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PETT VILLAGE HALL

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- 1st: Barbara Edmunds
- 2nd: Philippa Strickland
- 3rd: John Crisford

Well, here we are in the height of summer at last! And if it's July then it must be the Pett Flower Show and Fayre, 26th July at the Village Hall. Have you got your entries ready yet? Let's hope the sun continues to shine and that it's an enjoyable and successful event for all involved.

There's no excuse not to get out and about this month, with live music at the New Beach Club and Royal Oak; the regular village community library and coffee morning on the third Wednesday of the month and the launch of the board games evenings on the first Thursday of the month, 7-9pm at the Village Hall. Please do come along to these community events, a lot of work goes into organising them and they offer the opportunity to get out and meet friends and neighbours in a relaxed, friendly environment.

As the school holidays approach, our local beaches will no doubt be busier than ever. Please do remember to respect the sea and coastline. Check tide times and the weather and stay safe.

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PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE

Saturday 26 July 2025
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This year is flying by with gardens in bloom and most of those fruit and vegetables, except courgettes, growing fast. We have high hopes of a record number of entries for all classes. Have you tested the Date and Walnut Cake recipe yet? It is very tasty and there is a cup to win.

Along with the display of entries in Pett Village Hall, there are side stalls and games of chance. Please bring plenty of money as most stalls will only take cash. Some concessions and the WI Refreshments will take card transactions. Tokens for Pimms, Beer and £1.00 units can also be purchased in the hall foyer using card payment.

We are delighted to be selling tea towels again this year, using the 2023 winning design by Evie White. They are priced at £8.00 each and will be available on the day. Note that there is another chance to produce a winning design this year.

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- The Crockery Smash, a great way to vent your frustrations. If you have any cracked or chipped china, or some you just dislike, please bring it along on the day.
- The Bottle Stall, Tombola (for adults and youngsters), Pick-a-Bottle and the Grand Raffle will be delighted to receive donations ahead of the day. They can be dropped off with any Committee Member, please see the back of the schedule for their addresses.
- Books, Puzzles and Toys. Always a popular pitch so please bring them along on the day.
- Produce. Also, on the day, edible items for the stall, where all the spare fruit and vegetables that are not worthy of entry can be sold, along with pickles and preserves.
- The Refreshments are being organised by the WI team, who are always grateful for donations of cakes or savoury snacks. If you can make something, please advise our WI events co-ordinator, Kay Clayton (07739 367196 or email to ke_clayton@yahoo.co.uk), who will be co-ordinating the assortment.



Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat will be attending with their delicious BBQ.

Parking

As the Village Hall car park will be set out with stalls from 11.00 hours, parking will be in the adjacent field. Following the lack of space in previous years, action will be taken prior to the Show to level up and mow the grass.

Dog Show

This will be staged in the field behind the Village Hall. We ask all dog owners to ensure that their pets are well behaved and are kept on a lead. Seating will not be provided so competitors are welcome to bring something to sit on whilst watching the classes. It is also essential to bring water for the dogs and poo bags. There is a poo bin sited at the entrance to the field. Toilet facilities (for people) are in the Village Hall.

The Committee are working hard to make the show a great day for the village. Come along and enjoy yourselves.

Philippa Strickland, Chair, PDHS

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SUNDAY 20 JULY

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion
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SUNDAY 27 JULY

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Pett Parish Council Update

Last month I reported that we had had three resignations from the council and that we would be looking for prospective new councillors. It does not look as though there has been a request for an election, so we shall be able to co-opt. So I repeat, if you feel able to serve the community by becoming a councillor, or you can suggest someone who would (maybe ask them first), please get in touch with the clerk or myself. In particular, as the present councillors are all men and not very young, it would be good to have some female representation (of whatever age) and some younger people (of either gender). While there are opportunities for taking on various specific responsibilities, initially the only commitment that councillors are asked to make is to attend council meetings, which are held every other month (third Tuesday evening) with occasional extra ones when needed. So please think about it!

Incidentally, council meetings are public meetings. To find out what topics occur on the agenda, just come along and listen - or even make a contribution in public time. All planning applications in the parish are discussed and the views of the council are passed on to the planning officers of the district council. It is perhaps worth noting, however, that objections to planning applications can only be according to the planning regulations and decisions made by planning officers or the district council planning committee may differ from the parish council's view. If the parish council feels strongly about an application, a representative of the parish council can address the district council planning committee, although this does not always achieve a result that the parish council will agree with.

Discussions on devolution are continuing. It is still not clear how parish councils will relate to the higher levels of government once district councils disappear. Government proposals are promised in September. In the meantime, there is a proposal from Brighton council for a coastal authority (rather than simply East and West Sussex, plus Brighton and Hove). Pett and Pett Level will almost certainly come into this if it happens, but we shall see. Another possibility is that parishes would be clustered. There is already a group of parishes working together in northern Rother and, although they ceased during covid and are only now starting again, meetings of the Marsham parishes (Pett, Fairlight, Guestling and Three Oaks, and Fairlight) have been held regularly to discuss topics of common interest.

I also reported last month that the internal auditor had given the council a clean bill of health. The accounts for the last financial year are now on display on the noticeboards and the web page until the middle of July.

Progress on the lease for the Pett Level toilets is slow, but the toilets have now been open for some time and it is clear that they are well used. Arrangements for a schedule for the emptying of the cesspit are taking a little time to finalise, while the donation boxes are yielding a reasonable amount, which will help to pay for the toilets.

The meeting in early June reporting on what is happening to mitigate the flooding at Pett Level was well attended. If you missed it, however, the main talk was recorded and will be available on Pettnet; it is already accessible at www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEjOHWv2vEK.

Sadly, the allotments lease has come to an end. Arrangements are being made to remove the rubbish from the site. There are a few water butts and compost bins (and even tyres) available. If you would like one (or just to have a look), please contact me.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council



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Gardening Club Notes - June 2025 by June Harris

Our June meeting was our first visit of the year, to a garden the club hasn't been to before, Bates Green Garden at Arlington near Polegate. The garden is set around the farmhouse, which the owner, John McCutchan, lives in, having also been born there. His family have owned the property and associated farm for about a hundred years. The garden design, however, was begun in 1968 by John's wife, Carolyn, whose vision was of a tranquil space with naturalistic planting - she was very influenced by the free-flowing planting style of Beth Chatto. Over time the differing garden sections incorporating uncommon trees and shrubs, the woodland garden and the wildflower meadow were all created, although as Carolyn's health deteriorated, the work gradually came to a halt as she could no longer tend to the garden and it became overgrown. Emma Reece, the current head gardener, had already become a friend of Carolyn's and, after Carolyn died, suggested to John that she take charge of resurrecting the garden. Over the last five years, Emma and her team have worked steadily to renovate all aspects of the garden, staying true to Carolyn's original design ethos, but building on it, improving and updating the planting as necessary, in part to future proof it for climate change.

We were very fortunate to be the only visitors and Emma gave us a most interesting and lively tour. We entered the garden from the Barn which houses the café and shop, following bark paths through the Wild Garden, so named because it is home to indigenous plants allowed to flourish with as little human intervention as possible. It is shady, a gentle woodland style area. This led on to the Front Garden, adjacent to the house, specially designed with shrubs and trees specifically planted for their autumn colour, underplanted with snowdrops, aconites and crocus for spring.

The Middle Garden is a more formal space, with colour-coded perennial flower borders surrounding a large lawn, all providing a lovely view from the back of the house. From there we entered the Woodland Garden, another peaceful area of shade loving plants and shrubs, the whole presided over by an unusual and majestic multi-stemmed oak tree. As we progressed, Emma explained the planting ethos, pointing out plants of specific interest, interspersed with anecdotes about the McCutchan family and her own time restoring the garden. We were then free to explore the Wild Meadow, or adjourn to the Barn for refreshments, after which we could also visit Beatons Wood for a small extra cost or purchase plants all propagated in-house from the nursery.

Bates Green Garden is a RHS Partner garden, which means a discount is available at certain times for RHS members. Its location, about an hour's journey from Pett, makes it a reasonable journey for a very pleasant day out. The garden changes constantly throughout the year and garden workshops and specific guided tours are held regularly. It was certainly an enjoyable day for our members, new to us all, but worthy of a return visit!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 8th, to "Boldshaves", near Woodchurch. Details by email in due course.



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Church News

Building Works at St Mary & St Peter Church, Pett

The latest update to the renovation works is that the building will need to be closed for several weeks more than was expected. This is to allow the damp walls to dry out before replastering and painting, along with the unsavoury task of guano removal from the tower by a specialist company, gutter cleaning and other issues which the renovation work has brought to light.

The guano removal itself has added another £2,700 to the cost which, including architect fees and VAT, will now reach about £45,000. Regrettably, because the church is not a listed building we are unable to claim back VAT or get much more funding as most funders will only consider listed buildings.

In the meantime, services are still taking place in the lovely St Nicholas's church on the Level on the first Sunday of each month, at 8.30am. See the church services poster in this magazine for details of services at our two other churches in Icklesham and Winchelsea.

We are still hopeful that the fund-raising evening will take place in September and more details will be published in the August magazine.

If you can 'spare a dime', as they say, the Parochial Church Council will be enormously grateful. All contributions, be they monthly or annually, help to maintain the building. If you wish to become a **Friend of Pett Churches** please contact **Heather Godwin** on 07977 100 296 or pettchurchtreasurer@gmail.com. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, even better, as that adds another 20% to your contribution.

When will we get a new vicar?

As many of you will know, our vicar, the Revd Jonathan Meyer retired in February. This means that we are now in what is termed a 'Vacancy' and the process for the recruitment of a new vicar is well underway. Pett has now joined with Winchelsea and Icklesham, and a new benefice will be formally agreed within a few months. This means that the new vicar will have responsibility for all 3 parishes, living in the rectory in Winchelsea.

Each parish has had to produce a 'Parish Profile', which will form a key part of the recruitment pack for applicants. Once the Parish Profile is approved by the bishop, an advert will be placed in The Church Times and online. The interview panel will consist of a representative from each parish, usually the churchwarden, the Bishop of Hastings and possibly the Assistant Archdeacon. We would hope that the successful candidate can be appointed by the end of the September and will be ready to take up their new post at the start of 2026.

John Case, Churchwarden on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

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Tea and coffee provided, or you can bring your own refreshments





Coffee Morning and Community Library

Please come and join us at Pett Village Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. There is always a delicious selection of homemade cakes!

Our Library is free to join, we have over 200 books which are refreshed regularly.

Robert from East Sussex Hearing will be there for your NHS hearing aid needs and batteries

The Jigsaw library has a large selection of puzzles to suit all tastes.

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Pett WI

As I was busy having a second knee replacement I didn't get to submit a report last month, so here are April and May's meetings.

April was Easter egg painting! Guided by Louisa who organised the whole thing. Members were provided with plastic eggs and a variety of different coloured pens and used their imagination to decorate the eggs. Committee members served refreshments throughout the evening and unsurprisingly, there was lots of laughter and talking as they created their designs. A tree was provided and finished eggs were displayed on there and displayed on the screen. Some eggs were very professionally finished; I must admit a 5 year old would have been proud of my contribution! Not quite my forte! But it was a fun evening and gave members a chance to chat. Grateful thanks to Louisa for all her excellent organisation.

May was our AGM. The evening began with the singing of Jerusalem. The business side was soon done as all information had been sent out by email previously. The Treasurer's report was approved and then members voted to elect the committee. Amanda Leeson stood down but two co-opted members stood for election - Bev Eksteen and Elaine Baker - and all were duly elected. We welcome them both very warmly. The election for President meant I was elected for another year.

After refreshments, Sally and Tracy gave a summary of WICAID for the members, hoping more members might want to join the respective teams. WICAID stands for WI Community Aid and started several years ago as a response to period poverty. It has grown over the years to become a quite dynamic fund raising enterprise. Sally talked about the Food Bank and work for Safehaven Women and Seaview. Tracy gave a very professional insight into the work involved in running our two Annual Fairs. Hopefully new members have a better insight into the organisation of all these ventures. Elaine Baker has agreed to join the team, helping to organise our Fairs.

The evening ended in a heartfelt tribute to Amanda Leeson to thank her for all her hard and loyal work over the last 5 years. She was instrumental in streamlining the work of various roles on the committee to make all these committee roles easier to manage. She did this with a huge amount of humour, cynicism and hard work and we cannot thank her enough for her huge contribution to moving Pett WI to where it is today. She was presented with flowers and gifts and gave us an excellent farewell speech. Thank you Amanda for everything.

Don't forget to come to the Pett Flower Show on 26th July. Lots of wonderful stalls and entertainment and of course, Pett WI cakes and goodies will be on sale.

Sally Watson
President

Meet the Seaside Stitchers

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

We're a small, friendly, informal group which meets every Wednesday at Pett Methodist Church Hall, from 2-5 pm. You don't need any experience to join us, just plenty of enthusiasm, an open mind and a willingness to share ideas and skills.

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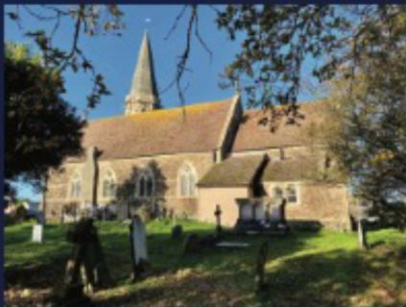
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Of Owls, Larks and Hedgehogs

By Kerry Williams, Communications Officer - Conservation,
Sussex Wildlife Trust

I've always been a night owl. I'm writing this as my creativity kicks in; unhelpfully that's usually around 9pm. I spent my childhood howling in resistance at those who dared tell me it was bedtime. I would read until 3am and be virtually dragged from my bed for school in the morning. Despite what my mother says, it's a real thing. We are genetically predisposed to different chronotypes associated with our circadian rhythm. There are owls (those who wake and sleep later), larks (those who wake and sleep earlier) and ambivalent (those who are more adaptable to sleep pattern changes).



Fox at night by Daryl Peters

I used to long to wake up earlier and make the best of the day. Especially as a keen birder it would be advantageous. If I ever do it's glorious. The air is different in early morning. There's so much light, so much time. But there are perks to the night too. It's quiet; everyone else is asleep. It's peaceful and less distracting. And the best bit, of course, is watching nocturnal animals.



Pipistrelle bat by Hugh Clark FRPS

I live with another owl. Together, we slink about the local nature reserve at dusk. Hushed tones to fit in. Eyes adjusting to the perceived blackness. There is rarely anyone else around. The damp smell of the reedbeds seems stronger than in the day. The gravel and parched grass crunch louder underfoot. The world feels bigger somehow, yet more tranquil.

We detect dancing bats who whizz past our faces, saving us from nibbling evening midges. We walk directly past rabbits on meadow buffets, who barely look up to note us. We take in pre-roosting bird calls; Reed Warbler, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Robin, and skyward silhouettes of those returning for the night; gulls, corvids, a Peregrine. A fox on patrol stops to watch us with an air of disdain; 'It's my turn now'.

Once we're out of the reserve we stop at the usual spot, at the usual time, and wait. Then we see it. Squat legs, busy snout and about 5,000 spines scuttle across the car park and along the kerbside dandelions. The hedgehog crosses the road; it's not busy but it's still a risky game, and I once flagged down a startled mini-bus driver to allow for safe hog passage. The hedgehog continues along a footpath, and through a fence hole cut by kind urban wildlife heroes. These sightings feel like treats to which few of us are party. I've not only accepted my nighttime owl form; I completely embrace it. Just don't ask me to make plans before midday.

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Nature Notes by Alan Kenworthy

If you walk down Pett Road towards the Royal Oak, have a look in the hedge to your left. There are a couple of oak trees in the hedge in rather poor condition. Each has a number of dead branches and each has at least one hole in the trunk. In one of those holes a colony of honeybees has decided to nest. Now, I'm not a great fan of honeybees - they take resources from the wild bees. There is a finite amount of nectar and pollen available at any one time and more honeybees mean fewer wild bees. I do like honey, but its production comes with consequences. I guess that the honeybees in the oak tree can now be considered wild bees, having left their original hive with their chosen queen. Honeybees have a rigid social structure and a hive with two queens doesn't work, so one of them must leave. So, she gathers a swarm of loyal subjects and leaves. The swarm will then move to a new home such as a cosy rotting oak tree. The oak tree may well have been chosen before the swarm left the original hive. It is thought that 'scout' bees check out the surrounding area for suitable sites so that the time spent out in the open is minimized.



Though the new nest site may be a highly desirable residence in which to raise the next generation of workers, the colony may not last very long. Space is probably not an issue because bees are more than capable of removing rotten wood, but disease is a problem. Any competent beekeeper will check their brood for diseases such as deformed wing virus and will also disinfect the hive to ensure that varroa mites don't get a foothold there. A wild bee colony does not have that protection and is most likely to succumb to the varroa mite within a couple of years or so.

But let's take a leaf out of Eric Idle's book and look on the bright side. I visited the churchyard recently and I am pleased to report that the dead hedge is alive and well. I'm not talking about the hedge at the back of the churchyard that was layed last year, though that one is now looking magnificent. The dead hedge is the constructed hedge in the twitten that is alive in a different sense. The first thing I noticed is that bracken is growing in it. Bracken is quite invasive and difficult to remove so should probably be dealt with next spring. The next thing I noticed was that there were a lot of insects in and around the hedge. Whilst not being desirable to most people, a lot of insects are a sign of a healthy ecosystem, and they show that there is a lot of detritus for them to feed on. They in turn will feed the birds and small mammals that inhabit the churchyard.

The most noticeable thing about the hedge though, is that it is now smaller than it was. This shows that the hedge is fulfilling its main purpose which is to get rid of small branches that would be difficult to compost and would take a long time to break down. As the hedge gets smaller, this year's crop of small branches can be added to the top as the insects and worms and other creatures of the soil deal with the rotting stuff at the bottom.

And finally, I have found a couple of insects that I have never seen before, both moths. The first I found in the carpark at the village hall - a caterpillar of the Vapourer moth. Last night I put out the moth trap and found a moth called Lilac Beauty. Both are very pretty moths and I will post their photos on Pett Nature Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

Looking Back on Pett Flower Show

It's that time of year again when we look forward to enjoying one of the main events of the year for the village. Pett Flower Show has been a tradition for many decades now, and so I thought it would be a good idea to trawl some of the information that we hold at ARC on this event. Much of our material has been kindly donated by Ray Barden. So, bear with me for this short history lesson...

Starting off in 1947 as the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show, it was held that year at the (old) Beach Club in Pett Level. It was repeated in 1948 as a larger event, which was very successful and raised the princely sum of £32.3.8d. In March 1949 the committee, which included C.W.Higgs (Chairman), R.Cooke (Secretary) and Col. N.W.MacLeod (Treasurer), held a meeting to decide on the appetite for setting up a permanent society. This was agreed and the funds were transferred to this newly created entity.

At some point this became the Pett, Fairlight & District Horticultural Society - (we have records from 1956-1965 for this). Eventually in 1966, the two villages branched off from each other and the Pett & District Horticultural Society was formed. In the late 1950's and into the 60's, the show was held on the Pett Recreation Ground. At ARC we have many of the minutes, photos and other records from the above dates till the early 90's, with the omission of anything apart from a few photos for the 1970's. Everyone is more than welcome to pop in and view these records. Simply contact us and we'll arrange it for you.

So.. history lesson over and now here are a few images of past times that might interest and amuse you. Enjoy!

By Paul Petley, Archive Resource Centre

FLOWER SHOW MORE POPULAR THAN EVER

THIS year Pett Village flower show attracted 100 more exhibits than last year and the numbers attending is probably a record," said delighted vice-chairman Ray Barden.

A warm cloudy day clearly proved to be the perfect weather for attracting visitors as many hundreds, including local MP Jacqui Lait, took a closer look at exhibits ranging from broad beans to hanging baskets.

An exhibition of hedgehogs created by children aged 6-10 particularly caught the eye with its imaginative use of design and materials.

The judges also thought that the tapestry and embroidery work shown this year was of a particularly high standard.

The quality of the flowers was impressive, despite this year's difficult weather. The blaze of colour and scent laden air provided an unforgettable atmosphere.

The fête was made complete with a wide range of sideshows and refreshments, including such new novelties as Hook a Duck and Play Your Cards Right.

Once again the popularity of the Pett Village Flower Show has shown what an important contribution these traditional events can make to local people and holidaymakers alike.

The marquee was used in the evening for a supper and disco party to raise funds for the refurbishment of the local playground.

The fête was officially opened by Eric Newton, ISO, MBE, who was introduced by the President of the Pett Horticultural Society, Cicely Perring, with the prizes being given by Margaret Newton. A new cup in memory of local resident Cecil Aldred was donated by his sister.

The individual prize winners were: Golding Challenge Cup, J A Luck; Golding Challenge Tankard and Gertrude Coleman Trophy, P J Wood; Cecil Webb Challenge Bowl, J Ainsworth; Charles and Anne Cooke Challenge Cup, Mrs G Bailey; Joan E Wells Trophy and Cecil Aldred Cup, E J Compton; Mabel and Leonard Cooke Challenge Trophy, D Johnson; Fred Griffin Challenge Cup, Mrs D Goodwell; Beryl Kiveton Cup, Mrs E Darnell; Two Sowers Cup, Albert Standen; and Albert Luck Cup, Miss C Clarke; Hewitt-Jones Cup, Desma Lander; Preston Ebbutt Challenge Cup, Emily Ockwell; Goldsmith's Trophy, Mrs Barford; Parkins Challenge Cup, P J Dunlop; Joan Parks Trophy, K R Debley.

A FLOWER SHOW chairman Ray Barden adjusts a floral arrangement.

A VICE-CHAIRMAN Philip Wood - trophy winner at the Flower Show.

1996

Mr. & Mrs. Hickman would like a change from the manure raffle, and would like if possible to run the putting.
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The Cassatiello is a savoury bread. Its origin can be traced back to the Greek period in Naples, in the Campania region (south-west of Italy). The name Cassatiello comes directly from the Latin "caseus" - in Italian: cheese. I personally baked it as home-made party food cut in small pieces for my birthday in July, but in the Campania region they used to bake it at Easter as tradition requires.

(For ten people).

1kg "00" flour
300g lard (pancetta if you don't have any lard)
400ml water
25g fine salt
25g brewer's yeast
1.5kg cheese (diced) e.g., parmesan
5g ground black pepper
6 hard-boiled eggs (to be crumbled)

In a bowl dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water, then add gently the flour and half the lard. If you have a food mixer program it for 15 minutes, alternatively knead it with your hands for at least 20 minutes, until the dough is homogeneous. At this point add the salt and pepper. Let the dough rest for about one hour. After this time and once the dough has risen a bit, spread it out on a flat surface and spread on top the remaining lard, the diced cheese, and the previously crumbled boiled eggs.

Fold the dough around the ingredients to make a Swiss roll like shape, then curve the roll into a doughnut shape. Let the dough rest to rise for about four hours until it doubles its size, then bake at 200 Celsius (static oven or 180 Celsius ventilated oven) for roughly one hour. Serve at room temperature.

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Dance Fitness	6.00-7.30pm
Thursday	
Doctor Surgery	9am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
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Art	12-3.00pm
Short Mat Bowls	3.15-5.15pm
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5 SA	06 28	2.0	18 46	2.2
6 SU	07 34	2.0	19 52	2.3
7 M	08 32	2.3	20 50	2.4
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28 M	01 14	3.4	13 26	3.6
29 TU	01 48	3.1	14 01	3.5
30 W	02 23	3.0	14 36	3.3
31 TH	02 58	2.8	15 10	3.0

Time Zone UT (GMT)

ADD 1 HOUR BETWEEN 31st MARCH & 26th OCTOBER TO ADJUST TO BST

Customer service line

03708 506 506





Incident hotline

0800 80 70 60

Floodline

0345 998 1188

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COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES & CONTACTS	
Recreation ground and play area (except the bowling green, sports pavilions, tennis courts and cricket pitch which are leased to the Pett Sports Association)	PPC
Defibrillator and phone kiosk opposite the Royal Oak	PPC
War memorial at Pett Church	PPC
Several roadside benches, noticeboards, and village signs	PPC
Website (PettNet); Pett & Pett Level News Magazine	PPC
Roads (inc Road Markings, Road Signs, Drains, Potholes, fallen trees)	ESCC
Verges & Footpaths	ESCC
Planning (applications, decisions, appeals, etc)	RDC
Refuse & Recycling	RDC
Fly-Tipping & Pollution	RDC
Dog & Pest Control	RDC
Beach Bye-Laws	RDC
Sea Wall at Pett Level	EA
PETT PARISH COUNCIL (PPC)	
In addition to the above responsibilities PPC can also provide a parish wide view on planning applications. PPC may be able to help you find out who to contact if you have a problem, can help escalate if your problem is not being dealt with, and can assist in lobbying the relevant authorities in the event of continued poor service.	
	
COUNCILLORS	
Alan Crouch (Vice-Chair)	01424 813145 cllr.alan.crouch@pettnet.org.uk
Andrew Dunlop	01424 813368 cllr.andrew.dunlop@pettnet.org.uk
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David Penfold (Chair)	01424 813003 cllr.david.penfold@pettnet.org.uk
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Mary Philo	01797 270790 clerk@pettnet.org.uk Island Cottage, Swan Street, Wittersham, Kent, TN30 7PH
TREE WARDEN	
Marcus Foster	07812 024070 mail@marcus-foster.com
FLOOD WARDEN	
Alan Crouch	01424 813145 cllr.alan.crouch@pettnet.org.uk
ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL (RDC)	
01424 787000; www.rother.gov.uk/residents	
Councillor Andrew Mier	01424 814178 cllr.andrew.mier@rother.gov.uk
Councillor Tim Grohne	07973 543537 cllr.tim.grohne@rother.gov.uk
	
EAST SUSSEX COUNCIL (ESCC)	
www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem	
0345 6080190; www.eastsussex.gov.uk	
Councillor Keith Glazier	07957 377844 cllr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk
	
THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA)	
03708 506 506	
	

VILLAGE CONTACTS			
ARC	Paul Petley	07818 014610	archiveresourcecentre@outlook.com
Badminton	Wendy Petley	07813 633013	ttbadpett@outlook.com
Bowls Club	Mary Saint	813047	mary@saintfamily.net
British Legion	Brian Green	812450	toffee35@gotadsl.co.uk
Cricket Club	Andrew Dunlop	813368	
Dance Fitness	Laura Mitchell	07527 105352	lauramitchell6@sky.com
Flower Show	Philippa Strickland	814384	pstrickl@icloud.com
Gardening Club	Bob Harris	815151	bob.june@btopenworld.com
Guardians of Pett Churchyard	Mike Wilkins	07710 080148	
Churches in Pett and Pett Level	John Case	07525 032198	
- Friends	Heather Godwin	07977 100296	
Pett Level Preservation Trust	Theresa Noutch	814370	theresanoutch@aol.com
Pilates	Belinda Weber		belinda.weber9@gmail.com
Fitness Pilates	Susan Trimmer		susantrimmerfitness@gmail.com
Pole Dancing	Jane Baldwin	07403 256148	jane@mrzen.co.uk
PVH Committee			pettvillagehall.co.uk
Seaside Stitchers	Donna Gilbert	812185	donnagilbert1@sky.com
Short Mat Bowls	Brenda Kirkham	07444 008034	beekirkham@btinternet.com
Stoolball	Janet Fuller	01303 873227	
Table Tennis	Alan Kenworthy	07835 112566	ttbadpett@outlook.com
Tennis Club	Stuart Ware	07971 662068	petttenniscub@gmail.com
Activate Youth Club	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
Village Voices	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
WI	WI Secretary		Pettwi1917@gmail.com
Yoga Class	Robin Hutt	813182	robinhutt@btinternet.com
ROOMS FOR HIRE			
Methodist Chapel	Wendy Hatch	812297	familyhatch1@gmail.com
Sports Pavilion	Stuart Ware	07971 662068	sjw@meadowshed.co.uk
Village Hall	Clare Walker	07718 518053	clare.pettvillagehall@gmail.com
New Beach Club		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

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays										SATURDAYS									
										Hols		Sch							
Hastings Rail Station ⇄ Stop E											1330	1510	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									
										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	0834	1020	1225	1410	1550	1555	0834	1410			
Ore The King's Head	0838	0838	1024	1229	1414	1554	1559	0838	0838	1024	1229	1414	1554	1559	0838	1414			
Ore Post Office	0840	0840	1026	1231	1416	1556		0840	0840	1026	1231	1416	1556	0840	1416				
Milward Road Manor Road	0845	0845	1030	1235	1420	1600		0845	0845	1030	1235	1420	1600	0845	0952	1157	1420	1522	
Hastings Queens Road																0957	1202	1425	1527
Hastings Harold Place	0849	0849						0849	0849					0849					
Hastings Rail Station ⇄	0851	0851						0851	0851					0851					
Fairlight Glen																			
Fairlight Cove Hotel																			
Pett Level																			

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

Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays										Sundays and public holidays from 3 September 2023											
										MF		Sch		SSH		NR					
Rye Rail Station Stand A	0654	0748	0756	0856	Then	56					1756	1856	2154					1034	1234	1434	1634
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0704	0759	0807	0907	every	07					1807	1907	2205					1045	1245	1445	1645
Pett Level Canal Bank	0708	0803	0811	0911	hour	11					1811	1911	2209					1049	1249	1449	1649
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0714	0809	0817	0917	at	17	until				1817	1917	2215					1055	1255	1455	1655
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0720	0815	0823	0923	these	23					1823	1923	2221					1101	1301	1501	1701
Ore Co Op	0725	GG	0828	0928	times	28					1828	1928	2226					1106	1306	1506	1706
Hastings Railway Station arrive	0740	0852	0843	0943		43					1843	1943	2241					1123	1323	1523	1723
Bohemia Road Fire Station	-	-	-	-		-					-	1947	-					1128	1328	1528	1728
Silverhill Filling Station*	-	-	-	-		-					-	1951	-					1132	1332	1532	1732
Harrow Lane Ashdown House	-	-	-	-		-					-	-	-					1137	1337	1537	1737
Conquest Hospital	-	-	-	-		-					-	-	-					1142	1342	1542	1742

Notes MF Journey runs Mondays to Fridays only * Buses terminating at Silverhill stop in Chatham Road
Sch Journey runs schooldays only GG Serves Guestling Green School at 0830 and Ore Post Office at 0838.
SSH Journey runs on Saturdays and school holidays only

Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays										Sundays and public holidays													
										MF		Sch		NR									
Conquest Hospital																			1045	1245	1445	1645	
Harrow Lane Ashdown House																			1049	1249	1449	1649	
Silverhill London Road																			0856	1056	1256	1456	1656
Bohemia Road Fire Station																			0900	1100	1300	1500	1700
Hastings Railway Stn stop F					Then	49					1749	1855	2106					0910	1110	1310	1510	1710	
Ore Co Op	0711	0802	0902	1004	every	04					1804	1905	2116					0923	1123	1323	1523	1723	
Fairlight Coastguard Lane	0715	0806	0906	1008	hour	08					1808	1909	2120					0927	1127	1327	1527	1727	
Fairlight Cove Commanders Walk	0721	0812	0912	1014	at	14	until				1814	1915	2126					0933	1133	1333	1533	1733	
Pett Level Canal Bank	0727	0818	0918	1020	these	20					1820	1921	2132					0939	1139	1339	1539	1739	
Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park	0731	0822	0922	1024	times	24					1824	1925	2136					0945	1145	1345	1545	1745	
Rye Rail Station	0743	0834	0934	1036		36					1836	1937	2148					0957	1157	1357	1557	1757	

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.

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Pett Village Hall
Saturday 26 July at 2pm

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

Brass Band – Pett WI Refreshments – Pimms & Beer Bar
Produce Stall – Books & Puzzles – Putting – Coconut Shy
Face Painting – Donkey Petting – Tombola – PLIRB BBQ
Pick a Bottle – Crockery Smash – Dog Show – Bottle Tombola
Ice Cream – Grand Raffle

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