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Well, summer seemed to end very suddenly didn't it? Already the nights are drawing in and there's that familiar chill in the air as autumn approaches.

It seems fitting therefore to be retreating indoors and thinking about our homes. So Sylvia's article on Colour Harmony within the home seems appropriate for this time of year. We all know that colour can make a room appear colder or warmer but Sylvia's Feng Shui approach is fascinating - who knew that colour choice could have such an impact on our sensory wellbeing, responses and mood; it's certainly food for thought. And talking of food, La Cucina di Angela also brings autumn into our homes with a delicious-sounding pumpkin gnocchi dish; simple Italian food at its finest.

As always, there's plenty going on this month. In addition to all the regular clubs, and the coffee morning there's what promises to be a fascinating ARC AGM and talk by Michael Steed on the subject of the History of the Royal Military Canal, which takes place on 17th October at Fairlight Village Hall. Residents will also be interested to note that there will be a further event detailing the plans for local affordable housing at Pett Village Hall on 9th October from 3.00pm-8.00pm.

Finally don't forget that British Summertime ends on 26th October, so remember to change your clocks.

Donna and Louisa



Pett Parish Council Update

The council met in September and I am pleased to say that four names were put forward for co-option, three of whom were co-opted following a paper ballot amongst council members. Those co-opted are Arwyn (AL) Evans (flood warden for Pett Level), Richard Homewood and George Locke. We welcome them to the council and look forward to their contributions. Many thanks to all four for putting their names forward.

Other matters discussed at the council included planning applications. The most controversial of these was the application to put 35 houses at Wakeham's farm in Fairlight. While this is outside our parish, the effects of the surface water and sewage from these additional properties could have an effect in Pett Level. People may remember that a very similar application was rejected by the Rother planners a short while ago and again on appeal; the council objected to it then and agreed to do so again as it does not appear that any adequate measures have been proposed in the new submission. It may be of interest that there are many comments from neighbours on the Rother planning portal, objecting and making many other points. From a Pett point of view, apart from the drainage issue, it seems likely that the proposed development would significantly increase the traffic along the narrow Rosemary Lane.

In connection with the flooding, there was further discussion of the drainage pipes at the bottom of Chick Hill and it was agreed to try and resolve the problems there. In a similar context, it will not be news that we have had some very heavy rain in the last few weeks. One of the effects of this is that there was flooding of some houses on the southern side of Pett Road (roughly opposite the Two Sawyers), which are significantly below the road level. This has been reported to the county council and Highways are checking the ground water drainage along that section of the road.

The council decided to make grants towards the new lighting in the church, towards the purchase of a scanner for the Archive Resource Centre and to the Pett Level Preservation Trust towards the removal of a dead and potentially dangerous tree. The first two of these will be taken from the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy), which the council receives, via the district council, from the builders of any new property and which can only be spent on capital items. The council is also reviewing its donations policy and is likely to confirm the revised policy at its next meeting. This will not reduce the amounts that the council gives out.

Last month I reported that two Live Facial Recognition (LFR) vans will be provided to Sussex Police later this year. While these may be used to help identify those who commit crimes, I acknowledge that there are those who feel that this infringes people's personal freedom. I leave you to decide for yourself.

Following the RoSPA inspection of the Recreation Ground the council agreed to obtain quotes for replacing the slide in the children's playground. The RoSPA report also noted that the bark under the climbing tower has become compacted. It was decided to rake this and probably to top it up in the spring.

The council is finding more about the Pett Level toilets, but some of the drainage is still not clear. It has been confirmed that surface water from the road is not getting into the cesspit, but it is not certain where the surface water from the roof ends up. In view of that, the council has decided to commission a survey of the drainage.

Sadly, I have to report three deaths, although none of these people lived in the village. Both Ian Nunn of the Environment Agency and Lorne Smith, who was active in the Fairlight Pathfinders group, died suddenly and unexpectedly. Both had been concerned in solving the problems of flooding at Pett Level. The third person was Pamela Drew, who was known to many in the village. Our commiserations go to the families of all three.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council

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“ancient history”. Many people have photos of people, places and events of more recent times. A good example is shown in this picture taken the morning after the Great Storm of 1987 and kindly donated by Alan Butler.

It shows a summerhouse which had been blown over from the garden of Nine Acres in Pett and onto the drive of Tortola (now Swallows Chase). It clearly shows the summerhouse neatly placed over the car on the drive, and we understand that only the wing mirror was damaged in this amazing feat of nature! So using this as an example, if we received enough images from that time I'm sure we could compile and put together a really good story of the local impacts of the Great Storm for everyone. Just one example of the sort of thing that, if given enough donated information, we can collect and piece together lot of good tales for future generations.

Your Properties

I would also like to ask a favour of those people who live in some of the older properties in the area (or even a newer house that was built where an older one existed before). We have so far managed to borrow and copy a few house details such as old deeds, Abstracts of Title and other papers. These have given us a great insight to who owned what, lived where and did what in the area at certain dates and so paint a picture of the villages at a certain time. This is a rich store of history and the more we can add to it the better, so please contact us if you are willing to let us borrow these documents. We will give them back to you together with digital copies on a memory stick.

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SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

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SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

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Sunday October 19 th	3pm	Bear & I £200
Saturday November 1 st	4-7pm	Children's Halloween Disco
Sunday November 9 th	3pm	Roger Hubbard Trio
Sunday November 23 rd	3pm	Llama Legs
Friday November 28 th		Race Night


PETT FLOWER SHOW & FAYRE
All the Fun of the Fayre
Saturday 26 July 2025
 This year's show was a great success at Pett Village Hall. Once again, we had a sunny day with only a small shower.
 Most of our outstanding costs have been covered. One of the biggest costs is for engraving the cups and trophies, Some have not been collected by the winners from our secretary, Louise Bowles. Please contact her as soon as possible on 01424 812296 to arrange collection.
 It is traditional to present a small memento to those who have won a cup for three years running. The committee have agreed to make a change to this practice. We shall continue to present one to winners in the Young Peoples classes, whilst adult winners will receive a congratulatory certificate recording their success.
 It is great to announce that, following the finalisation of the accounts from Flower Show takings, there is a surplus. The Committee would like to consider making donations to local good causes, particularly to organisations that give great support to making the day a success. Requests are welcome; just get in touch by writing to the Committee. Please contact our Hon. Sec. Louise Bowles at lou.bowles192@gmail.com or the Chair, Philippa Strickland at pstrickl@icloud.com. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Donations will be announced at the AGM in the Spring.
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Nature Notes

As I write this, we are on holiday in Pembrokeshire. We found a friendly riverside pub there and we were just finishing our evening meal when we noticed a member of the bar staff minutely examining the floor outside the toilets. It turns out that she was looking for baby newts. As autumn approaches, some newts, which spend most of their life on land, return to the water that they bred in, where they will hibernate in the mud at the bottom of the pond or river. In this case, the pub stood in their path to the river. There was a very small gap under the outside door that allowed the newts to continue towards the river. However, they couldn't get any further, so the bar staff were making regular patrols in order to try and rescue as many as possible and ensure their safe return to the river.

Hibernation is a method that many animals use to avoid winter, especially those that can't fly. Though it may seem as though cold and stormy weather is the reason for hibernation, the most pressing reason is lack of food. Frogs, toads and newts are all insect eaters and there are very few insects to be had in winter. The reason



that there are so few insects around in winter is because they are hibernating. The insects are hibernating because there is no nectar, prey or leaves to eat because the plants have mostly died back. Actually, I am stretching the definition of hibernation a bit there - many insects spend the winter as pupae in a state of suspended animation where their metabolism virtually stops - this is called a diapause. Those insects that truly hibernate, such as bumblebees and some butterflies, that enter and leave hibernation as adults, enter a torpid state where their metabolism slows but never quite stops. The energy that that requires is provided by fat reserves. If the fat reserves are used up before the weather warms and food becomes available again, the insect dies.

To return to our amphibious friends, the newts and the male frogs (females hibernate on land) hibernating on the bottom of their cold ponds. They require more than just fat reserves, they need oxygen. Both tadpoles and fish have gills that can extract oxygen from the water, but tadpoles lose their gills when they become adults and develop lungs. Returning to the surface to gulp air would need precious energy and may also attract the beak of a hungry heron. So, the evolution fairy has given them the ability to absorb oxygen through their skin. (Yes, I know that the evolution fairy doesn't exist, but it saves explaining all those tedious millions of years of gradual adaptations that have given those newtlets the instinct and sense of direction to crawl under the back door of a pub).

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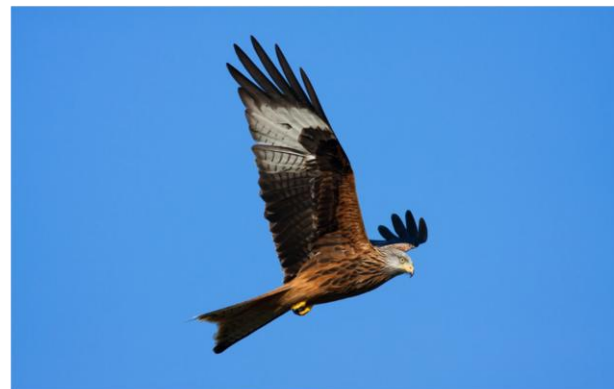
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A Red Kite Tale

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

On holiday in the late 90s, my family and I made a visit to a working Mid-Wales farm. As we watched from purpose-built hides, a group of magnificent wild birds of prey started to gather in the surrounding trees, eventually descending to pick up scraps of meat from the ground; a flurry of auburn feathers and forked tails. I remember being stunned by the sheer number; I was used to spotting a lone Kestrel or Buzzard but had never seen so many birds of prey at once. The farm is famed for their supplementary Red Kite feeding, held there daily since advised by the RSPB in 1992 to support efforts to encourage the preservation of the species. The UK Red Kite population had been decimated due to long-term persecution, driven by an incorrect belief that they threatened game birds. Red Kites will hunt small mammals, such as rabbits, but are mostly scavengers, preferring to take carrion rather than live prey. By the late 1980s numbers were drastically low, and with only a handful of breeding pairs in Wales, the species was nearly extinct in the UK.

But change was in the air. Following a release of several birds in the Chilterns in 1990, efforts by many conservation organisations and committed individuals to support and resettle the species have made the Red Kite reintroduction one of the most successful and renowned conservation stories in the UK. The species now soars in many areas of the British Isles, which is home to an estimated 4,500 breeding pairs. Whereas during my Welsh farm visit we perhaps saw 80 birds, they now welcome up to 500.



Red Kite courtesy of David Kilbey SWT

We know that memorable interactions for children and young people with our natural world can create lasting connections; vital to the continued conservation of our precious wildlife and habitats. Even though they are now abundant in places, I am still overjoyed to see a Red Kite, perched in a bare branch or hovering over a motorway. When I do, I am often put in mind of that experience at the farm 25 years ago. I had no idea I was witnessing part of such an incredible story.

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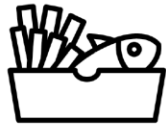


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Colours have a huge impact on our sensory wellbeing, our responses and mood. Colour language communicates with our mind, it is not just what we see but also how it feels subconsciously. Each colour vibrates at its own unique frequency which influences every cell of our body and arouses our senses, although for the most part we take it for granted. All colours have many facets, each with variations of tone and clarity, shades, hues and tints.

Making colour decisions in Feng Shui design is a far more adaptable, aesthetically aware and effective process than simply assigning elemental colour choices to their corresponding compass areas, which often does not work. It involves considering the function of a room, whether its shape is wide, long and narrow, or irregular, its ceiling height, window dimensions and natural light quality. These all play a part in how a room responds to a colour scheme and how happy you will feel in it.

My first approach for deciding which colours would work best in a particular room is to balance its yin (passive, cold, soft etc) and yang (active, hot, hard etc) essence. An excess or lack of either yin or yang will cause an imbalance that can undermine your wellbeing. Generally speaking, dynamic bright colours will increase the level of yang energy in a room. For instance, a touch of cheerful orange or purple will enliven a room that feels too yin, but if the room becomes too yang its atmosphere may feel unsettled or disturbing. By contrast, neutrals, taupes and greys would cool down a predominantly yang space. Subdued and earthy colours generate a sense of yin energy which would be ideal for a quiet space, but a room that is too yin tends to feel lifeless or uninspiring.

As a rule of thumb, active living areas and the home office space require some yang colour accents. Bedrooms and other quiet areas work better with tranquil, nurturing, more yin colour schemes. Using complementary colours together tends to have a relaxing effect, whilst primary colours together have a more stimulating effect. Choosing colours, decor and furniture placement with a harmonious balance of yin and yang will help you to create a living space that feels relaxed and welcoming.

How colour is perceived depends basically upon the kind of natural light it receives or lacks. In our climate, as an example a predominance of yin shades of blues or greys in a North-facing bedroom can look and feel cold, even frigid. Red and similar strong colours radiate a stimulating yang energy that may disrupt peaceful sleep, especially in a South-facing bedroom. On the other hand, lavender, pink and fuchsia tones, which are a more yin version of red, would feel relaxing and nurturing. So, it is always about achieving the appropriate balance.

Green is calming, neurologically soothing and healing, the most balanced of the colour spectrum. so you cannot go wrong with it. Peachy orange shades are cheerful, and they can also stimulate your appetite, a good choice for the dining room. Bright yellow is stimulating intellectually so it works well in places where people have discussions, but in the bedroom, it can keep your brain too active. Mustard and yellow ochre tones have a far more subdued effect and they can even induce a good night's sleep. Some properties will look their best when painted white throughout.

Take your time, never rush your decision because colours can look quite different on sunny, bright or overcast days and in various spots. A good tip: before you make up your mind about which wall colour you want to use, paint your colour sample on an A4 or A5 card and hold it up in different parts of a room, in different weather conditions, at different times of the day and in artificial light. That is usually the best way to decide which wall colour you would prefer to live with.

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It is not just wall paint that provides colour impact. You can change the mood of a room, sometimes dramatically, by introducing new colour accents in soft furnishings, floor coverings, artwork, decor accessories, flowers, houseplants, natural objects such as crystals or stoneware, even goldfish! Each of these will bring desirable new colour tones into a room effectively. And appropriately positioned focal lighting will help to enhance its new vibrational energy.

In conclusion, colour is an expression and we use colour In Feng Shui design to calm or energise a space. Attractive accents of the right colours introduced in a room will initiate the mood that you desire, be it creative inspiration, clear mindedness, joyful interaction or nurturing intimacy. This is how aesthetic Feng Shui design would utilise colour choices to create harmonious and nourishing living environments. I hope that you will feel inspired to experiment with colour in your own home. If you would like some help, I'll be glad to offer it.

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As you may know the church has now been closed for six months. Three coats of lime plaster have been applied to the plaster repairs and the stone arch to the West Window has been pinned up. The next step will be replacing the 45 -year-old light fittings with LED lights. Each light costs over £400, and the total cost of fitting them will be almost £9,000. A grant from the diocese of half of that cost will be forthcoming once the work had been completed.

The Parochial Church Council will be discussing the next steps of the renovation at a meeting which will have taken place by the time you read this. Making further grant applications is very time consuming and fraught but seems the only way forward. The PCC is hoping to get the church open again for worship at least by Remembrance Sunday. Many people within the village, and without, consider the church to be a building that should be preserved. One quote from someone who attended the Open Day in August: *'I'm not a regular church-goer but it is important to me that the village has a church and I would be willing to have a small amount added to my Council Tax bill to support it'*. However, the Parish Council already generously contributes to the upkeep of the churchyard (which costs over £1,000 per year) and to providing the Christmas Trees outside both churches.

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Historical Flooding and A Call for Greater Communication & Collaboration - Part 3

In the conclusion to our series looking at the Pett Level flooding, Maggie Sullivan explores the impact of poor maintenance of our local watercourses and questions the proposal to alter the Chick Hill Bridge culvert.

Watercourse & Culvert Capacity

The issues surrounding the serious siltation of our local watercourses, caused by a combination of alluvium and source point organic deposits (Sewage outfall particulates), along with years of neglect in the dredging and maintenance of certain parts of our local canals and watercourses, has had a serious part to play in the flooding impact of both the Lower Fairlight and Pett Level catchments. Combined, these issues reduce infiltration and add to the flash flood risks experienced in both locations. However, in areas with underlying clay-rich alluvium; which Pett and Fairlight are known to have, water accumulates above the impermeable layer, raising the water table and creating a considerable reduction in channel capacity over time.

Following my own observational reports on the Chick Hill Bridge Culvert and on other tributaries within the Fairlight catchment, the desperate need for maintenance was clear and there is a strong argument that certain parts of both our catchments need to concentrate hard on some long overdue housekeeping first, by re-establishing watercourse depths and in restoring the heights of stream banks to afford greater attenuation and reduce flooding, which could even negate the need for detention damming further upstream if mitigated by the use of other methods of retention. Future Landscapes maintain that 'The outdated canals, culverts, and levees are insufficient to handle the increased water volume, thereby heightening the region's vulnerability to flooding,' (Page 13) I do not concur with this summary. Evidence suggests that the lack of dredging and regular maintenance of these structures by the EA, is a contributing issue. Some of these remedies are simple to implement and highly effective, but require a firm commitment from the EA, Drainage Board, individual landowners and the other relevant responsible bodies to remedy the long-term neglect of the past.

In speaking about the upper marshland and culvert area, Future Landscapes maintain that 'The defence mechanism has its limitations—as early as a 10-year return period event, the system becomes saturated, causing water to overflow the road and potentially flood the housing area downstream' (Pg 14). This statement is entirely inaccurate. In the history since the culvert's installation, neither the culvert or the Culvert catchment area has ever overflowed or flooded the road at Chick Hill or Pett Level Rd. In fact, it takes additional runoff from the spring higher up within the road opposite Chick Hill, and other road surface runoff from the catchment without ever overflowing. (See my culvert observational report 29/11/2024 & associated images.) This report shows historical & evidential images which demonstrate that in terms of hydraulic capacity within this area, the culvert is more than adequate, but that the removal of a considerable amount of siltation from both the Culvert catchment bed and Culvert 2 & 3, would restore this area to its peak hydraulic capacity. The only need for interference of this culvert construction, would be if the clearance of siltation from Culvert 3, caused damage to that culvert and even then, I would suggest that any replacement of this culvert was with one of the same size, in order to facilitate the same attenuation.

Future Landscapes' mention of the need to alter the Culvert at Chick Hill Bridge (Culvert 1), is deeply alarming to me because, in terms of retention, this culvert is doing its job really well and at a discharge rate commensurate with the current watercourse flow capacity. Its over-engineered design and the use of an ovoid pipe, further ensures self-cleansing velocity at lower flows. If Southern Water attenuate their sewage discharge both upstream and further

downstream, the watercourse capacity should also increase, further reducing the propensity to flooding at higher tides.

More worryingly however, is that interfering with the culvert retention could not only decimate the ecology of the Pett Level Marshland behind it, but could also increase the risk of flooding within Pett Level itself and for those living further downstream who have similar water volume disposal issues. Furthermore, the suggestion of the enlargement of either the Marsham Sewer or Chick Hill Culverts, as mentioned within the meeting (6/6/2025) is equally concerning, given that the confluence of the two tributaries of both Marsham Sewer & the Military canal, occurs just downstream on the Pett Level Marsh. This means that the flow, which will then be in greater volume, will have nowhere to go. The potential for flooding at Marsham Brook area, therefore, will likely be increased, not reduced. Once again, the enlargement of a Culvert, which is currently more than adequate in terms of its retention, would be pointless given the speed of flow and the further phased retention that occurs downstream at the tidal lock in Rye and during high tides.

Like most things, we cannot expect things to work efficiently with-out regularly maintaining them and this is clearly true of our watercourses and culverts, so why replacement would be considered over maintenance; and which is likely far cheaper, astonishes me. Whilst I am not a political animal and prefer not to get involved in the politics of such issues, it strikes me that this measure would in fact be a considerable waste of taxpayers' money, not to mention an environmental disaster in terms of a proposed remedy. Better perhaps to direct that money toward the maintenance and restoration already discussed above, than a measure that has the potential to further compound issues.

Climate Implications & (Predicted) Future Flood Events

Fairlight; & Pett, which is also a village not a town as reported in the Future Landscapes document, are both set within a rural area, so although the document from Future Landscape states that, 'Summer rainfall events, that typically happen every two years are projected to increase by around 25% and will affect the frequency and severity of surface water flooding, particularly in urban areas.' (Pg13) I'm not sure this statement truly applies to our catchments. The flooding risk within a rural setting is generally considerably lower, due to the more extensive permeability of the overall locations, but within the more semi-urban built-up area of Fairlight at least, any estimated risk of flooding from watershed during the summer months is currently well contained within the watercourses for both Highway drainage and well contained within the ground from the high use of soakaways from both Highway and residential input. With over 95% of properties within Fairlight being on soakaways, this has dramatically reduced the risk of surface water flooding in the area. Frequent flooding events during the summer months within Fairlight or Pett, are therefore hardly ever experienced, though if permission is given for houses and roads to be built on Wakeham's Pond Field, this would undoubtedly increase the risk of surface water flooding.

Communication shortfalls, Compartmental thinking

Lastly, this current practice of compartmental solution methods without wider consideration for impacts further afield, is neither helpful nor productive in terms of its impact to those either side of the hydraulic fall-out. By their own admission, the leaky dam initiative is not a one size fits all solution, but needs to be part of a multi-faceted approach, with staged and managed interventions, mindful input and careful consideration for each other's catchment assets & shortfalls, but which needs to start first with years of siltation removal, watercourse depth reinstatement and stream bank restoration. It's clear to me that Future Landscapes are not as knowledgeable about the catchment as those who have lived in it and worked on it for generations. However, we are all on this learning journey, looking for a common solution to a long-term hydrological problem and they need to be made aware that collaborative

communication is key. My concerns therefore, centre on the lack of consultation and communication exchange between the two communities and that the current situation may not only disengage residents, but has the potential to do some significant damage, both in terms of rash and unnecessary culvert remodelling and more localised flooding, erosion and pollution issues as a result.

As a victim of property loss and considerable flood damage myself over the past 22+ years, I have every sympathy with those effected, but firmly believe that the repair and maintenance of these tributaries needs to be the first task on the agenda of things to do, whilst other less intrusive remedies are sought and monitored for their effectiveness. Poorly placed leaky dams can be moved, but the replacement of a culvert is an issue which cannot easily be undone, and which would likely have a catastrophic impact on more than just the flooding issues at hand. Furthermore, if the need for any such major alterations were found to be wanting, consultation and calculations should definitely be managed by an independent Civil Engineer with local knowledge of the flooding issues and not solely a person at a desk some 7,000 miles away and who is unlikely to ever walk a mile in our shoes or endure the devastation that we do. The troubling issue of compartmental thinking truly needs to be addressed, and we need to pool knowledge and resources to get the most effective remedy for the complex hydraulic issues we experience. Whilst I realise the enclosed may appear overly critical, this insight comes from a place of experience and of a desire to help those similarly affected within my own, and adjacent communities. For this reason, I cannot state enough the imperative need for greater communication & collaboration.

Author:- M Sullivan

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Response to M Sullivan from FLT

Much of the response from FLT to M Sullivan and the residents of Pett and Fairlight was published in the August and September 2025 issues and can be accessed at [Pettonthenet](#). Whilst those articles looked in detail at the issues surrounding leaky dams, water pollution and concerns over lack of communication, in this issue we are reproducing FLT's response regarding the Chick Hill culvert:

To the attention of M. Sullivan and the residents of the Fairlight and Pett communities,
Subject: Response to "Historical Flooding and a Call for Greater Communication & Collaboration" (20th June 2025)

Forward-Looking Infrastructure Planning

Your defence of the existing Chick Hill Bridge Culvert is based on its historical performance. Our planning, however, must be forward-looking and account for future risks.

Climate Resilience: Our statement that "the system becomes saturated" in a 10-year return period event is based on hydraulic models that incorporate the projected 25% increase in summer rainfall maxima you noted from our report. To ignore these official climate projections would be irresponsible. While you state the culvert has "never overflowed", our duty is to plan for future conditions, not just past experiences.

System-Wide Function: An effective flood management system cannot simply store water upstream indefinitely. The culvert is not part of our project, from feedback from the community we commissioned an additional report to aid the community in understanding this issue. Your concern is that enlarging the culvert could "increase the risk of flooding within Pett Level". These models show the opposite. The rationale behind us seeking this information for a proposed alteration would be part of an integrated system designed to work in concert with the upstream dams to safely convey larger volumes of water through the catchment and out to the tidal locks in a controlled manner, reducing the overall flood risk for everyone. To suggest replacing it is a "waste of taxpayers' money" overlooks the cost of inaction in the face of predictable future events. We stress again this is not our proposal but was done at the behest of others in the community who wished to better understand the role of the culvert during flood events.

A Shared Path Forward

It is clear we have significant common ground. You advocate for a "housekeeping first" approach, including dredging, siltation removal, and restoring stream banks. But our project has no jurisdiction or funding for these tasks and thus are not in our capacity to redress. But we wholeheartedly agree that these maintenance activities are essential. We see our role as a partner in advocating with the Environment Agency, Drainage Board, and landowners to remedy this "long-term neglect" when there is a proven benefit.

However, maintenance alone cannot increase the fundamental capacity of the catchment to cope with the increased water volumes that already exist or that climate change will bring. The NFM measures are a necessary, additional layer of resilience. This is the "multi-faceted approach" that you rightly call for.

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 specific observations in greater depth.

Yours sincerely,

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In conversation with a physiotherapist at St Michael's Hospice

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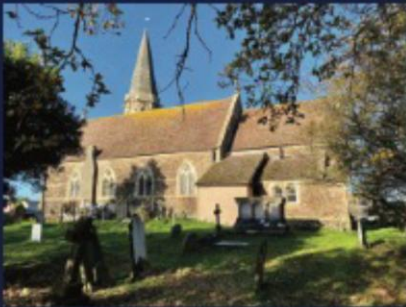
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La Cucina di Angela

Gnocchi with Pumpkin

The gnocchi originated in Northern Italy. Due to the cooler weather the potatoes are great there, so optimal for this kind of dish. They were invented during the Roman empire and were introduced (or exported) to the rest of Europe around the 16th century. In my teenage years my mum used to make them by hand and teach how to make them to me and the rest of my sisters (who were usually pretending to learn). It is also the first thing I cooked for my husband-to-be. (For four people).

1 large pumpkin - enough to give 1kg of pumpkin pulp
250g plain flour
1 egg
Grated nutmeg
50g (more or less) parmesan cheese
100g butter
45g pecorino romano cheese in flakes
A few leaves of sage
Salt and pepper

Cut the pumpkin in half and scoop out the insides - avoiding the seeds in the middle. Scoop out enough to give 1kg of pumpkin pulp. Soften the pulp on a tray in the oven or steam it, as you prefer. Put the pulp in a white napkin and squeeze out as much as water you can. In a bowl, add to the pulp, the flour and egg, the parmesan, some salt, and a pinch of grated nutmeg. Knead it to form a firm dough. With a teaspoon, form some small balls of gnocchi then cook them in a large pan filled with boiling salty water. They will be ready when they start to float. Drain the water and pour them into a frying pan with the butter and the sage leaves and toss them for 2-3 minutes. Serve, sprinkling the gnocchi with flakes of pecorino romano.

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Is he one of us?

You have had a long break, dear reader, from my etymological ramblings but now I feel I must share with you some of my findings about the word *class*, whether spoken with a *short a* or a *long a*.

I was at the Thursday morning service in Rye Church when my eyes caught sight of a memorial on the floor of the Clare Chapel. The stone commemorates *Georgius Warrender Praefectus Classis*. This does not mean, of course, that he was class prefect (although he may have been in his early days) but was a distinguished naval commander. He was a Vice-Admiral when he died in January 1917.

In Latin *classis* generally means a fighting ship, and later on, a group of fighting ships. Indeed, to this day we have *classified* our British Naval ships into *classes*. It can also be used in Latin to mean a section of the army. The word *class* appears in almost all Indo-European languages and is said to come from the root *kelh* meaning *to call* or *to shout*. This becomes *kaleo* in Greek and *calo* or *clamo* in Latin. The idea was that you could call into action a group of soldiers or sailors or citizenry.

In later times, the called-out group became a social class and the different *classes* in society came to be more and more significant in the nineteenth century. The industrial revolution resulted in the frequent description *capitalist class*. When I was young the words *upper middle-class* and *lower middle-class* were often used. And some people used to say: *it's a pity that so many working class people don't actually do any work*. There was always in this country some flexibility allowing a person to change his class.

Nowadays the use of the word *class* to describe a section of society is slowly disappearing. The aspirations or achievements of an individual have become more important than the group we used to think they belonged to. We continue, however, to use the word *classify* generally and the word *class* in the school context.

Sir George Warrender, 7th Baronet, KCB, KCVO was born in Scotland in 1860 and had an illustrious career in the Royal Navy until increasing deafness and ill-health meant that, sadly, he was not able to cope with his important responsibilities during World War I. In historical and current times quite a few great men and women do not retire when they should. I should add that I have not yet discovered his connection with Rye.

Does any of this have any significance? Only to show that language is always changing, albeit slowly. I have just learnt a new word: *phubbing*. But that's another story!

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PLIRB News - October 2025

Autumn swept in wet and blustery, and our busy summer started to wind down. But we continue to train, fundraise and be a positive asset in the community.

Open Day 2025 Results!

Another brilliant day - fantastic weather, great food and drink, superb music and entertainment. A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated, supported or joined us on the day. We are thrilled to confirm that we raised over £6,000 which makes a significant contribution to our operating and project costs.



Boathouse Development

We are in the process of gathering quotations from contractors to complete the boathouse development. We want to keep it local, so any firms interested in submitting a quotation, please get in touch at plirbrescue@gmail.com or 01424 812 457.

Crew News

September was a busy month for training. 10 volunteers completed their RYA VHF Radio License and six completed RYA Powerboat Level 2. Well done to everyone and thank you for your continued commitment.



Martin Geldart completed his RYA Day Skipper practical and RYA Advanced Powerboat courses as he continues his journey to achieving helm status.

Fundraising

We have been blessed with wonderfully generous responses to recent appeals - every kind offer alleviates our financial pressure.

- **Drysuits:** Protective clothing is essential for our crew. We appealed for support to buy new drysuits when we had to dispose of suits no longer fit for purpose. The response was amazing, and we received donations from Fairlight

Residents Association and others to allow us to purchase new drysuits.

Freezer: We put a shout out for a small second-hand freezer to help store food for our many barbeques and were delighted to receive a brand new one from a local supporter.

Crew suit booths: The plywood dividers between our crew drysuit booths were rotting and in need of replacement - we asked the community and a generous supporter paid for the ply to replace. We have received other offers to purchase other items to complete the fitting.



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In the community

Well done to a group of volunteers who were travelling through Pett one evening and noticed a female in difficulty. They stopped to provide to provide welfare and first aid assistance and escorted the lady home.



Our Pett Slip Buoys continued to sing to raise funds for our future new rescue boat - performing for the first time at Rye Arts Festival.

Local Thanks

A huge thank you to Robin and Becky and all at the Royal Oak in Pett for donating two Personal Beacons. We now have six devices which provide additional protection for our crew.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 29 November, 7pm: PLIRB quiz, email plirbrescue@gmail.com to book a table

Friday 12 December, 5pm: Carol and Shanty night (TBC)

Sunday 21 December, 7pm: PSB singing at the Cove Fairlight

For all others, please check our website www.plirb.org

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Gardening Club Notes - September 2025 - June Harris

Our first meeting of the autumn saw us back in the Village Hall, where we welcomed again Andrew Gaunt, whose day job is in the plant health department at DEFRA, which he has given us talks about in the past. Hedichyium Ginger Lilies, however, are his hobby and the raising and care of these were the topic for this latest talk, which Andrew illustrated with many photos, as well as a selection of his own plants for us to buy. He also brought a huge vase full of striking flower spikes for us to take home - much appreciated!

Andrew has the National Collection of these unusual plants, which he has built up gradually over the last 25 years to around 250 species, literally starting out with a small section of rhizome given by a friend, when he admired the plants' growth habit, flowers and scent. Hedichyium Gingers originate throughout Asia with hundreds of species differentiated by climate and conditions, some more tropical and needing to be under glass in this country, others tolerant of our climate, thriving in our garden borders. They can be raised from seed or propagation and, once established, are easy to maintain and, since they produce their own insecticide, are generally pest and disease-free. They like a lightly shaded spot, plenty of water, appreciate a regular balanced feed, including magnesium sulphate and should be cut down to ground level in winter, ready for new growth in the spring, thus ensuring fresh green leaves to set off the flower spikes.

As with many plants, traditionally they had medicinal uses, but are also edible. Currently the variety "Gardinerium" is in trials as it can destroy lung cancer cells; "Horsefeldii" genes might be able to assist in resolving Panama Disease, which is threatening to wipe out entire South American bananas since they are all one variety and Andrew supplied the plant section for this research; Bristol Zoo feeds the rhizomes to its gorillas and giraffes as they settle stomachs and have de-worming properties - just a sample of the comprehensive list of talents for one plant!

Andrew gave us an interesting insight into the world of National Plant Collections. The overall body is Plant Heritage, the King being the Patron and Alan Titchmarsh the President. Plant Heritage which, unlike Kew for example, encourages hybridisation, oversees, supports and gives publicity to the Collection holders. Anyone can be a National Collection holder, starting, as Andrew himself did, from small beginnings and whose collections are in their own gardens. Holders are able, through Plant Heritage, to gain access to useful contacts like research bodies and exhibit at promotional shows, plus liaising with other growers and furthering all aspects of plant knowledge. Andrew himself exhibited at Chelsea and won a Gold Medal! He told us that the variety of plants being commercially grown and therefore available for us all to buy is diminishing - globally pests and diseases have decimated plant species. Preventive legislation limiting plant imports has deterred growers and even the expense of transportation has meant that taller plants are fewer in number now since they take up too much room in the lorries so fewer pots can be packed in! These and many more constraints are increasing the value of National Collections, hopefully ensuring the very survival of plants generally, but continuing to enable gardeners to have a variety of plants for their gardens and for everyone to benefit from and enjoy.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday October 14th, at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman room at Pett Village Hall will be a talk from Will Friend on Mediterranean Plants for the Kent Coast.

Pett Village Hall Activities

Monday
 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. Doctor's appointments can only be made by contacting The Hill Surgery direct.

500 CLUB

Draw Date: 3rd September 2025

1st: Eve Button
2nd: John Cooke
3rd: Carol Glasson

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		High Water			
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		Time	m	Time	m
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2	TH	06 45	1.9	19 18	2.0
3	F	07 48	2.4	20 16	2.5
4	SA	08 39	3.0	21 04	3.1
5	SU	09 23	3.5	21 46	3.5
6	M	10 04	3.9	22 26	3.9
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10	F	00 23	4.0	12 44	4.3
11	SA	01 04	3.9	13 26	3.9
12	SU	01 50	3.5	14 16	3.4
13	M	02 45	3.0	15 17	2.8
14	TU	03 53	2.5	16 36	2.2
15	W	05 13	2.0	18 20	2.0
16	TH	06 55	2.2	20 00	2.4
17	F	08 13	2.5	20 58	2.8
18	SA	09 05	3.0	21 42	3.0
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25	SA	00 38	3.4	12 45	3.3
26	SU	00 55	3.1	13 05	3.0
27	M	01 19	3.0	13 35	2.8
28	TU	01 54	2.8	14 15	2.4
29	W	02 42	2.4	15 17	2.0
30	TH	04 26	2.0	17 29	1.9
31	F	05 57	2.0	18 40	2.2

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War memorial at Pett Church	PPC
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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	▼	▼	▼	▼	1534		▼		▼		▼		
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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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			
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Milward Road Manor Road	0845	0845	1030	1235	1420	1600		0845	0952	1157	1420	1522
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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
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Silverhill Filling Station*		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	1132	1332	1532	1732
Harrow Lane Ashdown House		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	1137	1337	1537	1737
Conquest Hospital		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	1142	1342	1542	1742

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MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except public holidays											Sundays and public holidays					
											NR	NR	NR	NR		
Conquest Hospital											2045	1045	1245	1445	1645	
Harrow Lane Ashdown House											2051	1049	1249	1449	1649	
Silverhill London Road											2057	0856	1056	1256	1456	1656
Bohemia Road Fire Station											2101	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

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