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## The New Beach Club

### 2026 Gigs and events

Sunday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Gina Cassisa
Sunday June 14 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Mark Wright Trio
Sunday June 21 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	The Ellie Babies
Sunday June 28 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Ritchie Campbell (UB40 and Reggae)
Sunday July 5 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Roger Hubbard Trio
Sunday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Gina Cassisa
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Sunday July 26 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Stuart Bligh
Sunday August 9 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Don't Stop
Sunday August 16 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Gina Cassisa

We have a packed issue for you this month, so much so that we have been unable to squeeze everything in! We are always grateful for your contributions and feel very guilty when we have to omit copy. Apologies if this affects you, but rest assured, we do always hold on to things for future issues. This month we welcome a new contributor for our front cover; thank you to Jonathon Bennett for this lovely photo of swans amidst the foliage.

This month sees a welcome return to news from Pett Cricket Club, as the new season kicks off. Thank you to Stuart Ware for keeping us updated. As well as cricket to watch, there is plenty going on locally this month; the Pett Level Preservation Trust holds its annual Garden Party on 27<sup>th</sup> June; we understand some tickets are still available, but are selling fast!. The Methodist Church celebrates its anniversary on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June, with an Art and Flowers exhibition, plus a concert on Saturday at 3pm. Worship will be at 3pm on Sunday. The Pett Slip Buoys and Village Voices will be entertaining the crowds at Fairfest on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, plus of course, live music at our local establishments, the coffee morning on the first Wednesday of the month and all our regular clubs and societies, Don't forget also the Annual Parish Meeting at Pett Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm, which will include a report from David Penfold, as Chairman of Pett Parish Council, along with updates from local clubs and organisations.

Have a wonderful June, and we will see you next month.

*Donna and Louisa*

## All things bright and beautiful!

Important news: the service at Pett Church on 21<sup>st</sup> June will be **outdoors** at 9.15am!

We will be sharing the service with the Methodists. That Sunday is the Summer Solstice, and so good weather is expected or, certainly, hoped for. It is also Father's Day.

A **guitar** will accompany the hymns!

The chairs from the church will be available but for greater comfort you should think of bringing your own garden chair. Children will probably quite like being outdoors. You can also bring your dog.

I have to tell you that when an outdoor service was planned two or three years ago, I was not in favour of it, but I was totally converted by the service. There was a very friendly atmosphere; it was all very comforting and comfortable; it was very relaxing.

Do think about coming on 21<sup>st</sup> June!

Angela Hawksley, Hon. Secretary, Pett Parochial Church Council

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Pett Village Hall

The 2026 Annual Parish Meeting  
takes place on

**Tuesday 16 June**  
**at 7.30 pm**

**Wine available from 7.00 pm**

Organisations in the parish will be asked to talk about their activities.

There will also be a longer report from the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat and a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council on the last year's activities

Then **YOU** will have an opportunity to discuss any matters that you feel are of importance to the community.

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## Pett Parish Council Update

The council held its annual meeting in May. At this meeting I was re-elected as chair and Alan Crouch as vice-chair. The appointment of the flooding and tree wardens was also confirmed and responsibilities for aspects such as highways, footpaths, the playground and the Pett Level toilets allocated to different councillors. It was also agreed who should represent the council at the Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) and the East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC). I should also note that these organisations will have to change once the local government reorganization in Sussex is complete; however, the government still has not decided how East Sussex should be divided up - they probably have other things to think about at present!

The annual meeting reviewed the report on governance and accountability from the internal auditor, which stated that 'the processes . . . are in many respects a model of good practice'. It is only about one percent of councils that receive such an excellent report and that Pett has received such praise is almost entirely due to the efficiency and dedication of our clerk, Mary Philo, whom we are very lucky to have.

The meeting confirmed a number of policies, all of which can be seen on Pettnet (<https://www.pettnet.org.uk/parish-council/policies>), and agreed a schedule of delegation to the clerk, which will only apply if circumstances, such as the Covid lockdown, occur again. In addition, as the council now has two employees, it was decided to set up an HR committee, which will be responsible for all employment matters, including appraisal. In this context, we are pleased that the arrangement with the new cleaner at the toilets, Shirley Ridenood, is working out very well.

As far as consulting the community is concerned, a draft survey form is in preparation and it is hoped that it will be possible to make this public at the annual parish meeting, which, as I said last month, will take place on Tuesday 16 June at the village hall. This meeting provides me with an opportunity to review the year, but, more importantly, it gives you a chance to raise any issues to do with the parish. I have asked organisations in the village if they would like to report on their activities and, as in previous years, we will have a speaker to start the meeting. This year it will be someone from the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat. Then, after the various presentations, if you have issues that affect the community and which you would like discussed, you will have an opportunity to raise them. So, please put the date in your diary. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm, but there will be wine available from 7.00 pm.

Once the results of the survey have all been received, the council will work on its business plan, which it is intended will set out what the council plans to do over the next few years. Some may remember that a similar plan was produced about fifteen years ago. It will be interesting to see how things have changed in the period since then.

As announced in a previous issue, in a couple of months Donna Gilbert and Louisa Tasker will be giving up the editorship of *Pett and Pett Level News* and I am pleased to announce that John Case will be taking over. I have thanked Donna and Louisa in a previous report, but I want to do so again. They have put their stamp on the magazine and maintained a very high standard, so that *Pett and Pett Level News* is the envy of people in other parishes. John will have a lot to live up to! Thanks to him for putting himself forward.

This is probably a good time to thank others involved with the magazine. Jane Sweaney has taken over as treasurer, Brenda Kirkham deals with subscriptions from people outside the village and Sarah Adams continues to organise distribution, which is done through a network of deliverers. Someone I spoke to recently found it hard to believe that a copy goes to every house in the parish - on time! That this is the case we owe our thanks to all involved.

Finally, I have to report the death of Brian Mockett, who was involved in the early days of the Beach Club and the Rescue Boat at Pett Level. Our commiserations go to his family.

David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council



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## Activate Youth Club

The sun is out, the days are longer, and the youth club youngsters are already thoroughly enjoying being out on the field enjoying games and various activities. Activate continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at the clubhouse on Fairlight Rec' at 6pm for all children aged 9 and over in our local villages.

It has all been a bit exciting recently as we have received several generous grants that have allowed us to renovate our tired building. Improvements have been made to the grotty ceiling, blown or cracked windows and bad lighting. We have also got a new carpet and freshly painted walls. New exterior lighting and water heaters are next.

The youngsters are also doing their bit to raise funds for activities that we plan to do and so they have been busy since Easter when they started with an Easter Craft morning for young children, which they ran (with a little bit of help!) We also had a dance workshop in the easter holidays led by Kimberley Harwood, which is always well-attended and enjoyed.

We held a sponsored FUN RUN on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> and the youngsters, and some leaders ran circuits round the field and the top end of the woods. Some managed 16 laps! What a lot of fun we had all dressed in mad costumes, from Sarah riding a dinosaur, Jane and her leprechaun, Spiderman aka William, crazy sassy outfits, beards, pirates and one porky pig. It was windy but luckily the pig didn't fly! Well done kids on raising a good amount for this year's camp. The craft morning has led us on to start a new club:

**The Junior Activate Club** started on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> and takes place on the first Thursday of the month at the clubhouse from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. This is open to all children aged 5-8 years. Come along on the day or book on email: [youthclubactivate@gmail.com](mailto:youthclubactivate@gmail.com)

Plans for the coming few weeks and the summer include CAMP this May half term, with a visit to Knockhatch Adventure Centre as part of the programme.

In the summer holiday we will be holding our very popular SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS. These will be on every Thursday in August at the clubhouse from 11am to 2pm. Open to all children but any children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £3 per child. Look out for posters and information, but children can be booked on our email: [youthclubactivate@gmail.com](mailto:youthclubactivate@gmail.com)

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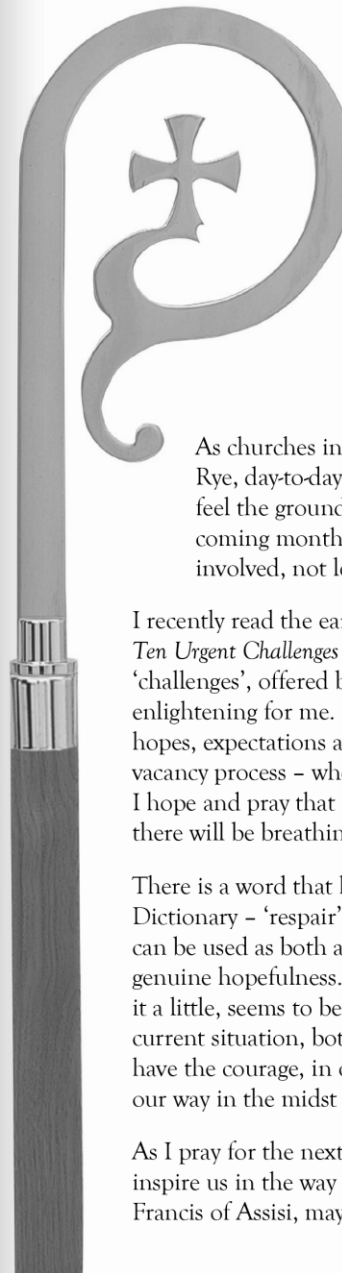
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On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Rt Rev'd Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, will preside at his final service in this Diocese in our neighbouring parish of St Mary, Rye. As the sun sets after Evensong, his episcopal ministry will come to an end, and the Diocese of Chichester will enter a process called 'Vacancy in See.' Work has begun to discern who God may be calling to be the next bishop of this Diocese. A public consultation has already taken place and the panel leading this process has been appointed.

As churches in this Diocese, especially in our far-flung Deanery of Rye, day-to-day operations will not change, and we may not even feel the ground level reverberations of the vacancy over the coming months. However, we must be active in our prayer for all involved, not least for the one whom God is calling to lead us.

I recently read the early 2026 publication *Archbishop Sarah Mullally and Ten Urgent Challenges for the Church of England*. It was those ten 'challenges', offered by ten leading Anglican writers, that proved enlightening for me. I was struck by the seemingly never-ending list of hopes, expectations and desires that quickly fill the space created in any vacancy process – whether a parish interregnum or an episcopal vacancy. I hope and pray that amid the politics, voices, pressures and timelines there will be breathing space for all involved.

There is a word that has only been recorded once in the Oxford English Dictionary – 'respair'. It means fresh hope or a recovery from despair. It can be used as both a noun and a verb – beckoning us towards a way of genuine hopefulness. It is one of those words that, now I have researched it a little, seems to be increasingly relevant and urgently needed in our current situation, both in the church and in the world. I wonder if we have the courage, in our current time, to reclaim 'respair', and to let it be our way in the midst of all that is going on.

As I pray for the next Bishop of Chichester, I hope for a bishop who will inspire us in the way of respair – who, in the words attributed to St Francis of Assisi, may lead us from despair to hope.

Nathanael - Rector

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary & St Peter, Pett



**Congratulations to  
Emily-May & Calum**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

St Nicholas, Pett Level  
08:30

**Holy Communion**  
Book of Common Prayer

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

St Mary & St Peter, Pett  
09:15

**Parish Eucharist**

Holy Communion with friends  
from Pett Methodist Church

**Save the Dates!**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30  
Sea Sunday at Pett Level

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00  
Bishop Will Hazelwood to lead  
a Benefice Service at Pett

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### Save the Date: Saturday 25 July 2026 100 Years of Television

Time flies by so quickly and we are getting down to the almost final planning stages for the show. I hope everyone has taken a good look at the Schedule and planned their entries. Do read the class details carefully. It must be noted that our Judges can be quite strict about the specification for the size containers in some of the horticultural classes. Also please note the dimensions in Floral Art and avoid additional garnish on the set cake recipe in Home Produce.

Holding the Show at Pett Village Hall has saved some of the major expenses. We have, therefore, been delighted to be able to donate funds to local good causes. We are fortunate in being able to use the field behind the Village Hall for parking and have been given permission to clear a larger area and mow the grass.

We are pleased that our fantastic WI Events team is going to take on the refreshments again, with tempting offers to suit all tastes. And Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat will again be running the BBQ. There will, of course, be the Beer and Pimms Tent, the Grand Raffle and all the usual stalls, which kind volunteers have stepped forward to man.

In addition, there will be pitches for local organisations and businesses. Several have asked to come again, but there is room for more. Interested parties should apply for an application form from Hon. Secretary, Louise Bowles, Fairholme, Pett Road, Pett, TN35 4HE; phone 812296; email [lou.bowles192@gmail.com](mailto:lou.bowles192@gmail.com).

**Cups and Trophies:** please will 2025 winners return them to Louise Bowles by 30 June. Contact details as above.

Looking forward to a great day for all to enjoy.  
Philippa M. Strickland (Chairman P&DHS)

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## Marsham CLT update

We are so sorry that all our plans for a community engagement meeting have been delayed again.

To make the meeting meaningful we need some answers from Rother District Council which at the time of writing, are still awaited. We are aware that this is frustrating, but for the moment it is out of our hands. It is such a shame.

We remain committed to have an open dialogue with the community just as soon as there is clarity and there are plans we can share.

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## Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat

Hello all! You can see from the photo below that progress continues at speed on the boat house build, with the roof complete and the cladding going on. Everything is on schedule for the June completion, just in time for the summer.

Again, May has been a busy month. At 6:30pm one Tuesday evening in early May we were tasked to look for a lady deemed at risk. The search also involved the Coast Guard and Coast Guard helicopter but was called off at 0:30 hours after 6 hours of searching with no result. Very sadly, the boat was then re-tasked at 9:am the following morning to recover her body.

On the following Sunday morning whilst training, the lady's partner came to the boat house to shake our hands and thank us for bringing the family some sort of closure. By the time he had finished talking with us, the whole room was in tears, not just for the sadness we felt at the tragic outcome but also for the respect and love he had shown throughout the whole traumatic experience. Our sincere love and condolences go out to him and his family at this sad time.

The following Sunday we badly damaged the engine gearbox whilst training, meaning we had to come off service. By Monday evening, we had removed the damaged parts, sourced a replacement and driven to Chichester to collect it; installed it and were back on service with the coastguard by early Monday evening. A job well done and a big thank you to Antony and Shaun, for making it happen, well done guys.

We recently held an open morning to attract more crew. Whilst this was a success, we are in real need of people to help with fund raising. So, anyone who does not want to get their feet wet but would like to help, please come down to the boat house any Sunday morning and ask for Jo, she will be only too pleased to explain more.

That's about it for this month; remember, if you see anything you are not sure of on the beach or at sea, call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

### Upcoming Events

- FairFest: 20 June. PLIRB BBQ and Pett Slip Buoys



## Village Voices

We are back after our winter break and practising lots of favourite songs, old and new to us. Practices on Mondays, 7.30pm at Pett Methodist Chapel are a lot of fun as well as full of music!

This summer we will be taking part in Pett Chapel Anniversary Concert on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come along to hear us at 3pm or if you can't get to that, come along to Fairfest on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at Fairlight Recreation Ground when we will also be singing early in the afternoon.

Our last practice will be on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> and we will re-open on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>.



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## News from Pett Level Nature Reserve

### Wildlife

No Mow May has become a bit of a mantra over the last few years and for very good reason. Not cutting lawns during May allows plants such as daisy and dandelion to flower and thus provide an important source of nectar at a critical point in the year for many insects. May is still early for many plants to flower and the insects and in particular bees, need a food source to allow them to survive until more plants have begun to flower. On the Nature Reserve we are extending our No Mow May until the late summer. We undertook a cut early in the Spring to knock back weedy species such as Alexanders and by doing so giving lower growing, more sensitive species a chance to survive.

At the time of writing, a few plants are noticeably in flower such as cow parsley and its cousin, hemlock water dropwort. Both belong to the family of plants known as umbellifers, and the dropwort is particularly abundant on the banks of the Royal Military Canal. Another umbellifer in flower, but much scarcer, is the corky fruited water dropwort - what a great name! Elsewhere yellow flag is adding a splash of bright yellow to the landscape. The hawthorn blossom is also particularly resplendent - you can catch its aroma on the wind when close to the shrub. We await with bated breath to see if the spotted orchids that have appeared the last two years will appear again this summer. Sadly, the odds are against them as the area where they were found previously was badly damaged by the works to repair the leaky watermain a few months ago. Let's hope I shall be proved wrong.

Migrant bird species that make their home on the reserve and across the wider Pett Level arrived in late March. Prominent among them were reed and sedge warblers. They are both small similar looking warblers which are quite difficult to see as they flit around in reeds at the edge of water bodies or in scrubby waterside patches. The sedge warbler has a distinctive eyestripe but is best separated from its cousin, the reed warbler by its song, which is a rambling mixture of scratchy sounds whilst the reed warbler has more repetitive notes - rag-rag chack-check chip-hip (that's the best I can do!).

### Anti-social behaviour

I am sorry to have to report more antisocial behaviour. Someone threw one of the lifebuoys into the canal for no apparent reason. Fortunately, we were able to retrieve it, but it is annoying to have to spend time and energy to do so. Life buoys are there to rescue any person that may fall in the canal; throwing them in the canal with no good purpose potentially endangers someone's life.

### Garden party

The Garden Party will soon be upon us. Hopefully, you have bought your tickets and Saturday the 27 June 2:30 to 5:30 is in your diaries. It's at the same lovely venue as last year, Marsham Farm, with food and a first drink built into the entrance fee. Music will be provided by Los Twangueros, a local band that will be familiar to many of you from their appearances in local pubs and the Beach Club. If you haven't yet bought your tickets, we do have a few left but do hurry. See the advert elsewhere in the magazine for details as to how to obtain tickets.

### Supporting the PLPT

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

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## Gardening Club Notes - May 2026 by June Harris

This month we held a very successful Plant Sale and Social at a members' garden. Jacqui and Richard Homewood very kindly offered to host the evening in their garden, which was new to most of us. Many club members braved a chilly wind with limited sunshine and enjoyed a very pleasant, sociable evening in a lovely setting. Over £80 was raised from the sale of plants, a welcome boost for club funds.

The next three meetings will comprise outings to King John's Nursery, Long Barn Gardens and "Tram Hatch", all of which members will receive further information about by email nearer the time. We shall return to Pett Village Hall for our September meeting, a talk from Edward Flint on "What Makes a Good Garden". Have a great summer, everyone!

## News from St Michael's Hospice

### Bereavement first aid packs

St Michael's Hospice has co-created new Bereavement First Aid Packs with Hollington Primary School, Little Gate Farm and Rainbow Kitchen Magic, which aim to help the community feel more confident in supporting people who are grieving. They encourage open, healthy conversations about death and loss, build a sense of connection, and inspire compassion and care for those navigating bereavement.

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### Visit a St Michael's Hospice Open Garden near you

The St Michael's Hospice garden hosts are busy preparing their gardens for visitors this summer. With three locations having already opened in May, the June gardens are getting their final prune, mow and trim, ready to welcome you through their gates. You do not want to miss your chance to visit these hidden gems across Hastings and Rother. The June openings are:

- Winchelsea Beach, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Battle, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Winchelsea and Rye Harbour, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June
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### Moonlight Walk

Join St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September for their 7km Moonlight Walk, an inspiring evening of remembrance. Celebrate life, remember loved ones, and raise vital funds for the Hospice.

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## Joe Goldsmith - An Unsung Local Hero

by Paul and Karen Draper for Fairlight History Group and for ARC.

*The following is an article created by Paul and Karen Draper of the Fairlight History Group, and with some contribution from ARC. We at ARC would like to thank FHG for sharing this with us for your enjoyment. Paul Petley*

If you go for a walk in the fields below Toot Rock, Pett Level, you might notice a nice new seat with a shiny plaque. In fact, the seat is a recent replacement for its delapidated predecessor, but the plaque has been re-polished and looks brand new. The plaque simply says, "In Loving Memory - Joe and Linda Goldsmith".



The seat and plaque were installed there many years ago by the Pett Level Preservation Trust on their own land, but who were the Goldsmiths? We started investigating and learned many stories, most notably that Joe had been in the SAS during the war. We also heard that Joe and Linda had run the Market Stores, Pett Level, sadly now closed, and from there, amongst their many roles, they delivered newspapers to Pett, Pett Level and Fairlight. Furthermore, Joe had become very involved in local events, frequently organising and hosting parties for children and their families at Pett Village Hall and running Bingo sessions at the Beach Club. Then we heard from their son, Doug Goldsmith, and finally the full story started to come together.

First, we decided to investigate Joe's time in the SAS. Obviously, not too much detail is published about their exact procedures, but Doug told us about a series of books by Damien Lewis. We searched and purchased two of the books, *SAS Forged in Hell* (published 2023) and *SAS Daggers Drawn* (published 2024). Damien worked for years as a War and Conflict Reporter for many major broadcasters, writing many books and winning numerous awards, so we were confident about his story telling.

How did Joe come to join the SAS? At the outbreak of World War 2 he was serving in the Royal Sussex Regiment which had suffered heavy casualties in fierce fighting, first around Belgium, before being driven back finally to Dunkirk. There Joe was one of the lucky ones, being pulled out of the water by a French trawler and spirited back to British shores. Incredibly, just over a month later, he had volunteered for special service, going into No. 8 (Guards) Commando. The "Blue Bloods" or the "House of Lords", as they were known, 8 Commando boasted not only David Stirling, but Randolph Churchill, the Prime Minister's son and the writer Evelyn Waugh in its ranks. Mixing with the high-born, the titled and the famous, Joe, with his rural upbringing and broad Sussex burr, was something of an oddity. But he never let it bother him much, not even when the men of Commando nicknamed him "Buttercup Joe", after the century old folk song of that title, which parodied the rustic way and accent of the song's subject, a likeable rural fellow named Joe. Although always known latterly as Joe, his full name was Ernest Edward William Frederick Goldsmith, born 15<sup>th</sup> July 1914. Goldsmith was henceforth known as "Joe" and he took that name forward into the SAS which he volunteered to join in September 1942. Furthermore, according to the Damien Lewis book, he was always singing the song Buttercup Joe and kept a copy of the words in his pocket.

### Lance Sergeant Ernest "Joe" Goldsmith

The books list many of Joe's Squadron's encounters, too many to mention, but we will list one particular event: Deployed with David Stirling's B squadron in the winter of 1942/3, Joe and his fellows had harried the enemies supply lines across North Africa, but they had done so facing a vengeful enemy and hostile locals and across terrible terrain. The losses among B squadron had been punishingly high, and Joe had seen scores of his comrades killed or captured. A real low point had come when their patrol had shot up what they believed to be an Italian Officer's convoy. The luxury vehicles had turned out to be a mobile brothel, and to be packed full of Italian women! That "horrific incident" had left Joe troubled.



Another well documented episode involving Joe was the Battle of Termoli, Italy. The episode, known as Operation Devon, was conducted to help the Allies back into Italy, but it was not easy. There was fierce fighting and heavy casualties. At one point in proceedings, Joe was able to rescue one of his injured colleagues, a Major Melot, and heaved him to safety, before returning to organise stretcher parties to evacuate more of the injured and further organising continued defence of their position. For this extended act of bravery, Joe was later awarded the Military Medal. The recommendation was signed by Lt.Col. Mayne and counter-signed by "B.L. Montgomery".



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Eventually, in August 1945, Joe was invalided out of the services, so, free from his military duties, Joe settled down, first to civilian life in Hastings and then in Pett Level. Initially they opened the Kiosk and then, in 1955, Joe and Linda opened the Market Stores in Pett Level and Joe delivered newspapers and groceries to the surrounding areas of Pett, Pett Level and Fairlight every day of the week for the next 25 years. In a quote from his booklet, '100 years in Fairlight', the late Alan Shearer states that "Joe was a great character who delivered our papers within the same five-minute time span every morning, rain, sleet or snow, and groceries more leisurely in the afternoon when he had escaped from his very businessman-like and well-organised wife!". Joe was also helped in the opening of these ventures by Mr Williams of the much-missed Circle Shop, Fairlight, a well-known local store. Unfortunately, the Market Stores has now closed, and the property is a private residence.



*These two photographs show Joe with his Bedford van and the two of them inside The Market Stores*

In addition to his and Linda's time-consuming duties with the Market Stores, Joe took great comfort in helping out at Pett Village Hall. We have heard many quotes from some of our older residents telling us about his Children's Christmas parties and we have photographs of some of these events. Another favourite of Joe was to host Bingo sessions at the Beach Club, Pett Level (now The Smuggler - not to be confused with The New Beach Club). We have been told of an occasion, when Joe was hosting the Bingo, one of the participants started tapping his pencil repeatedly. Due to the effects of his PTSD, Joe had to ask the man to desist as the tapping was causing him unnecessary anxiety.

Please take the time to stop and visit the above plaque, situated on the far side of the Royal Military Canal, halfway along opposite the houses at Pett Level, and think of them. Joe died on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1989. If you want to read more about our local hero, please find the many Damien Lewis books. We would like to thank their son, Doug Goldsmith for helping us and encouraging us to put this article together. Doug has given copies of short stories and more related material to the Arc (Fairlight, Pett and Guestling Archive Resource Centre) who we thank for supplying some of the material relating to The Market Stores.

If you have additional information or want to learn more about any aspect of our local history, please speak to the Fairlight History Group or the Arc, whose websites can be found at [www.fairlighthistory.co.uk](http://www.fairlighthistory.co.uk) and [www.thearc.uk](http://www.thearc.uk)

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Following spring nets, old faces and new welcome the return of competitive fixtures - at time of writing these have just begun. Pett travelled to an away fixture with Hailsham CC for their first game of the season. In a nail-biting game - with a good crowd held in its grasp - Pett set the home side 221 to win after some excellent batting performances by Paul's Fagan and Leitch. A stunning start with the ball had Hailsham 6 down in what seemed like no time, thanks to the returning Ant Bradnum ably assisted by Glenn Oakman. But a dogged and controlled home partnership finally saw Hailsham home with just 4 balls to spare in an enthralling game to kick off the season. We hope the games to come will be just as entertaining - but with a different outcome in the scoreboard.

As a club we welcome players of all abilities or, indeed, anyone who may be interested in scoring, umpiring or helping with the wicket and ground. As well as simply those that may wish to pop to the Rec and watch the odd game. The fixtures list is printed here. Our thanks also go to The Royal Oak for their support in the coming season and those vital volunteers that give their time to support the club and players so well.

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## Pett WI

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Our speaker for the evening was introduced by Sandra Clark who was wearing the full regalia of a Ryebellion drummer. Our speaker was Paul Carey from Rye Bonfire Society. Paul was literally born into the society, and he entertained us with wonderful tales of the history of the society made even more daring before health and safety rules came along. Also, the many celebrities who agreed to take part in the parade including lighting the bonfire. This was accompanied by photos from his family's archive. Many of the members recognised people from the photos and had memories themselves. He was very entertaining, and we thank him for a great talk.

After our usual break for Prosecco and nibbles we heard from Kay who so ably organises our catering side of events. Only the Saturday before we had held our annual Spring Fair which was very well attended with high quality stalls to browse, an amazing raffle and the usual excellent, delicious refreshments. Huge thanks went to anyone who helped prepare and help on the day.

Hilary gave us a run-down of the day and it was announced that each of our 2 charities - The Oliver Curd Trust and Little Gate Farm had been given £1371.97 each which was the profit from the day. This was the highest total we have raised so far at one of these events. Huge thanks also go to 'Elm Tree Boot Sale' who donated £150 for the luxury food hamper and a further £50 towards voucher prizes. We are very grateful for their donations.

Hilary also asked for donations of lightweight summer clothing and sanitary products for Safehaven women to be brought to our May meeting.

Louisa, our Treasurer, asked for those who hadn't already paid their subs for next year to please pay them as soon as possible. The accounts were being audited by Keith Swallow ready for the AGM in May.

Louisa also announced a bluebell walk on the Friday evening in Guestling Woods. This turned out to be a delightful walk. We left Pett Village Hall and walked through Farthing Wood into Guestling Woods. The sun was shining, and the bluebells were at their peak which was just delightful. Some members stayed on for a welcome drink at the Two Sawyers.

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We are now getting excited about our **Church Anniversary** taking place over the weekend of **June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**. The anniversary will be an Art and Flowers exhibition with a concert on Saturday at 3pm including musical items and some very entertaining funny items and some poetry. Worship will be at 3pm on Sunday. The church will be open from 10.30 am to 4.30pm both days so please come along to enjoy the displays, the art, the concert, the worship and the refreshments. The Archive Resource Centre (ARC) will also be open. **The theme for the weekend is 'Together in Unity'**. Look out for the posters.

**Sea Sunday** is taking place on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am at the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boathouse so we will be able to see the progress of the new boathouse. This year Rev Nathanael Hayler will be with us helping to lead our worship. Come along and join us in this informal worship by the sea.

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## Nature Notes

You may have heard the old expression - "ne'er cast a clout 'til may be out". Of course, it doesn't mean don't take your winter clothes off before the end of May, neither is it a reference to throwing punches. It is about winter clothes, but the may it refers to is may blossom not the month. May blossom is the fragrant flower of the Hawthorn, a plant often used for hedging because the straight, sharp thorns make the hedge virtually impenetrable. I have heard that it is unlucky to bring the blossom indoors, but that is probably more to do with the overpowering scent, rather than the probability of some future mishap. Both the leaves and the fruit (the haws from which its name is derived) are edible, tasty, nutritious, and a forager's delight. On the question of when May be out, I found some Hawthorn in blossom in a nearby hedge on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April this year, but I'm still keeping my fleece handy.



The Hawfinch is a handsome bird with a powerful beak. (My bird book suggests that it can generate a force of up to 50 kilograms. That's the wrong unit to use, and I'm sure Newton and maybe Pascal would be furious, but I think it means that the seed in its beak would feel the same as if it were sat on a table with a 50 kg weight on top of it.) The Hawfinch was presumably named for its tendency to eat Hawthorn haws, though my bird book suggests that it has a fondness for cherry stones which it cracks easily with its strong 50-kilogram, 490 Newton, or a lot of Pascal beak.

The link between the Hawfinch's name and its diet may be a bit tenuous but I've come across a few other links recently. We had a walk-up Pannel Valley and heard our first Cuckoo of the year. Can you guess the link between the Cuckoo and Orange-tip butterflies? There's only one link in the chain and it's a plant - Lady's Smock (*Cardamine pratensis*). The link between Cuckoo and Lady's Smock is simply one of name. The alternative common name for Lady's Smock is Cuckoo Flower, simply because it flowers at around the same time as the Cuckoos arrive in the UK. We have a lot of Lady's Smock in the garden in flower this year and we have seen a few Orange-tip butterflies. The link, of course is that Orange-tip caterpillars feed on Lady's Smock. I believe that they are very small, green, and hard to see. Lady's Smock is a member of the cabbage family (*Brassicaceae*) which is notable for its bitter oils, making the caterpillars and the surviving adults unpalatable to birds. The caterpillars must lack a sense of taste because if they encounter another caterpillar on the same plant, they will eat it.

The only other connection we have encountered recently is a very simple one. We found a very handsome male Lime Hawkmoth (*Mimas tiliae*) in the moth trap. One of the food plants of the Lime Hawkmoth caterpillars is, of course, the Common Lime tree (*Tilia x europaea*). Other food plants include elms, birches and alders. The Common Lime is a cross between The Small-leaved Lime and the Large-leaved Lime, so presumably a happy medium.

by Alan Kenworthy



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## The Ringed Plover Performance

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

Big eyes, short legs, and frequently described as 'rotund'; there's no denying it. Ringed Plovers are adorable. Our UK residents are joined by over-wintering migrants and can be found all around our coastline and some estuaries, in shingle and wetland habitats. These charismatic waders possess spectacular acting talents. Little orange feet stamp sandy ground to mimic falling raindrops, tempting out tasty subterranean crustacean snacks. Mates are wooed with marching high-kick dance routines. Shingle nest preparation involves an umbrella of wings and much flinging of shells in a dramatic ceremony.



Winged Plover, c. Alan Price SWT

Being masters of disguise, Ringed Plover nests are inconspicuous, with both dappled eggs and fluffball chicks seamlessly blending into their sand and stone surroundings. This is optimum for ground-nesting predator evasion, and chicks will freeze, Jurassic Park style, should a marauder enter their midst. Hiding in plain sight, however, leaves the species incredibly vulnerable to disturbance, especially on our over-populated and well-trodden coastlines. Eggs can easily be crushed under the flimsiest of flip-flops, and chicks are hard to spot until very close by. And a bigger problem still; free-roaming dogs. It doesn't matter if your beloved pup is the best-behaved boy in town, with great recall and no prey drive. Domestic dogs replicate natural predators, and even if they aren't likely to take a chick or investigate a nest, they can easily and unintentionally cause disturbance when off the lead.

Ringed Plover parents are fiercely committed to nest protection, even theatrically feigning a broken wing to lure predators away from their precious offspring. But feisty though they be, they weigh only 65 grams; no match for a snuffling hound. An increase in these acts of disturbance, habitat loss and climate change have contributed to a significant decline in numbers of UK Ringed Plovers since the mid-1980s, and the species is now on the UK Red List. To help, you can keep your dog on a lead whilst walking around our coastlines, especially during March to August, the breeding season for these, and many other bird species. You can keep your distance; good practice for all wildlife watching, but especially with ground-nesting birds. And you can tell other people, to help raise awareness of the otherwise unknown perils of simply letting your dog off the lead. In highlighting these issues, we hope the Ringed Plover performance may long continue. They just need less audience interaction.

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**Talk | The Detmold Twins Thursday 18 June**



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# QUIZ

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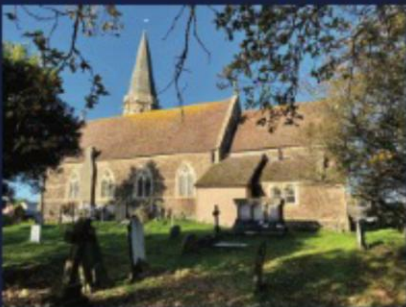
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Ore The King's Head	0957 1202 1347 1527 1527	1752	1347 1752
Guestling The White Hart	1001 1206 1351 1531 1531	1756	1351 1756
Guestling School	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	1534	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Pett Church	1006 1211 1356 1536 1542	1801	1356 1801
Pett Chick Hill	1009 1214 1359 1539 1545	1804	1359 1804

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## Pett • Guestling • Ore • Hastings

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays		SATURDAYS	
	Sch	Hols	
Pett Chick Hill	0819 0826 1012 1217 1402 1542 1547		0826 1402
Pett Church	0822 0829 1015 1220 1405 1545 1550		0829 1405
Guestling Green School	0829	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Guestling The White Hart	0834 0834 1020 1225 1410 1550 1555		0834 1410
Ore The King's Head	0838 0838 1024 1229 1414 1554 1559		0838 1414
Ore Post Office	0840 0840 1026 1231 1416 1556		0840 1416
Milward Road Manor Road	0845 0845 1030 1235 1420 1600		0845 0952 1157 1420 1522
Hastings Queens Road	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	1035 1240 1425 1605	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
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

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

from 3 September 2023

Sundays and public holidays

NR	NR	NR	NR
1034	1234	1434	1634
1045	1245	1445	1645
1049	1249	1449	1649
1055	1255	1455	1655
1101	1301	1501	1701
1106	1306	1506	1706
1123	1323	1523	1723
1128	1328	1528	1728
1132	1332	1532	1732
1137	1337	1537	1737
1142	1342	1542	1742

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

Conquest Hospital					2045	
Harrow Lane Ashdown House					2051	
Silverhill London Road					2057	
Bohemia Road Fire Station		0747	0847	0949	2101	
Hastings Railway Stn stop F				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 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

Sundays and public holidays

1045	1245	1445	1645
1049	1249	1449	1649
1056	1256	1456	1656
0900	1100	1300	1500 1700
0910	1110	1310	1510 1710
0923	1123	1323	1523 1723
0927	1127	1327	1527 1727
0933	1133	1333	1533 1733
0939	1139	1339	1539 1739
0945	1145	1345	1545 1745
0957	1157	1357	1557 1757
NR	NR	NR	NR

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

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

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

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# Pett Methodist Church Anniversary

**art and flowers  
"together in unity"**

celebrating on  
**Saturday 13th June  
& Sunday 14th June**

**10:30am to 4:30pm**  
concert on Saturday @ 3pm  
worship on Sunday @ 3pm  
refreshments, including light lunches, available



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