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Welcome to March and hopefully better weather at last! Writing this in February, it remains grey and murky outside and no doubt we're all longing for some blue skies and warmer weather. Not to mention less mud! As dog owners we don't think we've ever seen so much mud - both indoors and outdoors unfortunately!

You will have noticed that we have not been publishing any recipes this year. Angela from La Cucina di Angela, has stepped down but we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for supporting us for so long, and for contributing such delightful recipes that have brought a flavour of Italy to our tables. Thank you Angela, and indeed, thank you to all our contributors who reliably send in such high quality copy to us every month without fail. Don't forget, we are always open to new ideas so if you have something you'd like to write about, please get in touch. On that note, we'd just like to say what a pleasure it's been to receive a number of letters from you all this month. We do both enjoy hearing from you all!

*Donna and Louisa*

Dear Editors,

#### **New Sussex Style Fence at Friars Bank, near Chapel Lane**

This traditional split rail chestnut fence was erected by our local village Tree Work and Fencing contractor. As work commenced in January, a familiar red tractor and trailer, normally seen delivering logs in the village, clattered into view with the load of split rails and posts required ..... All had been grown, cut, split and prepared in the village.

Remember to check the Pett and Pett Level News for our local tradesmen and contractors.....they are pretty versatile and reliable.

John C, Friars Bank

PS: Job was completed on time and on cost.

Dear Editors,

I'd like to say a big thank you to Anne Lander and Fran Molyneux for organising the monthly Board Games Evening at Pett Village Hall. For £2 you get two hours of games in lovely company and a cuppa, too!

If you like playing board games: Scrabble or Rummikub for example, or want to learn a new game, do come along on the first Thursday of the month from 7-8pm.

Heather Godwin

Dear Editors

As many in the village know, my wife Christine died in January. She has been in care and nursing homes for just over four years with Alzheimer's dementia and has not known people for some time. However, her death came suddenly after diagnosis of an internal problem that was found to be inoperable and she died quite peacefully in about a week.

The funeral will not be local, but at Watford Crematorium at 11.00 am on Friday 6 March and I am sure that Christine would have loved to see people from Pett. We are planning to have an online video, but I don't yet know the web link. If you would like to view it, please email me on [penfold@eps-edge.co.uk](mailto:penfold@eps-edge.co.uk) and I will send the link to you as soon as I have it.

I should also say that I am very appreciative of all the sympathy and support that I have received from many in the village in the last few weeks. Any donations in Chris's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Research ([www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/how-you-can-help/donate/donate-in-memory/](http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/how-you-can-help/donate/donate-in-memory/)).

David Penfold

Dear Editors

I thought your readers might like to see this beautifully laid hedge in our field.

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Jane Sweaney

## **The Donkey**

*Here is a poem for Palm Sunday by G.K.Chesterton which may already be familiar to you!*

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

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## PLIRB says goodbye to a legend

On Thursday 12 February, our dear friend and crew mate, Kevin Nuttall, lost his fight with cancer. Kevin was a volunteer at PLIRB for almost 15 years and served as our head Launch Vehicle Driver.

Kevin was a force of nature, a true one of a kind. He had stories from a life that was incredibly well lived. He was and is, loved, respected and cherished by us all. Larger than life, gregarious, hilarious, kind, loving, grounded, respectful, daring, sensitive, bullish, cantankerous, annoying, funny, bonkers and obsessed with sheds. Yes, he really was every one of those. We loved him then and we love him now.

Our hearts and condolences go to his beautiful, wonderful Chrissie who he loved with his entire being. They were the perfect match. Our hearts and condolences also go to his sisters, brother, sons and family who meant the world to him.

He was Our Kev. One of a kind. We miss you.  
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## Saturday 25 July 2026 100 Years of Television

The Flower Show Committee are well into the task of planning the schedule, with the theme **100 Years of Television**. This was chosen to commemorate the invention of TV by John Logie Baird in Hastings in 1926. This theme provides lots of opportunities in the Floral Art classes, as well as in the Fine Art and Photography classes. Furthermore, there is plenty of scope for exercising their skills in the Young People's classes.

The schedule will be distributed with the May issue of *Pett and Pett Level News*. The cost of each entry for adults will be 50p, whilst entry to the Young People's classes will be free of charge, with many opportunities for the youngsters to win prizes.

We have reviewed some of the classes following suggestions from our judges. This means that there will be an interesting challenge for bakers in Home Produce. In the growing classes there are trophies to be won, as well as the Arthur Farnes Memorial prize. The latter is a gardening voucher for the best exhibit from all the horticultural classes, which will be chosen by the judge for those classes.

The **Flower Show AGM** will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Catherine Hollman Room at Pett Village Hall. There will be a full report on the 2025 show, which was a financial success, and donations to various local causes will be announced. We also welcome feedback on last year's show and suggestions to improve this year's event.

All are welcome to the meeting and there will be refreshments to follow.  
Philippa M. Strickland. Chairman P&DHS

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

St Nicholas, Pett Level  
8:30am

**Book of Common Prayer**  
Holy Communion

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

St Mary & St Peter, Pett  
9:30am

**Mothering Sunday**  
Holy Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

St Thomas, Winchelsea

**Palm Sunday**  
**Benefice Service**  
Holy Communion

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

St Mary & St Peter, Pett  
3pm

**Holy Week Prayers**  
*with Afternoon Tea*

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# Lenten Listening

*An Invitation from the Rector*

Arriving in a new and unknown place can be daunting but I have been overwhelmed with your kindness, care and generosity in helping me to settle in the local communities and step into ministry with you. Thank you.

In this month of March, the church dwells in the season of Lent - an imitation of the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness of temptation before his passion and death. On Sundays we gather in worship to prepare our hearts for the solemnities of Holy Week and the great joy of Easter. More widely, the season of Lent invites us to consider how we might grow in faith through prayer, meditation on the scriptures, and conversation.

It seems an excellent opportunity, over the 40 days of Lent, to offer space and time for listening. I want to hear your story, to learn about your faith and your doubts, and to offer a listening ear in whatever life holds for you at the moment.

I would love to hear from you if you'd like to find time for a conversation - long or short, your house or mine, in church or on a dog walk. You don't have to be a churchgoer to be in touch and it would be wonderful to hear from you whatever your thoughts on life, faith, the world, and the church.

This is the prayer I will be praying daily in Lent this year; please join me:

*Thanks be to Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ  
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,  
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.*

*O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know Thee more clearly,  
Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly.  
Amen.*

*Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

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## Pett Parish Council Update

The council did not meet in February. However, there was some correspondence relating to the work being carried out at the public conveniences in Pett Level. The aim is to reduce (ideally completely stop) the leaks that have been causing additional water to flow into the cesspit and make the ground behind the toilets very wet. As part of this work, it has been necessary to close some of the toilets in the ladies' section. I can assure people that this is a temporary situation and the aim of the council is to have all the toilets open as soon as possible. This should have been achieved by the time you receive this issue of the parish news.

The other purpose of the work at the toilets was to stop the water running across the road. This has now been achieved. Whilst this has been annoying for some time, when temperatures have fallen and the water frozen, there have been several incidents at this point when cars have skidded on the ice. While we are probably past that time of year now, the risk next winter should be much less.

Rother District Council has published its latest draft of the Local Plan for comment (see <https://www.rother.gov.uk/draftlocalplan2026>). The Local Plan is the blueprint for how Rother will grow and develop over the coming years. It ensures that homes, jobs, infrastructure, and open spaces are carefully planned and delivered. It will also help ensure that the district's attractive countryside is preserved and help address important issues such as affordable housing, climate change, and nature recovery.

This version of the Draft Local Plan identifies proposed sites throughout the district, which could accommodate new housing and employment development in the future. Through this consultation, comments on these proposed sites are requested to inform the final version of the draft Local Plan. However, there are no allocated sites in Pett and even the proposed site, which is in Guestling, but behind the houses on the corner of Watermill Lane, is not included. This is because it is an exception site. The community land trust, which is proposing this site, has reviewed its plans and is expecting to submit them for planning permission later this year. Consultation continues until 23 March, and you can see how to comment at the above web address. In addition, there will be Local Plan exhibitions, the most local of which are:

- Saturday 28th February 1.30pm-5.30pm, Westfield Community Hall, 21 Workhouse Lane, Westfield TN35 4QL
- Friday 6th March, 3pm-7pm, Tilling Green Community Centre, Mason Rd, Rye TN31 7BE
- Tuesday 10th March, 3pm-7pm - Battle Memorial Hall, 81 High Street, Battle TN33 0AQ

These are drop-in sessions, where people can drop in at any point during the times stated, to view the exhibition boards, view hardcopies of the draft Local Plan and speak with Planning Officers. There will not be formal presentations. Each session will take the same format so there is no need to attend more than one.

It may seem strange that Rother is issuing a local plan when, as part of local government reorganisation, Rother District Council will cease to exist. However, it has been made clear that the provisions of the local plan will still apply to the area under the new structure of local government.

In that connection, the (national) government will announce on 26 March which structure for Sussex that it favours. I referred to this in a previous report and the structure that the present county council, Rother District Council and the parish council favour is one that retains the current county boundaries, but takes in Hastings and Eastbourne. For details of the proposals and the closed consultation, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove-and-west-sussex>.

I note that my welcome to the new Rector of Winchelsea and Pett, Revd Nathanael Hayler, in the February issue of the parish news was transferred by the editors to the church section of the magazine. I would therefore like to repeat my welcome on behalf of all the residents of the parish.

*David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council*

# P.J. Turner

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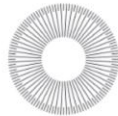
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The Parish of St Mary & St Peter, Pett and St Nicholas, Pett Level

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Sunrise Service

6am at Pett Level

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#### Easter Celebration Service

4pm at St Mary & St Peter, Pett

An informal service on the afternoon of Easter Day with familiar hymns, the Easter story and time to pray. Weather permitting, we will enjoy the springtime churchyard for part of the service.

#### Easter Sunday Services across the Benefice:

6am at Pett Level – Sunrise Service

9am at Icklesham – Family Communion

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4pm at Pett – Celebration Service



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## Pett Level Preservation Trust News March 2026

### News from the Nature Reserve

What a damp, cold and windy start to the New Year! I guess we should be grateful as other places in the UK have had it far worse but even so...! The wet weather has been welcomed by some, especially wading birds such as curlew and lapwing that have been spotted in good numbers across the extent of Pett Level. The waterlogged ground forces potential food items such as earthworms up to the surface and the soft ground makes it easy for the birds to probe the surface layers for juicy titbits. These waders have been joined by a variety of wildfowl including white fronted geese. The latter have moved down from their breeding grounds in the high arctic to take advantage of our more moderate climate. They can be distinguished from the similar greylag goose by the white shield at the base of their bill and dark barring across their underparts.

On the nature reserve itself, the song thrush mentioned in my last report continues to serenade us with its lovely song, which is full of repeated phrases, some of them mimicking other birds. The weather doesn't seem to have put it off at all and it definitely likes an early start! The song thrush is on the UK Amber list of Birds of Conservation concern having declined 50% in number since the 1970's. Thankfully it is now experiencing a bit of a resurgence. You can help song thrushes by protecting hedgerows and maintaining damp and untidy areas in your gardens. This provides nesting habitat and sources of food - thrushes love snails! Other species now singing strongly include robins, blue and great tits and blackbirds. Regarding plant life, worryingly Alexanders is coming through strongly and is already forming flowerheads.

### Fly tipping

Fly tipping is a huge issue nationally, with some frightening examples costing millions to deal with. Sadly, Pett Level has not escaped this although, thankfully, it is on a much smaller scale. There have been three loads of waste dumped on the roadside adjacent to the Nature Reserve in the past month alone. Words fail me when it comes to describing the individuals who desecrate our countryside for the sake of a few quid. If you see any suspicious activity, please do inform the police. We have become used to seeing casually dropped litter around and about and a huge thanks to those who pick it up and dispose of it responsibly.

### 2026 Garden Party

The much-anticipated PLPT Garden Party will be on Saturday 27 June at Marsham Farm and will feature the great Latin infused music of local band, Los Twangers. More details including booking information will be released soon.

### Volunteering

Our monthly work parties are well underway. Last month we had 11 volunteers attending and consequently we managed to get a great deal of scrub clearance done in the couple of hours allotted. This keeps the footpaths clear and lets in more light, allowing a greater variety of plants to grow. The work parties take place once a month on a Sunday morning 10-12. If you are interested in helping out, please email Martin King at [twotrok@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twotrok@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Easter

As I was putting away the last of the Christmas decorations, I took the opportunity to search for the plastic eggs for the grandchildren's Easter Egg Hunt. This sort of activity makes one think that Lent and Easter have crept up rather soon after Christmas. BUT you may be familiar with the idea of the Nativity being linked to the Crucifixion. There are some famous paintings which depict the Crucifixion in the background of the Nativity scene. An example is the painting by the Italian Renaissance painter Lorenzo Lotto where there is a crucifix on the wall behind the Nativity scene. I also remember seeing a modern painting where there was a distant hill behind the Nativity on which stood the cross. I always think that this way of depicting past and future illustrates the advantage of a painting over a photograph.

Every year I find I have forgotten the origin of the word Lent given to the period of forty days from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, plus the days from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday and so I must look it up. This is in spite of the fact that I have written about it before in this magazine. I also discovered this year that the early Church did not mark the period of Lent until the tenth century.

The word Lent is a shortened version of the word *Lencten* which was an Anglo-Saxon word meaning springtime, when the days lengthen. In French and Spanish and Italian the word for Lent is based on the word for forty. In German Lent is *fastenzeit* meaning *fasting time*. In Turkish it is *buyuk perhiz* which means *lengthy diet*.

I also looked up the origin of the word Easter. The Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring and dawn was Eostre (or Eastre) and her feast day was in April. And so, Christianity took it over.

Whether or not you want to give something up for Lent and whether you can stick to that self-deprivation, do think about celebrating the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. HOW? By coming to the beach at Pett Level for the **Sunrise Service** at 6am on Easter Sunday (with refreshments afterwards at St. Nicholas').

If that seems a bit too early and you have to miss the dramatic sunrise over the sea, think about coming to the **Easter Celebration Service** at 4pm at Pett Church. Our new Rector will be leading both services.

Angela Hawksley, Pett Parochial Church Council

## Meet the Seaside Stitches

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

We're a small, friendly, informal group which meets every Wednesday at Pett Methodist Church Hall, from 1-4 pm. You don't need any experience to join us, just plenty of enthusiasm, an open mind and a willingness to share ideas and skills.

For more information, please contact Donna at [donnagilbert1@sky.com](mailto:donnagilbert1@sky.com) or Tel: 01424 812185. We'd love to have you on board, so please get in touch!



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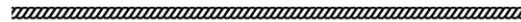
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Club members will be on hand to introduce you to the game and give you an opportunity to see our facilities, ask questions and enjoy your time on the green. Light refreshments will be served.

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## Fairlight History Group (FHG)

## Archive Resource Centre (ARC)

Our separate organisations were both formed in 2019 to further the knowledge, recording and study of our local histories, before it is lost. Since we operate in the same subject area, and this sometimes causes confusion, we thought it would be good to clarify what currently differentiates each organisation.

Fairlight History Group (FHG) was formed to research and present displays, organise visits and exhibitions, and as a key part of its role, provide monthly talks. The focus area of FHG is Fairlight and the surrounding area. Apart from the difficulties during the Covid era, FHG has held monthly talks and other presentations at Fairlight Village Hall, normally in the afternoon of the third Wednesday, continuously since its formation. Additionally, the Group organise a visit for members annually in the summer months. FHG has always enjoyed healthy membership numbers throughout. An annual calendar is put together by a committee formed from its members and issued in advance for each year.

The Archive Resource Centre (ARC) was formed separately to receive, store and make available an ever-increasing collection of local history material, covering the three Parishes of Fairlight, Pett and Guestling and including the surrounding area. To support this, it rents a safe, secure storage base in a room at the rear of the Pett Methodist Church. Equipment has been both donated and purchased to maintain the collection. The ARC team regularly open the Room, most Thursday afternoons, and a sign is displayed on the gate post when the room is open (the room can also be opened at other times by appointment). Although it is not a prime function of ARC to hold talks, this does happen maybe 2 or 3 times a year to boost the funding it receives from members and funding bodies, to meet committed running costs.

Both our organisations have remained faithful to their original brief, and each have a working website, have a firm membership base and have maintained all this on an annual fee to their members which has not increased since the start.

FHG and ARC are increasingly working together, and the joint aim is to oversee the formation of an additional history group or groups, similar to FHG, covering both Pett and Guestling, and to then expand the base for collective talks, visits and other member interests. At the same time, we want to bring the separate organisations closer together to jointly cover the whole subject of collecting, presenting and storing our local history across the three Parishes.

We look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to expand our joint ambitions on local history and move to closer working. We would warmly welcome anyone who wishes to help us with this and who have any suggestions to help to make our aims a reality.

*Paul Draper (FHG) and Paul Petley (ARC)*

## News from PLIRB March 2026

Hello to everyone! It's spring at last and we are gearing up for the busy season and lots of exciting developments!

### Boathouse development

By the time of publication, our boathouse development should be underway. The plan involves demolishing the dilapidated garage that houses our Arancia RIB and creating a single flexible space that can accommodate our boat and vehicle assets and enhance our ability to respond rapidly. Solar panels will be installed to reduce our long-term energy costs.

We appointed Bellco Constructions to complete the development and Jenco to install the solar and electrics - both are local, highly reputable firms who we look forward to working with. We thank everyone who has made this significant milestone possible.

### Crew News

One of our newest trainee volunteers, Jack Pearson, has been made up to crew! Jack joined us as a keen kayaker and rapidly proved himself to be fantastic boat crew with a natural affinity. Well done Jack!

In January we visited the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Fareham. This is always a brilliant visit to build relationships with colleagues at HM Coastguard and understand their operations. As our tasking authority, it's so important to meet the people you speak to on the radio during times of urgency.

### Our thank you's!

We appealed for two replacement glass windows to replace ones that had blown in our lookout. We were thrilled when MC Glass in Bexhill offered to replace them - we can now see properly again!

A huge thank you to Kathryn Dixon who raised £400 making Christmas decorations with all sale proceeds to us.

A massive thank you to David Dixon and Bexhill Rotary for their amazing donation of £1000 collected during their Christmas dinner.

### Upcoming Events

- PettFest Beer Festival: 22-25 May. Pett Slip Buoys, beers, ciders, music and food
- FairFest: 20 June. PLIRB BBQ and Pett Slip Buoys

### Launching the 2026 new lifeboat appeal!

Finally, please don't forget our 2026 New Lifeboat Appeal. The estimated cost for our new primary boat is around £150,000, of which we have raised 20%. If you can help, please scan the QR code or get in touch at [plirbrescue@gmail.com](mailto:plirbrescue@gmail.com).

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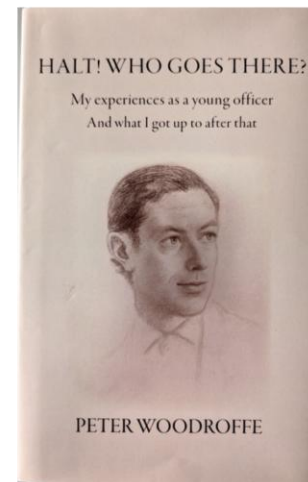
Readers will be interested to hear that Peter Woodroffe's autobiography 'Halt! Who Goes There?' has recently been published.

The book covers his army service, the law, a lot about Pett, the Level, the District, it's history and people - up to 2022. If you are interested in reading more, the web page is: <http://youcaxton.co.uk/halt-who-goes-there>

Some well-known personalities lived at Pett and the Level, including Sir Jacob Epstein and Portraitist Reginald Eves, artist August John, and Gracie Fields - more recently Reg Cooke - at The Ship Inn, Winchelsea. There are stories coming from Peter's parents and grandparents. Peter's hilarious life of 98 years also includes certain goings on at Pett (not entirely his). Some of you may even get a mention! Reviews state: "There is something in this Book for everybody, mainly great stories about bigwig personalities, history, arts, clubs, showbiz, cars, historic homes, fine dining and lovely ladies - and there are some wonderful pearls. One thing is for sure - you won't be bored."

Some of Peter's many stories include -

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3. All traffic forbidden inter alia for Peter's benefit, his six-year-old son and Chelsea Pensioner, to march down Whitehall.
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5. His unfair cross examination on BBC News, repeated eight times in the day - and many more stories.



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# THE HAPPY HOME

## THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

You may find it surprising to know that your front path can reveal quite a lot about you, your personality, and how you feel about life. It is the connection between your private world and the wider world. It also represents an invitation to visitors to step into your personal domain. Does it appear welcoming, bring a smile to your face and a sparkle to your eyes? Or do you consider it to be simply a way to reach your house as quickly as possible from your front gate or garage?

### A revealing case study

A lovely couple in their sixties, let's call them Susan and John, asked me to visit their house. I knew very little about them before I went there, but the first thing I noticed when I arrived at their garden gate was that the top of the gate post had rotted and one of the digits of the house number was falling off. The hedge partially covered the post too.

To my observant Feng Shui eyes, these are metaphors that someone in the household may have a weak identity or lack self-esteem. Or it could just be that they did not notice any issue, or they had not got round to repairing it yet, or that it did not bother them at all. Anyway, after spending a little time together getting to know each other, I began my appraisal at the gatepost and cautiously explained as objectively as possible what it might signify.

Susan gasped with astonishment; she immediately wanted to show me something in her study upstairs. There on her desk was a draft manuscript of the book she was writing, titled "Searching for my Self Identity". She said it was something she had struggled with all her life! She wanted to set out her story; it was almost like a cathartic exploration to conquer and let go of the inner scenarios that had been undermining her self-assurance, worth and confidence till then. It absolutely amazed me. After all, my observation, although seemingly far-fetched, turned out to be the most meaningful purpose of my visit.

### More than just the gate

Not only the gate, but also hedges, fences and walls that mark the boundary of a property make a physical and metaphoric statement about safeguarding possessions, security and reassurance. Any gaps, weaknesses or damage along there can mirror feelings of vulnerability. That may sound irrational, nevertheless it is actually meaningful. Our environment so often reveals what is going on in our life, an allegory with an underlying meaning as well as a literal appearance.

### Another case study

I visited a lady who had recently become divorced and had bought a semi-detached house in a nice location, where she lived with her teenage son. She worked in the front room as a massage therapist and all their living space was at the rear of the house.

This was another instance where the front garden told the story of the occupant before I'd even met her, although I did not realise it immediately this time. It had a dead straight path with a few ugly cracks in it. Climber rose entrails were overhanging the side fence and across the path,

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making it feel like an obstacle course as I tried to avoid their thorns. Directly outside the front door were two large dustbins waiting to greet me - or to put me off - which seemed odd because there was ample space to put them at the side of the house, space wide enough for a garage.

It turned out that her distressing domestic experiences had taken their toll on her feelings and she had lost trust in people; she said she was not interested in getting to know her neighbours, and didn't want them interfering with her. That was how she felt at the time. Later, when I went into the back garden, I saw that several large pieces of old wood were piled up against the wall of the house. Then the 'penny dropped' as it became apparent to me that she had unconsciously created a physical protective barrier around her house to protect herself from further emotional intrusion.

**Action for transformation**

There is a simple way to transform your garden path that will energetically enhance your connection with your living environment at the same time. Creating a semi-circular flower bed halfway along a straight path, or more if you have a long pathway, will positively modify its form. Then the energy will flow along it more calmly, instead of rushing head-on, bringing the uplifting vitality of the plants to your door and inside your home. Small corner flower beds and planted containers will have the same effect, particularly when placed close to the gate and near the house. Large pots are usually preferable to small ones which tend to dry out quite quickly.

Choose plants that will give you back more than the effort it takes to maintain them, such as spring bulbs and lavender. Include plants that flower at different times of the year and foliage with different tones and textures, including some with evergreen leaves. Hardly anything is more cheerful in January than being greeted by drifts of snowdrops in flower while the winter weather is still with us.

**Supporting your wellbeing**

Are your garden boundaries and front path nurtured or neglected, acknowledged or ignored? By now, you might start to grasp more clearly that their maintenance is a priority for reinforcing and supporting your wellbeing. So perhaps someone else will be willing to give you a kind helping hand if you find it difficult to look after them by yourself.

Warm wishes

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## Pett WI

### A Bright Start to the Year

Pett WI kicked off its first meeting of the year on a beautiful, sunny January morning, setting a great atmosphere for a fun and positive year ahead.

The hall was buzzing with energy as we welcomed members, new members and guests from our waiting list. We celebrated some milestone achievements of 10 years for some of our members - Belinda Wood, Lin Benn, Pam Burgess and Betty Harknett. We thanked them for their loyal support with so many of our activities throughout that time.

We enjoyed a delicious brunch supplied by Kay, with sterling work cooking the bacon for bacon rolls from Philippa Strickland.

The main issues for our meeting were firstly from Hilary Dymott, who read out heartfelt thanks from 2025 Pett WI charities, Sara Lee Trust, Parchment Trust Ltd and Rye Foodbank. She also thanked Richard Smith from Eyemasters for his generous donation of £100 which was used to produce a hamper as the first prize in the raffle at the Winter Fair in 2025.

Members then voted for our new charities for 2026 and it was decided that the two would be The Oliver Curd Trust and Little Gate Farm. We will of course, continue to support Rye Food Bank and Safehaven Women as well.

Members were also asked to vote on the WI Federation Resolutions for 2026. While the votes were being counted, Sally Watson went through our Programme for 2026 with speakers, activities and trips to be enjoyed. And of course, our fundraising Spring and Winter Fairs. Thanks were expressed by members for their exciting programme, which was much appreciated by the hard working committee.

The morning finished with a whirlwind regifting raffle with a huge numbers of parcels being distributed.

This was a brilliant start to 2026 and Pett WI continues to go from strength to strength and also full of fun and friendship.

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## Gardening Club Notes - February 2026 by June Harris

Our speaker this month was Graham Blunt with a talk on Plants for a Changing Climate. Graham owns a nursery near Wadhurst - PlantBase - run on environmentally friendly principles and with all plants homegrown. The nursery has a current application in progress to obtain the Royal Warrant, and supplies plants to well-known garden landscapers and designers including some contributors to RHS Chelsea. Graham's talk was wide-ranging, informative and amusing, well-received by a large turnout of members. He focused on the effects of climate change and how gardeners might mitigate against it in a practical and down-to-earth (if you'll pardon the pun) manner, with a different slant from the more conventional, statistics-based approach of many previous speakers. Therefore, much of what he said seemed more accessible.

Although the effects of the industrial revolution have been stated to be the origins of climate change, Graham explained that the massive use in the 1980s of CFCs in aerosols and refrigerated appliances, which caused huge holes in the ozone layer, really accelerated climate change; exacerbated since by population increase, the world's population having doubled since then. The jet stream, which determines our weather in the UK, has suffered as a result, changing traditional weather patterns and in turn affecting plant growth generally.

Historically, this country has had the best gardens in the world, due to the changeable and temperate nature of our weather, but Graham stated that instead of gently and frequently changing weather, there is a new pattern of both prolonged and more contrasting weather events - longer periods of hot weather; wet weather; cold weather, each of which causes plants such stress they often cannot deal with it and so die. Graham, as a nurseryman, recounted evidence of this amongst his own plants, having lost almost all of certain species at times. Plants are attuned to the seasons, they know the rhythms of their growth cycle, but these are being upset and plants cannot cope. A long, hot, sunny spell can cause plants to literally burn from too much UV light and dry out, unable to recover. Graham told us that the autumn in 2022-23 was very warm, right into the usual start of winter, so plants continued to grow, but then a sudden overnight frost down to -12 degrees was so dramatic a change the plants had no time to adapt and therefore died. In this area we are also having less frost than before, but plants need this level of cold for dormancy. Even a long spell of very dark days is too much for some tropical plants as they cannot photosynthesise, so again they die.

If, as gardeners, we begin to understand the ways in which plants are now suffering, Graham explained how we can, in our own gardens, help to mitigate climate change and help our plants to continue to thrive. It is important to grow plants suited to the local soil and climate, to water appropriately, early morning being better than evening for example, and to ensure plants have the correct drainage. He is not in favour of "crocks" in pot-grown plants, which surprised us. Apparently, they can create a very wet base in which some plants, instead of drawing up the water, will drown, but if the pot contains only the correct medium, the plant will have even drainage so cannot rot and die. Graham also advised us to grow as great a variety of plant species as possible as opposed, for example, to limiting our gardens to roses. Biodiversity should be our aim, since this will provide better food sources for birds and pollinating insects, creating in turn a much healthier environment around our homes. Although there often appears little we can achieve to counter climate change as individuals, Graham also encouraged us to do what we can to mitigate our negative impact on the environment at large - we can all try to use electricity, fuel in our cars, etc. more wisely, so, collectively, we might help to mitigate climate change.

Next month, on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman Room at Pett Village Hall, our speaker will be Emma Davies, with a practical session on Propagation Skills.

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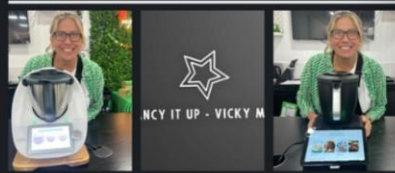
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## Nature Notes

In last month's column, I wrote that the weather was cold, wet, and dull. Now, in mid-February, it is cold, wet, and dull. We seem to have had a whole month of dull weather that is good for neither man nor beast, and not great for plants either. We have had a couple of sunnier days recently, so it feels as though winter is at last coming to an end. Despite the weather, things seem to be happening earlier again this year - there are lots of Lesser Celandine and Spring Crocus in flower, as well as some early violets. The House Sparrows have turfed the Blue-tits out of our nest-box and are busy furnishing it. Yesterday, I found two Buff-tailed Bumblebee queens foraging on some heather, one of which was carrying pollen, which suggests that her eggs were already laid. So, Nature is already engaged in the headlong rush for meagre resources to ensure its survival, and that of its progeny. At least there's no shortage of water.



In a break between badminton games, I was gazing out of the window at the field behind the Village Hall and I noticed a male Blackbird splashing in a shallow puddle. It was crouched in the puddle shaking itself and flapping its wings, kicking up quite a shower of spray. Soon, two other male Blackbirds joined it and they all had a high old time splashing water all around. So, was this some sort of male lek, or recreation, or just bathing? Well, Blackbirds don't lek, that is reserved for bigger, more northerly birds in the UK, and to follow the Chris Packham line of reasoning, enjoyment is a human emotion that shouldn't be applied to wild creatures. They were simply washing dust, excess oil, and possibly parasites such as mites or fleas out of their feathers (and probably enjoyed the experience). Birds will often preen themselves after bathing to realign feathers and to spread oil from their preen gland, if necessary, to keep their feathers waterproof and efficient for flight.

If you've ever seen a 'bird print' after a bird has collided with a window, then you'll know that feathers can contain a lot of dust. Bathing will deal with that, but fleas and other biting creatures may be more tenacious. That is when birds will use a different technique called anting. You may see a bird crouched on an anthill with its wing outspread touching the surface of the anthill, allowing the ants to crawl all over it. This is simply to remove any biting creatures because ants will eat any small insects or mites and are no threat to the bird. The bird may even take an ant in its beak and wipe it through its feathers. This induces the ant to squirt formic acid into its feathers which will further deter any parasites. Ants are ferocious predators of small insects and just a whiff of formic acid may be enough to induce a rapid exit.

There is another bird behaviour that is much harder to fathom - dust bathing. This has little to do with parasite control and probably has more to do with removing excess oil. It requires extensive preening afterwards and may just be a last resort when the puddles have dried up.

Note: Feathers are one of the evolution fairy's masterpieces - a strong complex lightweight structure without which flight would be impossible and badminton less fun.

Alan Kenworthy



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## News from St Michael's Hospice

### Hop along to St Michael's Hospice Bunny Hop

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### Run with purpose at the Hastings Half Marathon

If you, or someone in your family, are ready for a big challenge this year, the **Hastings Half Marathon** is a brilliant way to push yourself while supporting St Michael's Hospice. The route is famously tough but hugely rewarding, and every step helps the Hospice continue caring for local people and their families. Runners simply sign up for the event online at [hastings-half.co.uk](http://hastings-half.co.uk), choose to support the Hospice, email [fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com](mailto:fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com) to let them know you're running for them, and gather sponsorship in whatever way suits you.

If you're not planning to run, you might know someone who would rise to the occasion, a sporty grandchild or a friend who loves a challenge. A little encouragement from you could make all the difference.

### Volunteer for your local Hospice

If you're retired or simply have a few hours to fill, volunteering with the Hospice can be a rewarding way to stay active while supporting local families. Volunteers are vital in running the Hospice's shops, reception, the In-Patient Unit, out in the community, and at events. You can give whatever time suits your routine. The Hospice is also proud to be an inclusive organisation and are very happy to make reasonable adjustments so that people of all abilities and backgrounds can volunteer comfortably and confidently.

Visit [stmichaelsospice.com/work-for-us](http://stmichaelsospice.com/work-for-us) to find out which roles are currently available to apply for.

## The New Beach Club

### 2026 Gigs and events

Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Pass The Cat
Sunday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Henry Bristow- St Patrick's Day gig
Sunday March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	Sound Syndicate
Sunday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	The Rockitmen
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## A Badger's Brave New World

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

The Badger is a UK icon. Our largest predator, this monochrome mustelid is a star of the classics; Wind in the Willows, Beatrix Potter, and a certain well-known charity's logo. Often misunderstood, they are also loved by many, and some would argue there's not much better than a Badger, except perhaps, a Badger cub.



Badger c. Hugh Clark FRPS, SWT

Deep in the sett, the Badger burrow, cosy chambers are lined with vegetation collected by the females. Cubs are born around February, but tiny stripey noses don't peek out for 12 weeks, when they emerge in spring. It's a big new world to explore, and stranger than it once was. Their ancestors would have trundled about acres of ancient woodland; towering veterans and thick, sheltered understorey. Ventures into wildlife-rich farmland would have been commonplace for plentiful omnivorous feasts of insects, fruits, and juicy worms slurped from thick, fertile soil. Without trying, children may have spotted these Badgers for real, on summer evenings humming with biodiversity.

For these new cubs, it's a different story, where invertebrates are often scarce, soil hard, and movement restricted. Seasons have shifted, weather is more erratic, and precious habitats rarer. It's a story where thousands of their kin come to undignified ends on our busy roads, pesticides kill off much of the food, and the future of the family sett is unsure. But the former isn't a fable, it's a reminder.

It is possible that these cubs, tumbling unexpectedly out of woodland boundaries, might not be met with hot, confusing concrete, but buzzing wildflower road verges; a heads up for the danger ahead. They might cross these risky highways via green wildlife bridges. They could travel with confidence through well-connected gardens and urban green spaces, staying safe along dense hedgerows and taking respite in deliberately dark nocturnal pockets. They might once again take advantage of a bulging buffet, in our unmown and pesticide-free parks and lawns, in deep field-side buffer strips and in reinvigorated sickly-sweet native sweet Bluebell woodland. We could better appreciate and understand Badger behaviour and needs, engage and connect communities, and inspire a younger generation. Their habitats could be fiercely protected, and their setts saved. It sounds idyllic, but it doesn't have to be fiction - it's achievable and in reach. We can reset our expectations, recreate those lost habitats, and rewrite the story for our Badgers.

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.



Badger in the Bluebells, c. C Tomlinson SWT

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Pilates 8.30-9.30am  
The Hill Surgery Prescription Service 12-12.45pm  
Yoga 6.30pm-7.15pm

**Wednesday**  
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Dance Fitness 6.00-7.30pm

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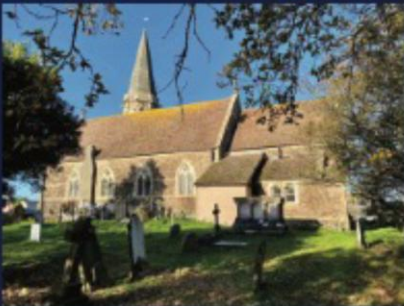
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	Sch	Hols	Sch
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Pett Church	0822 0829 1015 1220 1405 1545 1550		0829 1405
Guestling Green School	0829	▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼	▼ ▼ ▼ ▼
Guestling The White Hart	0834 0834 1020 1225 1410 1550 1555		0834 1410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

There are no Sunday or Bank Holiday buses on route 347.

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

**Sch** - This bus journey runs on schooldays only.

Rye | Fairlight | Hastings | Conquest Hospital

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Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays		Sundays and public holidays	
	MF Sch SSH	NR	NR NR NR NR
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	- - - -	-	- - - -

from 3 September 2023

**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

GG Serves Guestling Green School at 0830 and Ore Post Office at 0838.

Mondays to Saturdays except public holidays

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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 2116
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

For other buses between Rye and Hastings, see timetable for route 100.

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

NR On Sundays, buses continue to or from New Romney - see route 100 timetable for full details

Timetables are subject to change  
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