetary value of objects which made his heart sing. He was obviously very touched by one gentleman who came on to the programme, who just wanted to talk about his Dad through the item he’d brought along. He also recalled a young girl who had brought along a small piece of glass which he valued at 50p but once again, it was the human interest element which had remained with him.

Andy also spoke with some disappointment about the way that the programme is changing and the attitude of the press and social media to the appointment of the programme’s latest presenter, Fiona Bruce. It was very obvious that the team have a high regard for each other and the knowledge they bring to the programme and really appreciated the human element which Fiona introduced to the programme, wholeheartedly interacting with the visitors and audience.



The talk was followed by a lively question and answer session and finally Andy drew the raffle - in his own inimitable style! The ARC Committee expressed their gratitude to Andy for such an entertaining evening, which he very generously provided free of charge. Thanks also to all those who purchased tickets and braved the elements.

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The ARC AGM took place in the Catherine Holman room, prior to the talk. The accounts were presented by ARC's Treasurer David Breakell, and approval of these was then proposed and seconded. The new Chair, Paul Petley, informed members about latest developments and plans to raise funds to purchase some fireproof cabinets for the safe keeping of our more precious documents and artwork.

By becoming a Friend of the ARC for just £15 per person each year, it means we can get on with the job in hand and not worry about the money it takes to keep us running. Please think about setting up a Standing Order for next May 1st which is our annual renewal date. But also, if you can, complete a form for this year's membership, we would be very grateful.

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Pett Parish Council Update

Although it would have been good to have received more responses to the survey relating to the public conveniences at Pett Level, it is very clear from those who did respond that everyone feels that there should be a public convenience in Pett Level. In addition, most are willing to pay for this and, indeed, if necessary, to consider applying for a loan to purchase the present toilets. However, the council has been informed that negotiations are ongoing with a third party concerning siting a new toilet in a better situation, whilst the present site is made available to the other party for housing development. This appears to be an ideal solution as there will not be a cost to Pett electors, but there are many hoops to go through before this is even confirmed as a possibility and it is unlikely to become a reality, if indeed it does, before 2026. In the mean time, the parish council will try to ensure that the toilets are open for summer 2025. The precept for the coming financial year has to be confirmed to the district council by the end of January and is likely to be based on the parish council covering half, or even all, of the cost.

The council met in December and confirmed the above. It also appointed Alan Crouch as Temporary Flood Warden in the place of Chris Saint, who has performed the role very effectively for the last few years, achieving much, as I reported last month. Once again, the thanks of the council and all others concerned go to Chris for his work. Anyone who is interested in taking on the role of Flood Warden should contact the clerk, whose email is given at the back of the magazine.

As noted last month, the council has requested speeding surveys at Pett Level, at the entry to the village from the Winchelsea Beach direction and between the bend by the toilets and the bottom of Chick Hill. However, because of the continuing road works at the junction of Pett Level Road and Chick Hill, this will not happen until the New Year or until the works are completed. Indeed, as I write, there is a notification that further works and road closures are planned. In addition, there will be drainage works in Watermill Lane in January.

The council continues to review planning applications, but what the situation will be in the future will depend on the government's new planning policy framework, which is expected to be published before Christmas. It has been suggested that local input to planning decisions will have less influence than at present. Whether that affects parish councils remains to be seen.

As you may have noticed, the parish noticeboard at the village hall is becoming unusable as the doors are very hard to open and close. The council is looking at alternative options for replacing the noticeboard. It is probably worth noting that, although council agendas and minutes are posted on this board and on the one at the recreation ground (and this will continue to be the case, where possible), this is no longer a statutory requirement, whilst posting on the parish website is a requirement.

There is again a proposal to remove the telephone box at Pett Level. However, as mobile reception continues to be so poor there, this proposal will be resisted so that, when needed, there will be a method of contacting the emergency services.

The council meets again in January and will finalise its budget and the precept for the year 2025/26, and, it is hoped, have a clear view of the situation regarding toilet opening.

Last month, I thanked all those who contribute to the well-being of the community. This month I would like to thank the editors of this magazine, not only for producing such a high-quality publication on a regular basis, but also for putting up with all the quirks and delays of contributors, such as myself!

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2024 a brief review

The year started off with Highland Cattle Lucille, Twinkle and Valentina occupying a small area of the Nature Reserve and managing to gain an almost celebrity-like status in no time at all, with visitors far and wide turning up to say hallo. They have long moved on to pastures new, but we hope we may be able to persuade them to return at some time in the future. Our attention then moved to the demolition and replacement of Middle Bridge. It was a big project for the Trust to undertake which wouldn't have been possible without the support, financial and otherwise, of a local resident. Now it's finished it looks very splendid and should last for a long time to come. Toot Rock bridge is next on the list of structures that need attention but with regard to this bridge, we are only replacing rotten girders. This work is financed by donations from the residents of Toot Rock.

Nature Reserve management comprised monthly volunteer work parties throughout the winter and early spring keeping invasive plants including blackthorn, giant hogweed and Alexanders, at bay. The intention of this work is to increase the variety of habitats on the nature reserve, and to provide a home for new species of plant and animal. One plant that did turn up for the first time on the nature reserve and was a delight to see was common spotted orchid. Overall, in the local area it was a good year for orchids - and indeed for lots of other plant species. We counted 11 spikes of common orchid on the nature reserve, which was very uplifting. Contractors mowed a large area of the reserve in the autumn, and for the first time we are contemplating employing a spring cut in 2025. Bird and plant life was monitored throughout the year but an area where we need to improve our recording is in respect of invertebrates. Currently, we note ad hoc observations, but it would be great to have a more systematic invertebrate survey. Any entomologists out there?

Zana Duthie, long time Trustee and past Chairman, resigned recently and Jo Mayne also resigned. Thanks to Zana for all her hard work on behalf of PLPT over the years and to Jo for her good work. I am pleased to report that we recruited new trustees Scott Callow, Cate Cox, John Crace, and Caroline Turk. Welcome and thanks to these new voluntary Trustees and to all our existing hardworking Trustees.

Reminders for your diary

The Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 1st May at Pett Village Hall when Ollie Hunter from Future Landscapes Trust will give a presentation on *Nature Based Solutions and Large-Scale Water Management*.

Another of the very successful discos will take place on Saturday 22nd March at Pett Village Hall. The funds raised from this are distributed amongst three local charities including the PLPT. It's a great evening and an excellent way to support local charities.

Also, we are planning the return of the very popular PLPT garden party. This will be held at Marsham Farm sometime in July. More details to follow closer to the date. Do put these events in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

Supporting the PLPT

Thanks to all the Friends of PLPT. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbours. If you have an interest in conservation and would like to help the Trust, please do get in touch. Our volunteer work parties are on Sunday mornings and the next will be on Sunday 19 January from 10.00 -12.00.

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Pett WI

By the time you read this Christmas, and possibly New Year celebrations will all be over. Such a lot of work for such a short time. But I love the decorations and the presents and entertaining so bring it on!

Our November meeting saw us entertained by Lorna Vahey. She and her family used to live in Pett and her father and mother liked a lifestyle which is strange to most of us, taking as little away from the earth as possible. They were self-sufficient, with no electricity, and water obtained from a well. They were vegetarians but kept animals for eggs and milk and wool. Lorna's mother was a very talented actor, singer and poet. She spun the wool obtained from their own flock and made clothes out of it. Judging by the samples which Lorna brought along, they were very scratchy and alternative in design and fit. Laura said she always longed for a Marks and Spencer wool jumper like the other children.

Lorna's father was a talented artist and painted a self-portrait every day of his life. He was a passionate pacifist, and we were able to read his statement he gave to the authorities when he refused to fight in World War Two. He even built their slightly wonky house! It was a lively talk and a fascinating insight a very different life.

After Prosecco came business and our Treasurer, Louisa told us that we had made more payments to our chosen charities this year, namely The Grumpy Cook, Sailability in Rye and Rye Food Bank. This was the money from another hugely successful Winter Fair which raised over £1700 - A record!

Huge thanks go to everyone who helped in any way. It was another incredible Pett WI team event. Stall holders have already booked to be at our Spring Fair in 2025.

Donations are always needed for the Food Bank and during our last drop-off visit we were told they are supporting about 150 people, including several large families. Collection points are in Icklesham, Pett and Fairlight and the New Beach Club at Pett Level. Monetary donations are always welcome. Details on their website.

We also welcomed two new co-opted members onto the committee, Elaine Baker and Bev Eksteen. I do hope they enjoy joining us.

May I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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Nature Notes

This month's column comes to you from halfway round the world, in Australia. The nature in Australia is big and bold and the pictured shield-bugs are no exception; they are at least three times bigger than the sort of shield-bugs that would be found in Pett in the summer. (Not only is there a time difference to the UK, but there is a seasonal difference as well. We are now approaching midsummer's day here.) Shield-bugs are part of a large family of insects called the Hemiptera which is probably well below the radar for most people compared to say, flies or beetles or even dragonflies. It includes a wide range of types of insect from the tiny aphids through frog-hoppers and leaf-hoppers to plant bugs and shield-bugs. The range of sizes goes from aphids all the way up to Cicadas.



Hemiptera, as those Greek scholars amongst you will know, means half-winged. That doesn't mean that they have half a wing but that each forewing is half hard like a beetle's and half membranous like a fly. The hindwings are membranous as in most other insects. I found the pictured shield-bugs along with many others of the same species on a few bushes of the same



type at the Australian Botanic Gardens, somewhere between the café and the visitor centre (Well, I am a tourist after all.) I say the same species because the two insects pictured are in fact the same species. The paler one (left) is a nymph, the darker one (above), the adult. (It decided to perch on my finger to give you a sense of scale.) Shield-bugs undergo what is known as an incomplete metamorphosis. Instead of the more familiar butterfly sequence of egg, caterpillar, chrysalis then adult butterfly, shield-bugs have the sequence egg, nymph, then adult shield-bug. Whereas in the butterfly metamorphosis, all the growth happens at the caterpillar stage, the growth for the shield-bug is done during the nymph stage.

The nymph stage is by no means simple because, like the adults, the nymphs have a hard exoskeleton. This restricts their growth, so they have to grow a new skin, then shed the exoskeleton, expand themselves to stretch the skin while it's soft, and then wait for the new outer skeleton to harden. Each nymph will go through 5 or 6 of these sheddings (called instars in the bug business) until at the final stage they emerge as an adult with a full set of wings and genitalia.

The pictured insects go by the imaginative name of Bronze Orange Shield-bugs (*Musgraveia sulciventris*) and is not unusual in the nymph being completely different in appearance to the adult. In fact, there can often be a big difference between earlier and later instars.

I did mention cicadas briefly, and in Australia they grow them big - typically 2 and a half inches (6 or 7 centimetres) from head to wing-tip. One of the most remarkable wildlife sightings to date here was a dead or subdued cicada being dragged across the road and verge to the nest of a Cicada-killing Wasp. The wasp was only an inch long at the most, but was half flying, half walking its prey to its lair. The cicada would then provide a meal for the wasp's larvae.

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January 2025 - A case of the January News

By Kerry Williams: Communications Officer - Conservation

Happy New Year! I hope you all celebrated the festive period with cheer and are still basking in the twinkly afterglow, hoovering up remaining treats and reminiscing over time spent with loved ones.

As that sparkle fades to a glimmer, don't give in to that looming January chasm of grey-blue doom. Instead, focus on the new. Think of Month 01 as a springboard for all the things that await you this 2025; new wildlife, new experiences, new Parish magazine article authors... and with that shameful segue let me introduce myself.

I'm Kerry, 'Communications Officer - Conservation' for Sussex Wildlife Trust.

My role consists of running the Trust's wildlife information advice service, WildCall, and also writing content for blogs, our website, and social media.

In December, Michael Blencowe signed off with his last Parish Magazine article about footprints, fittingly leaving me mighty big shoes to fill. Flicking back through the past library has been a wonderful read, and considering Michael's term of seven years (!), it's a challenge to find a fresh new topic not already covered. Seeing as it's a new year, how about newness itself? So, to January newness. I'm looking forward to fieldfares and redwings delicately tweezing berries from treetops. Huddling on Brighton Pier, amid ghost train squeals and the smell of sweet doughnuts, to watch Starlings sky-dance. Drops of snow and Snowdrops. Chilly stomps up the Downs on roaring fire Sundays.

From now on, the days ever so slowly get longer again, giving more precious minutes to get out there and explore. Last year I visited Ebernoe for the first time, searching for Fungi in early autumn. I look forward to heading back to experience its Old-England-come-fairy-whimsy in the crunching frost. I'll head back to Rye Harbour to hole up in hides, be-gloved and binocularled, to spot winter waders and hovering Marsh Harriers. I will search for paw and hoof prints in the snow or the mud. I'll be vigilant for too-witting and wooing Tawny Owls and scan darkened woodlands to see one; I never seem to succeed, but maybe this is my year. Whatever you choose to do with this often-condemned-as-miserable month, I hope it instead brings you joy. Let your only January blues be that of the sea and sky. Here's to 2025!

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Aunt Dick lived on her own and never threw a medicine bottle away during her lifetime such that when she died, my father discovered a mountain of cough mixtures and other thick tinctures contained in large glass bottles under her bed. She kept a special whistle close to hand in case of trouble so she could summon the Police, despite the Police Station being some distance away in the village centre.

A 'steam' (valve) radio sat, pride of place, high up in the sitting room, tuned in for the shipping forecast. There was no television but there were mountains of Readers Digest magazines to which she had subscribed for years.

The kitchen always smelled of gas, the cooker was grey and white enamel with silver taps. A larder cupboard with grey zinc mesh panels resided outside the kitchen door in the shade/draught and served as the "refrigerator".

The bathroom was basic by today's standards, tiny with an enclosed sit-in type bath. At a squeeze it could accommodate me in the footwell with my brother in the seat. The bath water would cover a sitting adult up to the tummy button, so not a place to linger on a cold day.

Further down the beach a London-based elderly widowed cousin occupied a far larger and grander bungalow with panelled sitting room. At the end of the main summer holiday my brother and I would routinely pay a visit to say hello, and each collect five shillings (25p) - a fortune then to a child when thirty shillings could buy a large Dinky Toy.

Down the beach was the last commercial fishing boat operating off the beach at Pevensey Bay, operated by a Mr Rogers. It was a traditional clinker-built boat with masts front and rear but no cabin. On a high tide Mr Rogers would drive the boat onto shore where it would then be winched up the beach on sleepers. Upon landing, swarms of people would magically appear out of the line of bungalows, gathering around to purchase the day's catch. I do recall a story that Mr Rogers had once had a mate who had, unfortunately, perished sometime in the past by drowning (he could not swim, as was often the case with seamen).

Many years of holidays at the bungalow have left many happy memories and a love of the sea and related activities: fishing, shrimping, beachcombing etc. The sea creates its own entertainment.

PS. Upon returning South after 64 years away, I revisited the bungalow and was disappointed with what I saw. The whole is now clad in white PVCu and the garden concreted over with flagstones. I did not dwell long!



The author's brother sitting atop one of their large sandcastles



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PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

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

To begin 2025, the Flower Show Committee will be planning for the show schedule with a suitable theme, yet to be decided, which will give plenty of scope for imagination in many of the classes. They are full of hope for fabulous weather in the summer for the show, which will again be held at Pett Village Hall. To take full benefit of the period of hire of the Hall, plans are in place again for the Evening Dance, which will be run by Paul J. Turner and 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 2024 Show was a financial success, so the Committee are making donations to local good causes in recognition of the support given to the Flower Show. The Committee will make decisions and announce their choice at the AGM in early March.

Philippa M Strickland, Chairman P&DHS

News from St Michael's Hospice

Hastings Half Marathon

Move for St Michael's this year at the Hastings Half Marathon. The marathon is a cherished local event featuring elite, club and fun runners battling with the notorious 13.1-mile route around St Leonards and Hastings. The streets will be lined with lively supporters cheering the runners on. Everyone running for the Hospice will receive a Runners Reward Bag full of goodies to assist your recovery, plus all the tea and cakes you can manage in the Hospice marquee after the race. Children aged 7-16 can get in on the action too with the mini race, starting just after the main event (children must be supervised by a parent). The Hospice fundraising team is here to support you every step of the way. To let us know that you're running, contact Anthony Mannion at **01424 456 396** or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com - find race details and sign up at hastings-half.co.uk. Run, fundraise, and make a difference!

Can you display a collection pot?

Are you a local business or part of a club, committee or group? If you're looking for an easy way to support St Michael's Hospice why not grab one of their collection pots? It's simple to sign up to receive one; email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com to request a pot, they'll drop it off, you collect spare change, and when it's full, the Hospice will swing by to pick it up. That's it! No hassle - just an effortless way to make a big difference for your local Hospice. Let the Hospice know if you'd like to support them in this way.

St Michael's Hospice Thursday Coffee Stop and Saturday Social

St Michael's Hospice understands how hard it can feel to reach out, especially if you're feeling lonely. That's why they warmly invite you to their Thursday Coffee Stop which happens every Thursday from 10am-12pm, in the Hospice Cafe. Or their Saturday Social takes place on the last Saturday of every month from 10am - 12pm in the Arthur Easton Centre. These informal events are a welcoming space to meet others and have chats, all whilst sipping tea and eating cake. Everyone is welcome. To find out more, email the team at commvolunteering@stmichaelsospice.com or call them on **01424 445177**.



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Cucina di Angela

Tagliatelle with chickpeas and cod

Tagliatelle takes its origin from the region Emilia Romagna in the centre-north of Italy, on the east side. This kind of pasta comes from the verb "tagliare", meaning to cut. According to some historians the shape of this pasta was invented by Mastro Zafirano (master Zafirano) in 1487 for the wedding of Lucretia Borgia with the duke of Ferrara, Alfonso d'Este. Master Zafirano took as his inspiration the bride's long blonde hair. In my family we cooked the tagliatelle to accompany the usual weekend "ragu" (the tomato sauce cooked with meat) on Sundays.

(For four people)

- 250g fresh tagliatelle (possibly egg tagliatelle)
- 250g chickpeas
- 150g fresh tomato
- 350g cod fillet
- 500g tin or peeled and chopped tomatoes
- 150g celery
- 1 big white onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- A couple of bay leaves
- Half a tablespoon of freshly cut flat parsley
- Salt, pepper, and extra virgin olive oil

In a frying pan heat 3-4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil with the celery and onion (both finely chopped). When both are well browned drain the chickpeas and toss them into the pan, together with the bay leaves. Stir for a few minutes then add the cod fillets.

After 5-6 minutes slice the cod into thin strips and leave it for a few minutes to gain the flavour of all the ingredients. At this point add the tinned tomatoes and cook for ten minutes, then season with the salt and pepper and let it rest, then take off the bay leaves.

At the same time cut the tagliatelle into small pieces (1 inch in length), then cook them in a boiling pan for half of the time given in the instructions on the packet. Now drain the pasta and add to the pan with the cod and cook for the remaining half of the time. Add the freshly cut parsley before serving.

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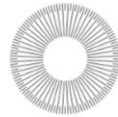
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 Pilates 8.30-9.30am
 Doctor Prescriptions 12-12.45pm
 Pole Dancing 7.15-8.45pm

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

Thursday
 Doctor Surgery 9am-5.30pm
 Pilates 8.30-9.30am
 Doctor Prescriptions 12-12.45pm
 Art 12-3.00pm
 Short Mat Bowls 3.15-5.15pm
 Fitness Pilates 6.30-7.15pm
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MEDICAL, CRISIS SUPPORT & ANIMAL WELFARE		
Hospitals & GP Surgeries		
Conquest & Eastbourne Hospitals	0300 131 4500	
Harold Road Surgery	01424 720878	
Hastings Old Town Surgery	01424 452800	
Other Numbers:		
Samaritans	116 123	
Citizens Advice	03444 111 444	
RSPCA Emergency Services	0300 1234 999	
PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS		
Pett Level - Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Boathouse		
Pett Level - The New Beach Club		
Pett - Telephone box opposite The Royal Oak on Elms Lane		
Pett - Village Hall		
		
EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR UTILITIES		
GAS LEAKS	National Gas Emergency Service	0800 111 999
POWER CUT	UK Power Networks	105
WATER LEAK	Southern Water emergency service	0800 820 999

BUS TIMETABLES: 347 and 101

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays		SATURDAYS	
	Hols	Sch	
Hastings Rail Station ⇌ Stop E	1330	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	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	▼	▼ 1534	▼
Pett Church	1006 1211 1356 1536	1542	1801
Pett Chick Hill	1009 1214 1359 1539	1545	1804

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays		SATURDAYS	
	Sch	Hols	
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

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Monday to Saturdays except public holidays

	MF	Sch	SSH	Then	66	1756	1856	2154
Rye Rail Station Stand A	0654 0748	0756	0856	hour	07	1807	1907	2205
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0704 0759	0807	0907	every	11	1811	1911	2209
Pett Level Canal Bank	0708 0803	0811	0911	at	17	1817	1917	2215
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0714 0809	0817	0917	these	23	1823	1923	2221
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0720 0815	0823	0923	times	28	1828	1928	2226
Ore Co Op	0725	GG	0828	arrive	43	1843	1943	2241
Hastings Railway Station	0740 0852	0843	0943	-	-	1947	-	-
Bohemia Road Fire Station	-	-	-	-	-	1951	-	-
Silverhill Filling Station*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harrow Lane Ashdown House	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conquest Hospital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

from 3 September 2023

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

- 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.

Monday 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
Ore Co Op	0711	0802	0902	1004	every	04
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0715	0806	0906	1008	hour	08
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0721	0812	0912	1014	at	14
Pett Level Canal Bank	0727	0818	0918	1020	these	20
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0731	0822	0922	1024	times	24
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

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 2025

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion

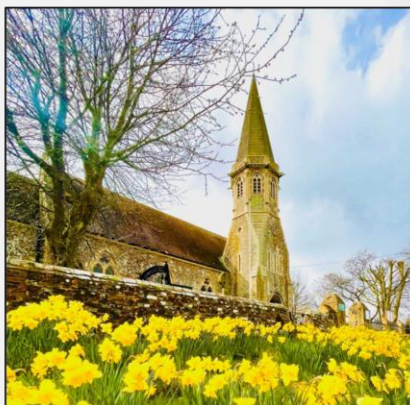
SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

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

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