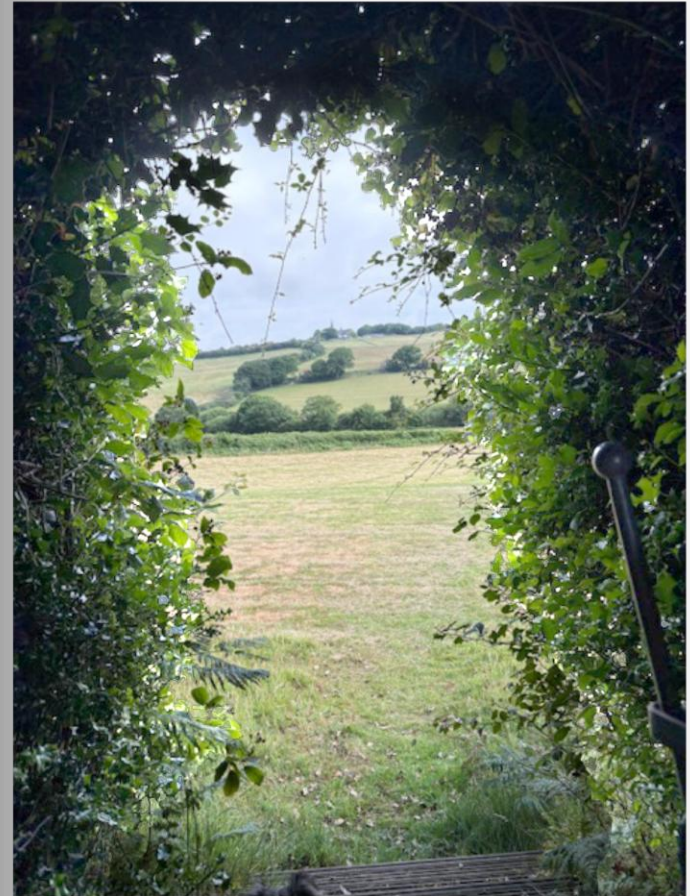




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Welcome to our August edition, and my word it's a busy one! We're very lucky to live in a village where there is so much going on every month, and to be surrounded by such beautiful countryside and beaches to explore.

This month we have a plea for you. We are looking for people to join our wonderful team of volunteers who deliver this publication to your door each month. If you enjoy walking and getting out and meeting people, this could be the perfect voluntary role for you to undertake once a month. Even if you can only help us out on an adhoc basis to cover holidays etc please do get in touch by phoning one of the team (see page 3), or emailing us at magazine@pettnet.org.uk.

Also, we are always on the lookout for interesting contributions and photos. If you have ideas for features or articles you'd like to see, or you're a keen local photographer, please do get in touch - this is your magazine and we're always keen to discuss new ideas.

See you in September!

Donna and Louisa

A Plea from Bluebells Play Group, Pett Village Hall

Bluebells Play Group is a volunteer led group which meets every week on a Monday morning at Pett Village Hall. The enterprise is very successful with 30+ children, with their parents, attending every session! It was formed a couple of years ago by four parents after the previous play group finished abruptly, two of the original parents are still operating with others lending a hand on a Monday. As is inevitable, children grow up and go into full time education and that means that another of the founding parents is leaving at the end of this term.

A few weeks ago, a person came forward to help run the group but, unfortunately, is not going to now. I have had an email from the other parent which amongst other things says: "We've had some offers of help on the Monday mornings, but we need someone who can do the financial side behind the scenes and maybe the singing at the group as this is not something I enjoy doing!"

I am sending this to the village to see if anyone can help keep this valuable asset alive by helping with the finances or a good (or enthusiastic) singing voice. Please let me know via Hannah 07763 749295 or Victoria 07779 276853

Many thanks.
Peter Walker

Pett Parish Council Update

Following the resignations from the council, there has not been a request for an election, so the council will be able to co-opt. I hope that we can make the co-options at the September council meeting. I will repeat, that 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. It would be good to have both female and younger councillors.

There was a council meeting in July. Our first business was to congratulate Councillor Keith Glazier, our county councillor and leader of East Sussex County Council, on the award of an OBE. Then Councillor Glazier gave an update on devolution discussions. Much is still in the air, but proposals have to be submitted by a date in September. For full information, see <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/your-council/about/devolution-sussex> or, if you want to know Rother District Council's position, see <https://www.rother.gov.uk/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation/>.

At its July meeting the parish council agreed in principle to consider making grants towards aspects of the repair work on the church of St Mary and St Peter, and the usual grant towards the maintenance of the churchyard; to The ARC as a contribution to the purchase of a fire-proof safe; as part of the cost of Christmas festivities; and as a donation to the Royal British Legion, including the cost of a wreath laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

The results of the RoSPA inspection of the Recreation Ground and the play area are still awaited, but the council agreed to obtain estimates for replacing the slide, which is in poor condition. As noted previously, repairs have been made to ropes on the climbing tower.

A new Environment Agency flood warning area for the Marsham Sewer went into operation on 9 July. Anyone can sign up to this. Full details are available on Pettnet. In this connection, the council agreed to contact the organizations concerned with the culverts and pipes at the very bottom of Chick Hill at its junction with Pett Level Road and Marsham Brook Lane. Some of these need clearing, but the number of organizations involved makes this a complex task.

The Forestry Commission has announced a scheme for creating new woodland in England. If you want to know more, see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-woodland-creation-offer>.

The question of overnight parking in the lay-by about halfway to Winchelsea Beach along Pett Level Road has been raised. There has long been a county council sign there prohibiting overnight parking, but it appears that the land is owned by the Environment Agency. From past experience it seems unlikely that the Agency will take any action against those who park overnight. And, indeed, policing the lay-by is not really practical, if only because the people parking there are going to be there for one night and gone the next day.

Finally, the Pett Level toilets. They have been open for quite a number of weeks now and it is very clear that they are well used and much appreciated. We have received a number of compliments, which we have passed on to our excellent cleaner. However, the parish council is still negotiating over the lease and there have been problems in transferring from the district council, responsibility for both electricity and water supplies. Whilst it is pleasing to see that people are leaving donations in the honesty boxes, this does not cover the cost of running the toilets, particularly as heavy rains and a broken tap have caused the septic tank to fill up very quickly, making it difficult to establish an emptying schedule. I am pleased to note that no complaints have been received about the increase in the precept to cover the cost of the toilets. So, my thanks for everyone's contributions (albeit involuntary) towards this end.
David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council



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You may have seen on the Pett Facebook pages recently, the pictures of the wonderful local company, DC External Cleaning Services, working at the Church. They dealt with the removal of twenty sacks of pigeon guano from the tower and spire during the renovation work. The job was done in extreme heat with protective HAZMAT suits, gloves and masks being worn because of the toxicity. Throughout it all, the three young people did the work cheerfully and competently and we would highly recommend them for any cleaning services.

Thank God, literally, then for the Royal Oak pub who managed to pay for that guano removal by running the fortnightly Quiz Nights over the past nine months, in aid of the building work at the Church. About £2,500 was raised. I'm sure, when the pub agreed to support the Church, they could not have envisaged how it was to be used, but the Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful, and the Quiz Nights are such an enjoyable way to raise money for local causes.

The renovation works have thrown up even more problems in the tower and spire. We are awaiting a quote from the current builders in that regard. However, we thought you might be interested in how the money is being spent, and to that end we are opening the Church on the **afternoon of Sunday 10th August between 2.30 and 3.30pm** for you to come and have a look around. Cakes and soft drinks will be available, so do come and satisfy your curiosity.

In the meantime, services are still taking place in the lovely St Nicholas's church on the Level. Please see details of August's church services on page 13 of this issue.

The further discovery of repair problems has meant that the fund-raising evening planned for the Autumn has had to be postponed and will, hopefully, take place in the Spring. A fund-raising Quiz Night in the Village Hall is planned for November - details to follow.

As you probably now realise, we are still some way from being able to afford the extra recommended works. All contributions, be they monthly or annually, help to maintain the building. If you wish to become a Friend of Pett Churches please contact me, 07977 100 296 or pettchurchestreasurer@gmail.com. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, even better, as that adds another 20% to your contribution.

Heather Godwin - Treasurer - Pett Churches.

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(For four people).

- 350g linguine
- 2 bunches of rocket salad
- 1 clove of garlic
- 30g pine nuts
- 90-100g extra virgin olive oil
- 50g (more or less) of fresh red tomato cut into small cubes
- 100g of cuttlefish
- 1 tablespoon of freshly cut flat leaved parsley
- 100g (more or less) of pecorino romano cheese
- Salt and pepper.

In a blender put the rocket salad (well washed), the garlic, the pine nuts, the fresh parsley, the extra virgin olive oil, and the cheese to create the pesto. Separately, slice the cuttlefish very thinly and toss them in a frying pan with some extra virgin olive oil and garlic. Boil the linguine in plenty of salty water according to the instructions on the packet until they are cooked al-dente. Drain the water from the pasta once cooked, then put them in the pan with the cuttlefish and toss for 30 seconds before adding the pesto. Serve with the fresh tomato cubes on top.

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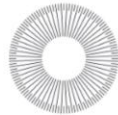
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WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion (1 hour)

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion (40 minutes)
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion (1 hour)

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion (1 hour)
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SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

ICKLESHAM	9.30AM	Parish Communion (40 minutes)
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion (1 hour)

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Joint Benefice Service (1 hour)
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Saturday September 6 th	7.30pm	Cushty
Sunday September 14 th	3pm	Amanda Simmonds
Sunday September 21 st	3pm	Stuart Bligh
Saturday September 26 th	7.30pm	Ritchie Campbell (UB40 and Reggae night)
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All the Fun of the Fayre Saturday 26 July 2025

We hope your copy of *Pett and Pett Level News* gets to you before 26th July with these notes. Welcome all to Pett Village Hall to enjoy this year's show.

We are excited that there will be interesting stalls selling their wares, along with our regular Games of Chance, Tombola, the Grand Raffle, PLIRB BBQ and Pett WI Refreshments.

Please bring plenty of money to spend. It may be possible to take cards on some stalls, but the majority are cash only.

Pett Village Hall Car Park

To allow for setting up the show, Pett Village Hall car park will be closed for parking from **4.00pm on Friday 25 July**. Notices will be displayed.

Obviously, the car park will be open from **8.15 to 10.00am** on Saturday for entries to be staged in the Main Hall. **Entrants are reminded that the times for staging are earlier than in previous years.** The car park will be open from **11.00am** for stalls to be located and for concessions to set up their pitches. It will be closed from **12.00 noon**.

We ask that all vehicles that have not been allocated parking spaces should be moved to the main car park in the field, which has been mowed and levelled to allow plenty of parking space. Please do not park on the verges on the road close to the Village Hall.

We look forward to welcoming locals and visitors to Pett Flower Show 2025.

Philippa M Strickland, Chairman P&DHS

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PLIRB News - August

Hello from all at PLIRB. We're in the middle of our usual hectic summer - training, taskings, fundraising, community events and shanty singing... read on for our non-stop goings on!

Open Day

Our annual Open Day is on Sunday 24 August, 11am-3pm at the PLIRB Boathouse in Pett Level. Expect the usual super fun day - with live music, dog show, BBQ and bar, games, stalls, the Charity Shed and sea display. Music this year from the brilliant Soul Train and Matty's Monday Club.

The Grand Raffle will include cash prizes - tickets are only £2 each or £10 for a book of five - available from Pett Butchers, the Royal Oak or any crew member. Or you can purchase from <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/plirb-open-day-affle-tickets>.

CAN YOU HELP? We always need cakes for the refreshment stall or bottles for the tombola - please get in touch at 01424 812 457 or plirbrescue@gmail.com.

Out on shouts

We had a busy June and July and are always so amazed at the dedication of our volunteer crew. The shouts included two separate incidents involving casualties stuck on the cliffs at Fairlight, missing children, broken down vessels (towing) and swimmers (and dog) cut off in the mud. We are incredibly proud that we never miss a tasking and maintain our excellent response time.

Drysuit appeal

We recently had to dispose of three drysuits as they are no longer fit for purpose. Drysuits are vital to protecting our crew at sea and our legal obligation to keep them safe. We are aiming to raise £2,100 to purchase three new suits. If you would like to donate, please email plirbrescue@gmail.com, call 01424 812 457 or donate here <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/drysuit-appeal>.

Mrs Barry meets the King!

Our longest serving volunteer, Jo Barry, was recently invited by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Admiral Sir George Zambellas, to attend a special reception at Walmer Castle with a very special VIP which turned out to be HRH King Charles! The reception honoured individuals who have been long-serving volunteers and Jo had the opportunity to tell the King about our shouts and activities. Jo is PLIRB's Lifeboat Operations Manager and has been volunteering for over 40 years. A huge and well-deserved congratulations from everyone at PLIRB.



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Historical Flooding and A Call for Greater Communication & Collaboration

by M Sullivan

In a new series of articles, Maggie Sullivan expresses her thoughts and anxieties over the Future Landscapes Trust's National Flood Management measures to mitigate the flooding experienced by Pett Level over recent years. In this issue, Maggie introduces herself and her knowledge base and focuses on concerns over placement and pollution issues within the area.

Knowledge base

I am a long-term resident and a key hydraulic member of the 'parishioner contingent' of the Fairlight Pathfinder (PF) Project, which together with other PF members, is helping focus Southern Water on the most appropriate remedy to the complex hydraulic issues that include escalating sewage spills, capacity insufficiencies and the infiltration and exfiltration problems that Fairlight has experienced now for many decades. I have also undertaken a number of observational surveys over the years, within both the Fairlight and Pett catchment's, to better understand the hydraulic issues that both communities face and the compounding factors that conspire to cause the flooding experienced in the Lower Fairlight and Pett Level locations. From these studies and careful historic research, I have also compiled a water asset map, which looks at all the Ponds, Springs, Wells, Tanks, Hydraulic Rams, Dams, Boreholes and Watercourses across the two communities and have studied the geological impacts that are unique to the area and which helps form a better picture of how these assets impact our individual catchments.



Can I first stress, that I am not averse to the implementation of any Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures, provided they are carefully conducted and are in the right place. I do feel however, the need to express some serious concerns and observations at this point.

I attended a meeting (6th June 2025) organised by the Future Landscapes Trust, along with residents from both Fairlight and Pett and was somewhat alarmed to discover that work had already commenced on some of the 300 leaky dams proposed to be installed within the Fairlight and Pett catchments. According to the map displayed during the presentation, these have been predominantly placed within 2 tributaries so far, which historically are already known to be subject to considerable flash flooding at times of Hydraulic overload. Despite Future Landscapes' inference (synopsis Pg1. Flood Mitigation Report. May 2025) that they have 'proactively collaborated' with Parish Councils and other groups, this is not our fundamental experience.

Placement & Pollution Concerns

It's my understanding that the core guidance of the NFM surrounding risk, is the principle of managing flows at source, meaning that source tributaries are better suited to this method of damming. (Source:- Assessing the Potential Hazards of using Leaky Woody Structures for Natural Flood Management, May 2019) The dammed sites so far identified and installed (approx. 26) appear to be predominantly within main spine tributaries, some of which have low banks and all of which have high-volume flow during peak periods. The current installations, therefore, do not appear to be fitted to the intermittent or low-flow tributaries that leaky dams are ideally designed for and the risk of flooding and erosion to property or damage to infrastructure, therefore, is greatly increased.

Leaky Dams work best in areas where pre-existing fixed constraints are not present, and the flow isn't strong enough to breach or bypass the dam structure easily. The risk of causing flooding or major erosion to the land adjacent or downstream of these dams is therefore considerable, especially within the other proposed watercourses to be dammed at Waites Lane and Lower Waites Lane main spine tributaries. The current design plan (Dated May 2025) and produced by Future Landscapes Trust, illustrates a proposal for a further 26 leaky dams in the Waites Lane Tributary alone, and a further 2 within the middle and end of Stream Lane, which is part of the historic Saxon Shoreway, so therefore far from ideal. The poor siting of these proposed leaky dams would also appear to have been devised as part of a desk-top survey, meaning that detailed individual site surveys related to the suitability of each of these proposed sites, has clearly not been conducted. (See images 1 & 2 in this article which show bank erosion, Waites Lane watercourse, Fairlight, caused by a fixed obstruction downstream (damming) in a watercourse with low banks, high flow volumes and CSO discharges).

Within the meeting, some 30 case studies were mentioned that were cited as examples of successful projects. However, of those 30, only three tackled communities with pre-existing Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's), of which Fairlight has 4 in total. Furthermore, none of these case studies cited examples where detention dams were used, and for which it was proposed by Future Landscapes that 3 would be needed in Fairlight.

The siting of the proposed leaky dams, within both the Stream Lane (Lower Waites Lane) and Waites Lane Tributary, are all below CSO discharge points. In smaller streams or those with low banks, the step change created behind any dams are known to lead to pooling and increased eutrophication, which adds to harmful algae blooms, dead zones and fish kills. In a watercourse environment already identified as being home to the critically endangered European Eel, such additional pollution pocketing would clearly be disastrous. It's also interesting to note that only once within Future Landscapes' Flood Mitigation Report (May 2025, 59 pages), is sewage ever mentioned; outside of that of a designated name for a watercourse. (Pg52) This somewhat minimises the impact that escalating sewage discharge has had; by way of pollution, both locally and on the discharging and receiving communities further downstream, not to mention its impact on flooding. In my opinion these are inseparable issues and as a Fairlight Pathfinder member, and sewage affected resident dealing with such issues first-hand, the absence of its mention within the flood mitigation report is somewhat concerning to me.



Aside of the multiple source point contributions (CSO spills) in Fairlight (which is a village, not a town as stated in the report. Pg 11) and which are considerable for a small catchment (Source: - SW's sewage spill data. 754 hours, 123 spills. In 2023) it's clear that additional rural diffuse pollution; which includes agricultural activities such as crop spraying and contributions from livestock slurry contamination, is also applicable to the land adjacent to these main tributaries that are further proposed for damming and that are currently identified on the model illustration for both Waites Lane and Lower Waites Lane watercourses. These multiple contributing pollution factors therefore, make any damming of these particular sites even more unsuitable from a compounded pollution perspective.

Within the outline of the NFM planning tool to address flood risk, pollution factors absolutely need to be considered in any surface water management remedy. Therefore, the placement of

leaky dams immediately downstream of any CSO or WWTW's discharge points, would not only create more concentrated pollution pockets than currently exist, but would undoubtedly affect the transit of organic matter and impede the flush through of the watercourse, further impacting water quality, public health, and other hydraulic concerns. This could also effectively cause the irreparable death of yet another watercourse within the Fairlight catchment. (Refer to Dr Simon Young's, annual invertebrate surveys & Report 2024.)

If you do not wish to unintentionally worsen environmental conditions within a habitat, you would ideally first research the habitat, its inhabitants and any likely pollution sources within the watercourses to which the dams were proposed to be fitted, not to mention identify the suitability of the retainment method to be used, against the type of flows experienced within that watercourse. Additionally, in order to monitor the likely pollution impact of leaky dams on the water quality of a tributary, you would also first need to begin monitoring the various watercourses for a considerable period and before the fitting of any leaky dams took place, in order to get a baseline for current pollution levels. The water testing currently mentioned by Future Landscapes appears to be 'proposed' and therefore not yet undertaken, making any decrease of water quality, due to the leaky dams already installed, difficult to now truly ascertain. Such test results would therefore be useless, not to mention somewhat skewed in any attempt to obtain accurate comparisons of both improvement or deterioration from the true baseline water quality levels. Whilst Pett & Stoney Lynk watercourses do not have CSO spills, they are still subject to rural diffuse pollution, so would also require water quality monitoring.

An extract from a response from FLT follows and will also be serialised in future issues:

To the attention of M. Sullivan and the residents of the Fairlight and Pett communities,

Response to "Historical Flooding and A Call for Greater Communication & Collaboration" (20th June 2025)

Dear M. Sullivan,

Thank you for your detailed and passionate letter dated 20th June 2025, which is to be serialised in the Pett & Pett Level News. We at Future Landscapes have reviewed your observations and concerns regarding the Natural Flood Management (NFM) plan for the Fairlight and Pett catchments. We appreciate the depth of your local knowledge, compiled through years of dedicated research and observation, and we share your goal of finding effective, long-term solutions to the complex hydraulic issues facing our communities. We believe that open dialogue is crucial for success. Your letter presents an opportunity to clarify the strategy behind the NFM plan, address your specific concerns, and correct some apparent misunderstandings about our methodology and intentions.

The Logic of Leaky Dam Placement

A core concern raised in your letter is the placement of leaky dams within main spine tributaries rather than exclusively at source tributaries. While managing flows at the source is a key principle of NFM, a comprehensive strategy must address the entire catchment.

Whole-Catchment Approach: Placing dams in main tributaries is a deliberate strategy to slow high-volume flows where they pose the most significant risk of "flash flooding", thereby protecting communities downstream. Relying solely on source-flow damming, as you suggest, would be insufficient in catchments with rapid runoff and significant contributions from other sources, such as the CSO discharges you have noted.

Challenging "Domino Collapse": You express a well-founded concern regarding the "Domino Collapse" of dams in high-volume tributaries. However, our engineering designs and staggered placement are specifically calculated to prevent this. The alternative you propose, using only "small to moderate flow source tributaries", would fail to address the primary hydraulic load that causes the damaging floods. We have followed a detailed and approved risk assessment model and hold insurance against these risks.

Site-Specific Analysis: Your assumption that the plan was devised from a "desk-top survey" is correct, in fact that is the only way you can effectively model such hydrology and the complexity across a wide area. While initial modelling identifies potential locations, every proposed site undergoes on-site validation to ensure its suitability and safety. We do not rely on decisions made by individuals "at a desk some 7,000 miles away"; our plans are developed by experts with relevant local, national and international experience. The base data of topology and ground conditions would be the same in any model and we sought the best experts in this field which is an international consultancy with the Hydrologists being a British person who happens to live abroad and a Dutch hydrological scientist.

Addressing Pollution and Water Quality

The issue of sewage pollution is rightly a significant concern for the community. Fairlight's four CSOs and the recorded 123 spills in 2023 represent a severe environmental challenge. However, it is a logical inconsistency to suggest that because the water is polluted, we should not also manage its flood risk. The two issues must be tackled in parallel.

Responsibility and Action: The responsibility for sewage discharge lies with Southern Water. The NFM project is designed to mitigate flood risk, which is a separate but concurrent threat.

Minimising Pollution Impact: You state that damming below CSOs will create "concentrated pollution pockets". Leaky dams are designed to temporarily slow water during high-flow events, not to create permanent ponds. The increased transit time can allow for some natural filtration and sediment deposition. By reducing bank erosion, the dams can actually help reduce the re-suspension of historical contaminants in the riverbed.

Monitoring: Your point that baseline water quality monitoring should have occurred before installation is correct. We have already done the water quality testing, and the environmental monitoring, for the baseline where we have got plans to put in the NFM structures. These reports have already been sent to the Environment Agency and will be part of the evaluation and environmental impact assessment; this will be repeated every six months. allowing for adaptive management as we proceed. We also hold insurance against pollution risks.

Our long-term goal is to promote a range of Natural Flood Management (NFM) techniques across the catchments. We also aim to support other organisations and individuals in implementing these solutions. However, for the next two years, we must concentrate on our core project, which excludes the Fairlight catchment and the culvert, (which will be looked at in forthcoming issues of this publication). This project will demonstrate the effectiveness of our NFM structures by gathering scientific evidence from water flow meters and environmental monitoring. Once we have this robust evidence, we will seek your advocacy to expand these proven techniques throughout the entire catchment area.

We hope this clarifies our strategy and reassures you of our commitment to a scientifically sound and collaborative process. The local knowledge you and other residents possess is an invaluable asset, and we are eager to integrate it more effectively as we move from this pilot phase into wider implementation.

We have already invited you and other community representatives to follow-up meetings where we can discuss the technical details of our models and your observations in greater depth. Yours sincerely, The Team at Future Landscapes.

News from Pett Level Nature Reserve

Garden party

What a great afternoon was spent at the lovely Marsham Farm on Midsummer's Day. We were so lucky with the glorious weather. Food and drink, including delicious strawberries dipped in chocolate, were served aplenty and a 'never ending' raffle with generously donated prizes from Charles Palmer vineyard, vouchers from Under Pressure, chocolates from Rye Chocolates and lots of prizes from Trustees and Friends. Thanks to Robin and The Royal Oak for the beer. And a massive thanks to Trustee Caroline Turk, her family and friends for hosting and organising. A huge amount of work was put in by a host of volunteers. Thanks too to all who came and made the afternoon a very special event for the Trust. We're still totalling up the takings but it's already over £1,100.

Wildlife

For the second year running, common spotted orchids were found growing on the nature reserve - ten spikes as opposed to eleven last year. So good to see them return. Elsewhere there was loads of hemlock water dropwort along the canal, mixed in with purple and yellow loosestrife. Currently, on the beach yellow horned poppy and vipers bugloss is prevalent amongst the sea kale. Vipers bugloss is so called because its roots were used in ancient times for viper (adder) bites.

An array of butterflies were present in June, including large white, red admiral, painted lady and, further afield, marbled whites.

Bird activity was quiet, with many species keeping their heads down busy rearing their young. More recently, sand martins have been recorded, starting their return migration to Africa. It seems barely a few weeks since we were welcoming them back to Pett Level. All too short a time for them to be with us.

Management

Very little management has taken place recently to avoid disturbance to wildlife but the drinkers' path was mown to keep access open to that precious local resource - The New Beach Club! Volunteer work parties will begin again in September.

Supporting the PLPT

Thanks to all the Friends of PLPT for your support. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbours and encourage them to become members.

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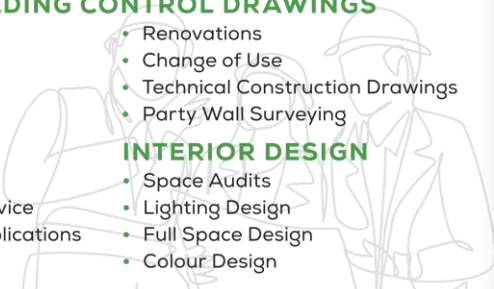
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News from the Archive Resource Centre

By Fran Rogers

The Archive has been established to store and record the history, documents, maps, photos, memories, events, oral histories of residents, etc of Fairlight, Guestling and Pett, and, indeed, surrounding neighbourhoods. We were established in 2022, with the website www.thearc.uk set up late 2022. The ARC has its own room, files and equipment in the Pett Methodist Chapel, convenient for the three parishes, and with disabled access and facilities.



We recently ordered a fireproof cabinet to house irreplaceable documents and photos, which should be delivered shortly. This was funded by an initial generous donation from the Fairlight Residents' Association and then further donations from the Isabel Blackman Foundation, Pett Older People's Project and Pett Flower Show. Huge thanks to all of them for their support.

Last year we had great audiences for Lorna Vahey's talk about her parents (Lorna went on to give her talk to the Pett WI and the Fairlight History Group) and for Andy McConnell from the Antiques Roadshow. This year, our celebrated local artist, Annie Soudain, spoke to another large audience about her time in Pett Level and Fairlight. Events are free to Friends. However, organising these events takes time away from our main raison d'être: collecting and cataloguing collections and helping with enquiries, which now we are established, have increased in volume.

Paul Petley has taken over as Chair of ARC and his enthusiasm and energy is already making a difference. We have also had some changes in our Committee; both John Case and Donna Gilbert have stepped down, but they remain Friends and thankfully will continue to help when they can. They have both been instrumental in building our vision, reputation and public awareness. Thank you both, we would not be where we are without you. New 'blood' and ideas are always necessary to keep any organisation moving forward and we are fortunate to have Ken Hatch joining us. He has recently joined the Committee of the Fairlight History Group and is one of the officers for the Pett Methodist Chapel, our home, so he helps to bring us all together. We would be delighted to have one or two people join us from Guestling!

It isn't just money that is important, but volunteer help with scanning, indexing, cataloguing. Even a few hours a week would make a difference. We know, as volunteers ourselves, how difficult it can be juggling between family, chores, hobbies, holidays and occasional days away. Retirement seems to be busier than having a job and raising children; why is that? We also know that many people already belong to other groups which keep our communities ticking over. To those we say thank you. It is to those who have yet to dip their toe in the volunteering pool - and would like to start small and from their home - that we are primarily after! Using your computer and scanner, or if you love arranging talks and events to help raise our profile (and funds). Or just folding and distributing leaflets locally.

New material is being added to our website regularly: recently PLPT nature leaflets, the building of the replacement for the Venetian Bridge in Pett Level, the history of the Rye Bay Auxiliary Coastguard (these last two from John Moon) and the forgotten art of the Sussex Posy, which is still being made annually in Spring by Fairlight resident, Bernard Cruttenden. Please look at our website, add any comments and email us if you find any mistakes or have additional information or thoughts. This is a community website and many of you know far more than we do: we are delighted to be corrected! And please do not throw anything interesting out about the area before letting us see (or scan it if you would like it back), it could be an important piece of our growing jigsaw.

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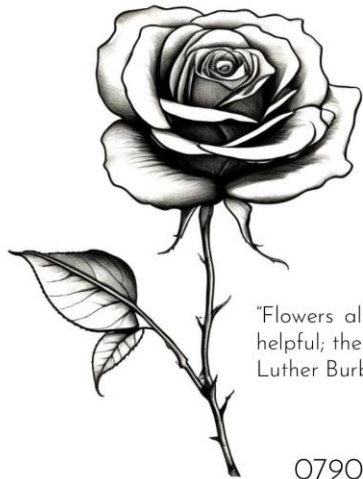
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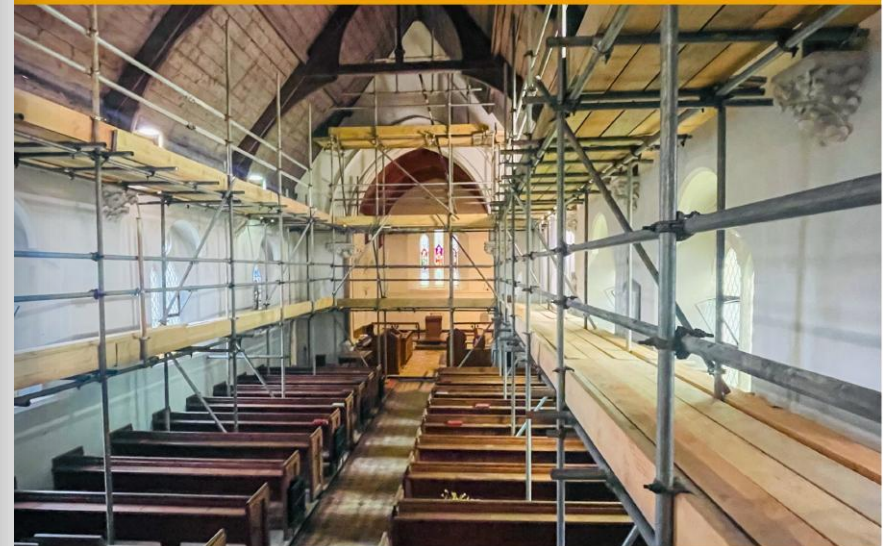
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Pett WI

Unfortunately, I had to miss our June meeting through ill health but a visit to Stonelynk Organics in Fairlight was a very interesting and informative trip. Steven explained in detail how their organic system worked and how they had progressed over the few years they have been there. Several members walked from Pett Village Hall and back, ably led by Tracy and Amanda. A visit to the Two Sawyers afterwards for a refreshing drink was shared by a few.

July's meeting couldn't have been more different. We were back at Pett Village Hall for a fascinating talk from the very eminent, The Right Honourable Dame Anne Rafferty who is a resident of Pett. She was a wonderful speaker and entertained and informed us about the legal system and how lawyers are trained in this country. She brought with her many wonderful props including what she would have worn in her various roles, ranging from barrister to a QC, a judge and finally a judge at the Court of Appeal. She dressed member Pauline in her robes and wig and showed us other ceremonial additions to the outfit, including other wigs and beautiful Oxford gloves. We were also able to see Her Honour presented by the Queen in person when she became a Dame, and her scroll and seal. She did all this alongside having four girls. A truly amazing example of what a woman can achieve when determined enough.

Sadly, we have heard that our previous President of Pett WI is stepping down from the WI, largely due to ill health.

Heather Godwin was President of Pett WI for many, many years and a true supporter of the WI and all it stands for. She saw the transition from an afternoon WI with dwindling numbers, to an evening group enabling working women to participate. She has been a stalwart supporter of all our fund raising activities and meetings and visits and we heartily thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Pett WI and the WI in general over her many years of membership.

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Gardening Club Notes - July 2025 by June Harris

Our second visit of the summer was to “Boldshaves”, a private country estate near Woodchurch in Kent. We had arranged to have an exclusive tour conducted by the owner, Peregrine Massey, who met us on arrival. He and his family have owned the property for over 30 years, since when they have created the garden as it is today, starting, as Peregrine told us, from literally nothing.

The house, in the Arts and Crafts style, had been built in 1902, but the land around it was still a blank canvas, no garden at all, although set in acres of ancient, untouched woodland. Much of what was there had grown wild, even to the extent of entirely concealing a large walled garden they literally didn't know was there!

Peregrine began with a few general ideas; the house is south-facing, so he wanted to take advantage of that and incorporate Mediterranean style planting; he wanted plenty of colour, but carefully coordinated, not random; there must be trees, essential for both interest and shade; fruit, vegetables and herbs should also have their place. The garden today covers around 10 acres and incorporates all Peregrine's and his family's original inspiration, the whole unfolding in front of the house. As the tour progressed, Peregrine's knowledge and passion became increasingly evident and we all appreciated it and the way he engaged with us all and involved us, it made it all the more interesting. There are many trees, which Peregrine explained were planted 25 years ago to mark the Millennium. All family members at the time were asked to suggest a tree, however, each must have at least one period of notable interest in the year, whether flower, fruit, leaf shape, autumn colour, etc., or it would not make the grade - in the end the only one chosen that didn't fit was the monkey puzzle - as Peregrine explained, it's a fine tree in the right setting, but for him it just jarred with the vision for Boldshaves!

Colour is a big factor in this now very mature garden. The emphasis for flowers is on perennials and old-fashioned roses. There is a “flame border” in which Peregrine told us he felt the bold reds, oranges, bright yellows, can all be free to riot, but are not found in the rest of the garden, where the softer whites, blues, pinks and lilacs are set off by gentle shrubbery. A hidden, formal Italian garden, bounded by yew hedging, adjoins a Diamond Jubilee Garden, leading on via broad grass walkways to a large open expanse where the trees are centre stage, but cleverly edged on one side with yew bays, each containing flowering plants in the colours of the rainbow. The walled garden is home to two magnificent mulberry trees and off it is the shady Camellia dell, where these beautiful shrubs shine in Spring. To one side is a large productive garden and plant nursery, while nearer to the house are terraces bounded by flowering perennials and a large natural pond. We didn't have time to visit all areas of this interesting and varied garden, but the woodland is also accessible, via several different paths leading away from the house, and is a riot of colour from daffodils and other bulbs in Spring. Our tour concluded, we enjoyed refreshments from the café, a sociable conclusion to a lovely day out.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday August 12th will be to visit local gardens in Pett, finishing with a social, details by email in due course.

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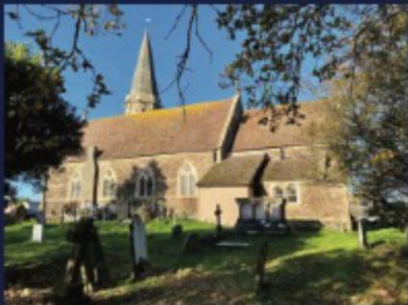
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Make a difference, volunteer for your local Hospice

If you've got a bit of spare time, want to pick up new skills, or fancy giving back to your local community, volunteering in our shops is the perfect way to do it! As a volunteer, you'll help with customer service, stocking shelves, creating eye-catching window displays, and making the shop a welcoming space for everyone. You'll be part of a friendly, supportive team where no two days are the same, but they're always filled with fun! Still not sure? Take it from Alun, one of the retail volunteers, "Volunteering can really change your life for the better and in so many ways that you may not expect."

If you're friendly, enthusiastic, and up for a challenge, we'd love to have you on board. Come and help us keep our shops thriving. Visit stmichaelsospice.com/volunteering-with-st-michaels-hospice to find out more.

Your Hospice, your care

Gardening with your grandchildren. Gaining confidence to volunteer. Feeling like yourself again. Not things you'd expect from a hospice - but at St Michael's Hospice they're part of everyday life. Wellbeing assistant, Andrea shares insight into her role supporting people through the Hospice's Wellbeing Programme, "Our main goal is to support people with physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. We aim to support and encourage people to remain independent and active for as long as they can. We're there at a time where they might feel they're not allowed or unable to do something, so it's about empowering people to continue to be themselves. Some people come with a set goal in mind, others just come to be in the space and share time with others who understand what they're going through. We're also here to help family and friends - anyone who is looking after the person with a life-limiting illness and needs some support too."

Hospice care isn't just about the end of life - it's about making the most of every day. Visit stmichaelsospice.com/services to find out more about your local hospice. St Michael's Hospice supports the whole of Hastings and Rother, and all services are free of charge.

The Rye and District Country Show

Are you looking for a fun, affordable, family day out this summer? Come along to the Rye and District Country Show at Elm Tree Farm in Icklesham for a fun-filled family day on Saturday 16th August. The Rye and District Country Show is organised annually by a dedicated committee in aid of St Michael's Hospice and has become a staple on the local events calendar. Tickets are only £7.50, with under 16s going free, making it the perfect day out for the whole family.

Visit ryeshow.org.uk to buy your ticket today or simply turn up on the day to pay. For more information, call 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com.

st michael's hospice

Moonlight Walk

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Nature Notes by Alan Kenworthy

A recent photo posted on the Churchyard Guardians WhatsApp group showed a cow happily grazing next to some Common Ragwort. (There is Ragwort in the churchyard but not all the discussion in that forum is about hedges and sausage rolls, vegan or otherwise.) Ragwort is poisonous to cattle, but the cow doesn't know that, it just knows that it doesn't taste good and leaves it alone to concentrate on the grass. Also on the ragwort were the yellow and black caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth, happily eating its leaves. The evolution fairy has given ragwort the defence of poisonous leaves and at the same time given Cinnabar caterpillars the ability to ingest the leaves without poisoning themselves. She has also given the caterpillars the yellow and black colours of something that will either sting or will taste bad so that birds will not eat them.



Having escaped the cow's tongue and the beaks of birds, the caterpillars will pupate and turn into the adult moths and take their poison with them, the evolution fairy this time choosing the warning colours of red and black. This also stops the adults being eaten by birds. Warning colours are, however, no defence against animals that hunt their prey using echolocation, so to save the bats and the Cinnabar moths, the evolution fairy has the moths flying during the day. This, of course, begs the question - what about all the other day-flying moths; are they also poisonous? I looked up the foodplant of six-spot Burnet moths, another common red and black day-flyer and it is Bird's-foot Trefoil which contains cyanide. Another day-flyer is the Yellow Shell moth, which, as its name implies is a straw-yellow colour, so no warning colours, but it eats bedstraws which are mildly toxic. Perhaps the evolution fairy has more work to do.

But what of the Common Ragwort, I hear you ask - is it doomed to defoliation because its poisons don't work? It has a slight advantage in growing quickly and flowering later in the year when many insects have finished eating plants and are looking for nectar. The nectar is not poisonous and supports a multitude of species which makes it a very important plant. Being a biennial plant, all it must do is to survive long enough to flower and set seed, and then get those seeds dispersed. It is a member of the Aster family and has the same sort of fluffy wind-blown seeds as dandelions and other asters, technically known as a pappus.

Then, of course, the seed must land in a favourable bit of soil. I read a book recently (*The Light Eaters* by Zoe Schlanger) in which a seed was described as a plant in a box with its lunch. It carries with it just enough nutrition so that when it detects that it has enough moisture and the temperature is right, it can put out a root. When that root has started to grow, the clock is ticking, and it must get a couple of leaves into the daylight before its lunch has all gone. As gardeners know, not every seed manages to do that, even in perfect conditions. Having got that root in and some leaves out, it is then stuck where the seed landed. It can't move to more favourable soil or to escape predators and must face all that the weather and nature throws at it. Being rooted to the spot like that, its only possible defence is to make its leaves poisonous.



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Our Elusive Water Voles

By Kerry Williams: Communications Officer - Conservation Sussex Wildlife Trust

If you're on a reedbed ramble and hear a 'plop', you might have just missed one. Although active during the day, water voles are extremely shy and quiet. Given their rarity and secrecy, it's a wonder how anyone even knows they are there. So, here's a few tips.

Voles vs. Rats

As a semi-aquatic rodent, water voles are often referred to as 'water rats'. You could mistake one for a brown rat, but they are quite different. Water voles have a blunt nose, a furry tail and small ears. Rats have pointier faces, long hairless tails, and rounded ears. And although I have nothing against rats, water voles are super cute.



Food caches

A cache of riverside nibbled grass stems can be a give-away. These often lie outside a discrete riverbank burrow. Continuing the ratty-confusion-theme, brown rats exhibit similar nibbly behaviours. However, water voles munch grasses at a neat 45-degree angle, whereas rat teeth marks are a bit more erratic.

Latrines

Collections of rounded, tic-tac shaped droppings, known as latrines, are what to look for along the water's edge. These tidy deposits are a calling card for territory marking. Although the droppings are scentless, the voles rub their hind legs on their scent glands and stamp on the droppings to leave a scent. A glamorous task. But it's not all idyllic grass-nibbling and poop-stamping; our water voles are at risk. Threatened by pollution, climate change, habitat loss, and predation by invasive non-native American Mink, our water voles are up against it. Once found in nearly every waterway in England, this protected species has declined by a staggering 90% since the early 1970s and are now listed as Endangered on the Great Britain and England Red List.

It sounds bleak, but there is good news ahead. Conservation organisations are protecting the species by monitoring and managing the population of American Mink. And there's things you can do. By keeping pets out of waterways, you can prevent pollution of our precious rivers by pet flea treatments. By taking your litter home, you can prevent bins over-flowing into vital water vole habitat. To help monitor the population, you can record sightings on iRecord, via the website or app, which are shared with the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre.

By taking action to support healthy rivers, balanced ecosystems, and robust monitoring we can contribute to bringing our water voles back from the brink of extinction to their rightful place in our flourishing waterways.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

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 Doctor Surgery 9.00am-1.00pm
 Bluebells Playgroup 9.30-11.00am
 Table Tennis 4.00-5.30pm
 Yoga 6.00-7.30pm

Tuesday
 Doctor Surgery 9.00am-5.30pm
 Pilates 8.30-9.30am
 The Hill Surgery Prescription Service 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
 The Hill Surgery Prescription Service 12-12.45pm
 Art 12-3.00pm
 Short Mat Bowls (In season) 3.15-5.15pm
 Fitness Pilates 6.30-7.15pm
 Lindy Hop 7.30-10pm

Friday
 Badminton 10.00am-12pm

For details of who runs each class and how to join see our website - www.pettvillagehall.co.uk

For bookings of the hall please contact Clare at clare@pettvillagehall@gmail.com Telephone 07718 518053.

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AUGUST 2025

RYE (HARBOUR)

Date	ORDNANCE DATUM (NEWLYN)			
	High Water			
	Morning		Afternoon	
	Time	m	Time	m
1 F D	03 36	2.5	15 49	2.6
2 SA	04 24	2.0	16 40	2.3
3 SU	05 29	1.9	17 48	2.0
4 M	06 45	1.8	19 07	1.9
5 TU	07 55	2.0	20 16	2.2
6 W	08 54	2.4	21 14	2.5
7 TH	09 43	2.8	22 01	2.9
8 F	10 25	3.0	22 42	3.1
9 SA O	11 03	3.5	23 22	3.4
10 SU	11 42	3.6		
11 M	00 00	3.5	12 19	3.9
12 TU	00 35	3.6	12 54	4.0
13 W	01 11	3.6	13 32	4.0
14 TH	01 48	3.5	14 11	3.9
15 F	02 29	3.4	14 55	3.5
16 SA C	03 18	3.0	15 46	3.0
17 SU	04 18	2.5	16 52	2.5
18 M	05 44	2.0	18 25	2.3
19 TU	07 24	2.0	20 07	2.3
20 W	08 48	2.4	21 27	2.6
21 TH	09 50	2.9	22 25	3.0
22 F	10 37	3.4	23 09	3.4
23 SA •	11 18	3.6	23 47	3.5
24 SU	11 55	3.8		
25 M	00 19	3.5	12 28	3.9
26 TU	00 49	3.5	13 01	3.8
27 W	01 18	3.4	13 32	3.6
28 TH	01 46	3.1	13 58	3.4
29 F	02 10	3.0	14 20	3.0
30 SA	02 32	2.6	14 46	2.6
31 SU D	03 02	2.3	15 27	2.3

Time Zone UT (GMT)

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays

SATURDAYS

	Hols	Sch					
Hastings Rail Station ⇌ Stop E		1330 1510 1510				1330 1510	
Queens Road opp. Priory Meadow Stop N	0945 1150 1335	1515 1515	1640 1740	0945 1150 1335	1515 1515	1640 1740	
Milward Road Manor Road	0950 1155 1340	1520 1520	1645 1745	0950 1155 1340	1520 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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SATURDAYS

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

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

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Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays

from 3 September 2023

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

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1055	1255	1455	1655
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1123	1323	1523	1723
1128	1328	1528	1728
1132	1332	1532	1732
1137	1337	1537	1737
1142	1342	1542	1742

- Notes**
- MF** Journey runs Mondays to Fridays only
- Sch** Journey runs schooldays only
- SSH** Journey runs on Saturdays and school holidays only
- * Buses terminating at Silverhill stop in Chatham Road
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Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays

Sundays and public holidays

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

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

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

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