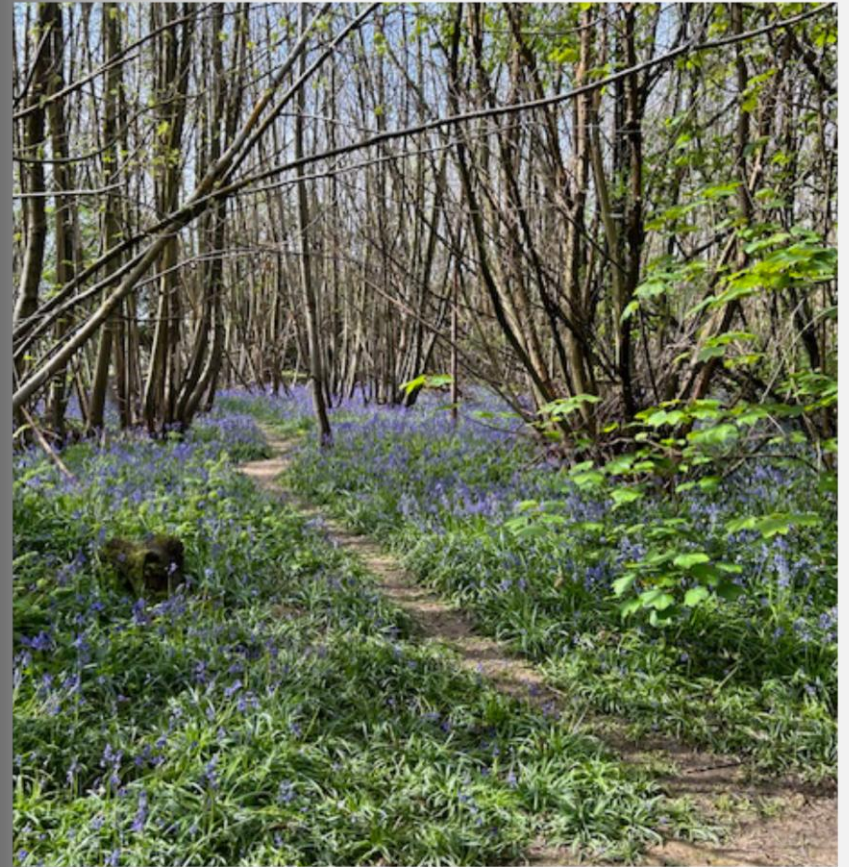




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# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Pett Village Hall**

The 2025 Annual Parish Meeting  
takes place on

**Tuesday 15 April**  
**at 7.30 pm**

Wine available from 7.00 pm

Devolution and Local Government  
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**Councillor Keith Glazier**

Organisations in the parish will be asked to say something about their activities. There will be 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.

**ALL PETT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME  
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Sitting here, it feels like Spring has finally sprung! The sun is shining, birds are singing, bulbs are raising their heads in full bloom and the village and surrounding countryside are looking at their best. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather lasts for the late Easter - or is that being too optimistic?

There's lots going on this month - Spring Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church on 12<sup>th</sup> April, Pett Bowls Club Open Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> April if you fancy trying your hand, live music hosted by our local clubs and pubs, and of course the eagerly awaited WI Spring Fair on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Plus all our regular clubs and societies.

Lots of you attended the Annie Soudain talk organised by the ARC. We have a tremendous report in this issue from Fran Rogers, but for those who would like to know more, there was also an excellent write-up by Heidi Foster in the [Rye News](#) on 13<sup>th</sup> March which is well worth a read.

See you again in May!

*Donna and Louisa*

First, please let me thank you if you attended Annie Soudain's talk in March. As you will be aware if you were there, it was standing room only. It was very encouraging to see half our members turn out, plus 50 non-members. We will put some of her photos and pictures on our website in due course ([thearc.uk](http://thearc.uk)), but she also has her book *The Marsh, the Sea and the Sky*, which you can order from her website: [anniesoudain.co.uk](http://anniesoudain.co.uk)

Locally, there is another interesting talk coming up.

The **Appledore Local History Society** is running a talk about the **Royal Military Canal: The Story of Mr Pitt's Ditches**. This event was sold out when they had the speaker come last year, so book your tickets early! It's on 4th April at 7:30pm.

Also, a reminder that a new book has now been published all about Guestling: **A Different Kind of Brotherhood: Guestling and Three Oaks, Now and Then**. Written by Keith Swallow and Sarah Whiteman. Lots of history and photos of this hidden gem that we pass by on the A259. Available at the Butcher's Shop on Pett Road, the Beach Club in Pett Level, or direct from the publisher. Email: [penfold@eps-edge.co.uk](mailto:penfold@eps-edge.co.uk)

Spring is coming... 🌸

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## Annie Soudain



For those of you who couldn't make the ARC talk on 8<sup>th</sup> March, do not worry, there was no room; the Pett Methodist Church was packed to capacity. But here is a summary of what you missed.



Annie, speaking with Cliff Dean, told us that she moved to Pett Level in 1970 with her husband, John, and three young children. They took on a wreck of a house (which was a recurring theme with their houses and boats), Tawny Pipit, located between Toot Rock and the Royal Military Canal. It took two years to make the house habitable whilst the five of them lived in a very small caravan with no electricity or running water and a watering can as a shower.



Annie's creative skills during these two years were curtailed by lack of space but she still made small sailor musical boxes; the shop owner liked them too much to sell them. Once in Tawny Pipit her other creativity was shown by unicorn, lion, and crown outfits for Pett 1977 Jubilee parade, pig heads for the Disney parade in Hastings, and much more. The talk primarily tried to cover what was not mentioned in her book.

Guy Fawkes night was a big event in Pett Level during the 70s, and one event was captured by another resident, Fay Godwin a renowned photographer and frequent guest at Tawny Pipit. Local children participated in making the guy, with Annie's help.



Annie was involved with the formation of the Pett Level Preservation Trust, with fund-raising each year along the canal bank. This included a "where is the treasure" 3D map, and an Angler Fish, spotlit in a tent with 5p entry.

By just looking outside her window Annie had her inspiration for her early lino prints. One of her first, using a three-block method and hand burnishing (she had no press) was *March Morning*, with sheep and lambs, then came *Sea Cabbages and Shrimpers* using fabric paints given to her by local artist Arthur Spencer Roberts, which she said took forever to dry. Later, as money allowed her to buy ink, an old mangle as a press, she developed her much more complex single-block reduction printing. Annie is also a skilled painter and her works of flora and fauna in both mediums are exceptional, and her style all her own.



Annie spoke about John and his love of boats: repairing, building and skipping. He sadly died in 1978. Her close friendships in Pett Level sustained her. Happily, she met Jim, a translator, and remarried in 1982. She could not believe she was lucky enough to have two such wonderful marriages.

With the now combined five children grown, and no longer needing the space, Annie and Jim moved to the Fairlight coastguard cottages in 1988. Once again, inspiration was on her doorstep.



Her talent flourished outside our local area from the 1990s onwards, with exhibitions and commissions at home and abroad. One was the *Cow Parade* in London in 2002, where farmers voted hers best cow at the Smithfield Market. Proceeds from sales went to Esther Rantzen's *Childline*, and Annie's cow was bought by the Independent Milk Company after being



Cuckoo fed by a Reed Warbler

exhibited in *The Museum of Childhood* in Bethnal Green. The *Oldies Magazine* also commissioned her to paint "bird of the month" which she did in 2014. Her grandchildren have also become the beneficiaries of her creative skills, such as Noah's Ark. And she has plans for a book to go with her Monkey puppet.... Annie never has an idle moment.



And where did she acquire her love and fascination with nature? Her formative years (age 3 in photo) were spent in Turo (inspiration for *Minnows and Mayflies*) and Kent on a farm, where she spent much of her time outside.

Since Jim's death in 2018, another difficult time for Annie, she thrown herself into work and her reputation has steadily grown; she now has calendars, jigsaws, notebooks for sale in National Garden shops and on-line.

Recently she discovered a Chinese website was selling a print in her name, designed with AI. To get her own back she has recently finished a very similar linoprint in retaliation! Perhaps it is a sign of her success that she is now imitated in China.

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Annie's book "*The Marsh, the Sea and the Sky*", which is crammed with wonderful colour prints of her work and more detail about her life, is available from: <https://www.anniesoudain.co.uk> at £20

Proceeds from the sale of Annie's work at the event were shared between the ARC and Pett Level Preservation Trust.

Thank you to Cliff Dean who spoke with Annie, and to all those who came, and helped, at the event. The community supporting a valuable community asset.



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## Pett Parish Council Update

The parish meeting, at which parishioners can raise any topic and which is held every year, will take place on Tuesday 15 April. I am pleased to say that the speaker will be Councillor Keith Glazier, who is not only our local county councillor resident in the village, but is also leader of East Sussex County Council. He will be talking about the government's plans for devolution and the reorganization of local government. There has been much talk about this topic of late and I gave links to information in my report in the March issue of the parish news, but this will be an opportunity to hear about the plans and related issues from someone who is closely involved. There is a notice giving time and place elsewhere in this issue of the parish news.

Also at the parish meeting, I will give a report on the year past and there will be light refreshments. And then, as usual, the meeting will be open for any parishioner to raise an issue relating to the parish, including any reports from village clubs and societies.

At its meeting in March, the parish council agreed to appoint a solicitor to finalise the lease of the Pett Level toilets, based on the heads of agreement, which have been revised following the parish council's queries. Once the lease has been signed, the toilets will be opened as soon as practical. Note, however, that we are still looking for a cleaner; see the advert in the March issue of the parish news and on Facebook and Pettnet.

Also at the meeting, the council agreed to support an initiative to start a board games club, 'Board and Brew', which will meet monthly in the village hall. The organisers have said that:

We hope this club will reduce isolation and promote community cohesion, everyone will be welcome, families, friends and people living alone as well as those with physical or emotional disabilities. It is well documented that playing board games can benefit your cognitive, social and emotional wellbeing by lowering stress levels, improving memory, enhancing critical thinking skills and strengthening social skills, not to mention making friends and having a laugh along the way.

More information will be available through the usual channels. The club will start as a working party of the parish council, but we hope will develop into an independent organization.

I am sure that many people have walked the Jubilee Way, with which the council marked the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth. The council is now planning to produce a leaflet with a map of the footpath (reproducing the map that is outside the Royal Oak). It is hoped that this will be available free in the village's pubs and churches, so that it will help people navigate the walk, as well as making information about it more widely known.

A few years ago, the council arranged for work to be carried out on tennis court drainage. Unfortunately, as a result of animal activity (rabbits or badgers), the drainage along the side of court is not functioning correctly, so that water is going on to the court and moss is growing, making play difficult, if not dangerous. The solution is relatively simple, but expensive if carried out by a contractor. It has therefore been suggested that volunteers are called for to form a working party to sort the problem out, after which the surface of the court can be treated. This approach worked well some years ago, when the 'camino' was created, so I hope people will come forward to help again. If you can help, please let the clerk know. When there are enough people willing to help, a working party will be set up.

Following the 2023 flooding, there have been a number of developments that are intended to prevent such a serious event again. However, there are pipes at the bottom of Chick Hill that are either silted up or inadequate for the flow. The parish council will be writing to the Environment Agency to draw this problem to its notice, as well as asking when the silting up of the Royal Military Canal is likely to receive attention.-

*David Penfold, Chair, Pett Parish Council*

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Sunday April 6 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Sound Syndicate
Sunday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	1066 Rockitmen
Saturday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Little Big Stone
Bank Holiday Monday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Gina Cassisa
Saturday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Kytes
Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Rye Bay Crew
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	5pm	Member event
Sunday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	Gina Cassisa
Sunday June 8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Stuart Bligh
Saturday June 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Don't Stop
Sunday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	The Ellie Babies
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm	Member party

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WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion with The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams

### SUNDAY 13 APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion with Revd David Page
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion with Revd David Page

### GOOD FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

ICKLESHAM	2.00pm	Service of Meditation on the Cross with Revd David Page
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### EASTER SUNDAY, 20 APRIL

ICKLESHAM	9.30am	Parish Communion with the Revd David Page
PETT	9.30am	Parish Communion with the Revd Kay Burnett
WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion with the Revd David Page

### SUNDAY 27 APRIL

WINCHELSEA	11.00am	Parish Communion with the Revd Yvonne Adam
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**All the Fun of the Fayre**

The AGM was held at Pett Village Hall on Wednesday 5 March. The meeting was well attended with positive comments on the 2024 show, held again at the Hall. In her report, the Chairman said that the Committee were very pleased that the community had supported the Show, particularly by the number of entries in view of the changeable weather during the summer months. The Dog Show encouraged more visitors.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers for their support and hard work on the day. The Show had been a financial success and there is an opportunity to support local causes. Requests had been made by Pett WI fundraising for their chosen charities, Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat for their building project, Pett Church for repair work and the Archive Resource Centre towards the purchase of a fireproof safe. Funds have been donated to these causes. Clearing work has been carried out on the adjoining field used for car parking. Thanks were given to Andy Norcott for his sterling work.

The Chairman expressed her gratitude to the Committee members for their support. They give thoughtful advice, creative ideas and commitment to making the Show a success. Although not a Committee Member, thanks also to Sue Dengate and her team for administering the entries. The 2025 Schedule is nearing completion, and the Committee have decided to distribute it with the May issue of Pett Parish News. For those wishing to be creative, the Schedule will be available on Pettnet shortly. The theme of **All the Fun of the Fayre** suggests obvious features in the Handicraft, Art, Photography and Young Peoples' classes:

- Young People (under 5; child and helper): Decorate a paper plate with a fairground theme.
- Young People (5-8 Years): Make a coconut pyramid (x4). Paint or draw a roundabout. Grow cress in a teacup.
- Young People (9-14 Years): Paint or draw a picture of a fairground attraction. Make a helter-skelter (not to exceed 12 inches/25 cm in height or width). Grow a sunflower in a 6-inch pot.
- All Young People under 16 years: Photograph 'Having Fun'.
- Adults: Painting entitled 'All the Fun of the Fayre'. Photograph 'Having Fun'. Handicraft: Make a Mosaic of Smashed Crockery.

There will also be the model-making classes as usual and, for those under 14, a tea-towel design class on the theme of the Flower Show (A4 size - do not include the date). We have reviewed the entry fee for the classes and decided to charge 50p per entry, which is in keeping with other societies. The good news for young people: their entries will be free! Looking forward to a great Show this summer with a dance in the evening.

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## Pett WI

Our February meeting was a lively affair when we welcomed as our speaker Kt Bruce who is a photographer. She gave us a fabulous talk outlining her varied career becoming, almost by accident, a photographer. She photographed many famous people, including the late Queen and Prince Philip, the Archbishop of Canterbury and many famous actors and personalities. Unlike most portrait pictures or formal line ups she often took photos showing the personality in a more relaxed mode, or having fun.

She gave us valuable tips on how to create better photos on our phones and in the break we all experimented with our phones, taking different angles, reflections, and catching subjects off guard. These were then relayed onto the screen for everyone to see. It was a great meeting with a lot of fun and laughter. Thanks go to Kt for her experience and advice.

Our fundraising side of the WI is getting busier than usual for our next, much anticipated Spring Fair on 5th April 10.00am -3.00pm at Pett Village Hall. The standard of crafts and produce on offer is second to none and of course the excellent refreshments made and served by our WI ladies are served all day. There is a fantastic raffle with some fabulous prizes, so please come and join us.

We voted for our charities to support this year and the two we are supporting are Friary Gardens, part of the Parchment Trust and the Sara Lee Trust. Profits from the Spring Fair will go to both these charities.

Our other constant fundraising is for Rye Food Bank. We have 11 collection points in Pett, Pett Level, Fairlight and Icklesham and would like to extend our grateful thanks for all the donations. We sent 4,100 donations in 2024 and also £1499.78 in cash. We are the Food Bank's largest 'non-store' donor, which we are very proud of. We couldn't do all this without the volunteers who help us out with collections - a huge thank you to you all. Also special thanks must go to groups who had special collections for us. Namely, Fairlight Players, Fairlight Nursery, The New Beach Club and the Methodist Chapel.

Please continue to support Rye Food Bank by donating. Just a couple of food items or toiletries helps to increase the help we can give to such a worthy cause that still has huge demands made upon it by people in need.

Enjoy the spring!

Sally Watson  
President

## PLIRB News - April 2025

Hello from all at PLIRB! Spring is here and there is a lot going happening - read on!

### Out on shouts

We have been tasked on four occasions already this year, and to each we have been rescue-ready in under 15 minutes. The first two shouts involved missing children at Camber and



walkers under Fairlight cliffs.

One evening we were tasked to locate and extract a lone female walker who had become lost under Fairlight. Whilst returning the casualty to safety, our observant crew spotted lights under the cliffs - clearly signalling for help. After taking the initial casualty to shore, our volunteer crew returned

and safely extracted three teenage boys. A double-tasking and great results for our team!

### Boathouse development

Planning has been resubmitted and providing there are no objections, we hope this will be approved by May. We are now putting urgent efforts into raising the necessary funds - through grant applications, local sponsorships and donations. Expanding our boathouse footprint is vital to secure our future service for two essential reasons:

Our two boat assets and launch vehicles are stored in separate units and, while this is



manageable, a single unit with more flexible space will improve both efficiency and launch response times.

- Increasingly our taskings involve towing casualty vessels, which requires more power than our current lifeboat is capable of. We will need to replace our lifeboat in 2-3 years

and plan to purchase a slightly larger craft that has the necessary power - however, our current boathouse is not large enough.

We welcome any support to achieve our ambitious fundraising goal of £120,000 - please contact us at [plirbrescue@gmail.com](mailto:plirbrescue@gmail.com) or call 01424 812 457.

### Crew news

We held our first quiz in March and were thrilled with the outcome! Despite the team being called out on a shout, we had a full house and raised much-needed funds. We'll plan another one for later in the year.

Two volunteers were promoted to Crew - congratulations to Anthony Dixson and Paul Kirkham. We held the first of a programme of joint training sessions with Rother First Responders. A hugely beneficial evening for all - focusing on specific first aid scenarios.



### Recruitment

We held two recruitment days in March to continue to grow our team. We are delighted that we had interest from several potential new volunteers. But remember that joining PLIRB is not limited to certain days - you are welcome to visit or join us anytime!

### Rescue Boat Code assessment

We welcomed a surveyor who conducted the assessment on our rescue boat, our facilities, maintenance and training regimes and operating procedures - all part of our journey to becoming an official Declared Facility. It was a very successful visit.

### PLIRB Thanks

We attended the celebration of life for Bob Hayward and were immensely grateful for the donations made - over £800, an incredible amount, thank you to everyone who generously contributed.

### Upcoming Events

**29 March:** Pett Slip Buys singing at Beckley Village Hall Shanty Night, 7pm  
**23-26 May:** PettFest is back! Your local beer festival at the Royal Oak. Live music, great beer and food.  
**21 June:** Fairfest - we'll be running the BBQ and the Pett Slip Buys are singing.

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The game of bowls has been medically proven to improve your general health and helps to strengthen the immune system. It also exercises your muscles and mind as you try to outwit your opponent. If you want to try bowls, the club will be able to provide you with tuition on the sport of bowls and all the equipment. All you need is to come along to the bowls green on our **Open Day** at the recreation ground in Pett, on **Friday 11 April** after 11.00 am. Remember to wear flat soled shoes and join in the fun!

In the meantime, if you like any further information, please contact either our Secretary, Mary on 01424 813047/07745659488, Club Captain, Tracey on 01424 532951 or me, Simon Grant, Chair on 07772916735.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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## Bluebell Hues

By Kerry Williams: Communications Officer -  
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Like many people, Bluebells are a blast of nostalgia for me. I remember woodland days out as a kid; clambering up trees and scrawling thrilling finds like 'Woodpigeon' in biro in soggy exercise books. Bluebell season always required a visit. There's not much like the all-encompassing violet thwack of Bluebells in ancient woodland. Sickly-sweet scent in your nostrils, the hues of the rich indigo carpet somehow also hanging in the air, and the understory buzzing with busy pollinators, who, just like you, are making the most of this abundant explosion.



We love a limited edition, a special experience that we must make the most of. Like one-off characters in your cereal box, like happy hour, like Nightingales. And Bluebell fever is no different. Every April and May, Sussex woodlands erupt with millions of these vivid beauties, announcing that spring truly, finally, fabulously, has sprung. This early flowering provides a welcome bounty for struggling wildlife and allows Bluebells to make the most of the sunlight before the woodland canopy becomes too dense.

Like many of our native wildflowers, the British Bluebell is up against it. At risk from habitat loss of precious ancient woodland, and threatened by a changing climate, the plant is also in competition with an interloper; the Spanish Bluebell. A non-native species, the Spanish Bluebell tends to outcompete its native counterpart for resources such as light and space. It can also

hybridise with our native species, diluting the native Bluebell's characteristics. So how can you tell these two species apart?

The native Bluebell (top right), *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, has narrow leaves and tubular-bell shaped flowers of deep-violet blue which curl back at the edges. The flowers are generally down one side of the stem, which has a distinctive droop to it. The Spanish species (top left), *Hyacinthoides hispanica*, has broader leaves and a paler blue, conical shaped flower. The stem is upright and covered with flowers on all sides. A big difference between the two is the Spanish has no scent, whilst the native Bluebell smells sweet.

The idea of plants 'escaping' your garden invokes notions of under-the-cover-of-darkness creeping, but it's easier than you think for non-native species to go astray. Uncovered cuttings and garden waste can easily blow into communal areas or can be carried by animals, to proliferate in new, wild areas. If choosing to plant Bluebells in your garden, it's best to choose the UK species for this reason. In a small way you could be supporting our native species to recolonise our wild woodlands, and to keep them smelling sweet.

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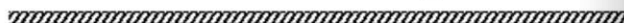
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## Gardening Club Notes - March 2025

This month we welcomed Laura Brady from “The Wonky Parsnip” at Brogdale Farm near Faversham. Laura trained in horticulture at Harper Adams College in Shropshire, then gained wide experience working in a number of agriculture-associated jobs, learning all aspects of vegetable production. She related, from her personal experience, some facts we all found enlightening regarding the quality, or otherwise, of supermarket vegetables. Essentially, there are very few varieties of any supermarket vegetable as they are specifically bred for their disease resistance and long-keeping properties, with flavour and texture not a priority. A supermarket’s “high-end” leeks are the same variety as their “Essentials” range, just a bit tidier! As she pointed out, for those of us already growing our own vegetables, we derive so many benefits from doing so.

As Laura’s experience grew, she realised she was becoming very keen to grow vegetables herself, however, with more of a focus on high quality produce. Given her understanding of commercial food production, she knew she would need to find her own USP and create a niche business which would be profitable but also ethical and sustainable. She began in a small way 8 years ago near Canterbury, but success led to needing more land. She found that at Brogdale, a fruit farm with available land, and she now rents 15 acres there. Laura now grows organically around 150 varieties of unusual, heritage and exotic vegetables and fruits. She practises crop rotation and is an advocate of companion planting for attracting pollinating insects which also help to keep other insect pests, like aphids, at bay. She has travelled extensively, visiting and working on farms the world over, discovering different fruits and vegetables, many of which she’s now successfully grown herself. She’s a keen cook which has also influenced what she chooses to grow and as a small-scale grower she is able to control her growing choices. She can also choose when to harvest, for example, she can pick courgettes complete with the flower intact, which are prized by restaurants - in London they can sell for as much as £3 each!

Laura illustrated her talk with photos of some of the many varieties she grows, edible flowers, Freckles lettuce, Electric Daisies, Skinny Rainbow Carrots, Purple Potatoes, Rainbow Mangetout among many. She also specialises in baby vegetables, again highly sought after by high-end restaurants. She has been very successful, not just at growing, but at marketing her business and has a considerable customer base now. She has also been featured on many television programmes, including Countryfile and with Marcus Wareing, the chef. She also sells vegetable boxes direct from the farm, has a pick-your-own pumpkin patch, which is a particular favourite of hers and, new this year, three 30 metre-long polytunnels devoted to strawberries. She is always happy to show visitors around, including groups, does vegetable-growing classes and, somehow, does it all on her own, with just her “tiny tractor” and very supportive Mum as her workforce!

At the end of Laura’s entertaining and enlightening talk she answered questions, including one about how she deals with carrot root fly. In fact, whilst mentioning her reliance on companion planting, she said she takes a philosophical approach too, accepting there will be losses, but overall, her successes outweigh these and are worth it to pursue her organic and sustainable principles. Now in her 8<sup>th</sup> season, her business goes from strength to strength, proving that there is a healthy market for ethically grown, quality produce.

At our next meeting, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 in the Catherine Holman Room at Pett Village Hall, Paul Leatherdale will give a talk on “The Care and Cultivation of Fuchsias”.

By June Harris



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## Nature Notes

If you were to walk across the road from the church, and then walk towards Pannel Lane, you would soon come to a bank on your left. The bank hosts a riotous mixture of cultivated and wild plants, many of which are in flower as I write this. There is a good variety of daffodils and other narcissus, as well as Lesser Celandine, Alexanders and Red Dead-nettle. On the way back from badminton, three of us paused there to have a look at a particularly rich clump of violets.

Identifying violets is not an easy task - my wildflower book lists 9 separate species even before I get to the other *Viola* species - pansies. Fortunately, my wildflower book has a dichotomous key to *Viola* species. Dichotomous keys are tools to narrow things down to species by asking a series of relevant questions to which there are usually only two answers. Having chosen an answer, you are then directed to the next question, and so on. So, if I had known that the stipules were entire or leafy (and checked the glossary to find out what stipules were) - entire.



I would then need to know whether the leaves were ovate or orbicular (glossary) - ovate. Are the leaves glabrous or hairy (glabrous means not hairy!) - hairy. Then are the sepals acute or obtuse or rounded - obtuse or rounded, which got me to the final question which gives almost a full description of the plant. That is, it is either a plant with long stolons; flowers rich dark violet (or white); hairs on petioles deflexed; sweet-scented, in which case it is *Viola odorata*. Alternatively, if it is essentially none of the above, then it is *Viola hirta* (Hairy Violet).

As you may have guessed I didn't follow the key to find out which species of violet they were. Had we got down on hands and knees and sniffed, then we could have confidently guessed that they were *Viola odorata* - Sweet Violets, which are the only wild violets that are sweet-scented. As it happens, I decided to walk back and use the artificially intelligent plant identification app on my phone which told me with 71% certainty that they were Sweet Violets.

While looking at the violets, they were visited by a couple of bumblebees which I confidently identified as a queen Buff-tailed bumblebee and also a worker bumblebee carrying pollen, which I thought was probably a buff-tailed worker. It was only when I was helping a Buff-tailed queen out of the greenhouse later that I realized I had mis-identified the queen on the violets which was much smaller and was more likely to have been a White-tailed queen.

Incidentally, while checking my records for violets, I noticed that there is a clump of Sweet Violets in the churchyard. I also found that we have had the Early Dog-violet in the garden, the Latin name of which is *Viola reichenbachiana*. It is not named after the infamous falls in Switzerland where the fictional Sherlock Holmes met his doom, but rather after a 19<sup>th</sup> century German botanist called Ludwig Reichenbach.

By Alan Kenworthy

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# La Cucina di Angela

## Frittata with wild asparagus

The frittata's roots might come from Mesopotamia and reached Italy many centuries ago. The word "frittata" means "friggere" (to fry). Also, it has another meaning - in a figurative way it means "mess". We usually use the sentence, "You made a frittata" to say you made a big mess. I remember when I was a child the frittata was always on the table as a snack before or after the main meal, particularly before any celebration.

(For four people).

- 140g wild asparagus
- 7 eggs
- 65g pecorino romano cheese
- About 80g breadcrumbs
- 100g ricotta cheese
- 1 small shallot
- Half a clove of garlic
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Finely chopped flat parsley
- Salt and pepper.

Boil the asparagus for 3 minutes. Rinse them and chop them roughly, then brown them in a frying pan with the sliced onion and some extra virgin olive oil. Separately in a bowl, mix the beaten eggs with the pecorino romano, the ricotta cheese, the parsley, and the breadcrumbs. Season the bowl and add the asparagus.

Put the mixture in a casserole with a tiny layer of extra virgin olive oil in the bottom, or better, line the casserole with baking parchment foil before putting the mixture in. Cook in the oven at 200 Celsius for 15 minutes. Alternatively, you can fry it in a pan for 25 minutes - cooking very slowly at a low heat and tossing the frittata a couple of times while it cooks. Serve as an aperitif, cut in slices, or as a main course with salad on the side.

*Buon Appetito*

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## Pett Village Hall Activities

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Doctor Surgery	9.00am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
Doctor Prescriptions	12-12.45pm
Pole Dancing	7.15-8.45pm

### Wednesday

Pett Painters	2.00-4.00pm
Dance Fitness	6.00-7.30pm

### Thursday

Doctor Surgery	9am-5.30pm
Pilates	8.30-9.30am
Doctor Prescriptions	12-12.45pm
Art	12-3.00pm
Short Mat Bowls	3.15-5.15pm
Fitness Pilates	6.30-7.15pm
Lindy Hop (Intermediate)	7.45pm
Lindy Hop (Beginners)	8.45pm

### Friday

Badminton	10.00am-12pm
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For details of who runs each class and how to join see our website - [www.pettvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.pettvillagehall.co.uk)

For bookings of the hall please contact Clare at [clare@pettvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:clare@pettvillagehall@gmail.com) Telephone 07718 518053.

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

## Pett Village Hall Annual General Meeting In the Catharine Hollman Room

# Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm



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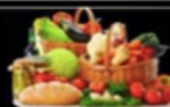
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### Spring Lunch | Flackley Ash Hotel Saturday 12 April



This year we return to the **Flackley Ash Hotel**. A charming privately owned Georgian Country House Hotel set in 5 acres of mature gardens. There is a three course menu, for a special price of £39.50 per person (including coffee, mints and gratuities). A wonderful opportunity for us all to get together and enjoy good food and conversation.

### Outing | Parham House & Gardens Thursday 22 May



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### Theatre Trip | Eastbourne Wednesday 5 November



Our Autumn matinée trip is to the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, for the Regent's Park performance of **Fiddler on the Roof**. Prior to the show there will be an opportunity to have lunch at one of the wide range of restaurants. The cost of theatre and coach is £59 per person (including gratuities). Places are limited to 22, please book before Tuesday 6th May.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY: Walk: Ship Hotel, New Romney on Thursday 8th May | Talk: Pyramids, Pink Lakes and Potholes on Thursday 15th May

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	High Water			
	Morning		Afternoon	
	Time	m	Time	m
1 TU	00 33	4.3	12 51	4.0
2 W	01 13	4.1	13 33	3.8
3 TH	01 55	3.8	14 19	3.3
4 F	02 44	3.1	15 13	2.8
5 SA ☽	03 43	2.5	16 18	2.2
6 SU	04 58	2.0	17 39	1.9
7 M	06 58	1.8	19 31	2.0
8 TU	08 31	2.2	20 43	2.5
9 W	09 24	2.5	21 31	2.9
10 TH	10 04	2.9	22 11	3.3
11 F	10 37	3.1	22 46	3.5
12 SA	11 08	3.3	23 21	3.5
13 SU ○	11 38	3.4	23 52	3.5
14 M			12 06	3.3
15 TU	00 18	3.4	12 29	3.3
16 W	00 36	3.3	12 46	3.1
17 TH	00 53	3.1	13 05	3.1
18 F	01 18	3.0	13 35	3.0
19 SA	01 51	2.8	14 13	2.6
20 SU	02 35	2.4	15 06	2.3
21 M ☾	03 42	1.9	16 52	1.9
22 TU	05 53	1.9	18 25	2.0
23 W	07 08	2.2	19 33	2.5
24 TH	08 07	2.6	20 28	3.0
25 F	08 58	3.1	21 16	3.5
26 SA	09 44	3.5	22 02	3.9
27 SU ●	10 27	3.8	22 46	4.1
28 M	11 09	4.0	23 30	4.1
29 TU	11 53	4.0		
30 W	00 14	4.1	12 35	3.9

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Defibrillator and phone kiosk opposite the Royal Oak	PPC
War memorial at Pett Church	PPC
Several roadside benches, noticeboards, and village signs	PPC
Website (PettNet); Pett & Pett Level News Magazine	PPC
Roads (inc Road Markings, Road Signs, Drains, Potholes, fallen trees)	ESCC
Verges & Footpaths	ESCC
Planning (applications, decisions, appeals, etc)	RDC
Refuse & Recycling	RDC
Fly-Tipping & Pollution	RDC
Dog & Pest Control	RDC
Beach Bye-Laws	RDC
Sea Wall at Pett Level	EA

### PETT PARISH COUNCIL (PPC)

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										Hols		Sch							
Hastings Rail Station ⇄ Stop E										1330	1510	1510							
Queens Road opp. Priory Meadow Stop N	0945	1150	1335	1515	1515	1640	1740						0945	1150	1335	1515	1640	1740	
Milward Road Manor Road	0950	1155	1340	1520	1520	1645	1745						0950	1155	1340	1520	1645	1745	
Ore Post Office	0955	1200	1345	1525	1525		1750											1750	
Ore The King's Head	0957	1202	1347	1527	1527		1752											1752	
Guestling The White Hart	1001	1206	1351	1531	1531		1756											1756	
Guestling School							1534											1534	
Pett Church	1006	1211	1356	1536	1542		1801											1801	
Pett Chick Hill	1009	1214	1359	1539	1545		1804											1804	

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										Sch		Hols										
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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

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### Rye | Fairlight | Hastings | Conquest Hospital

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Monday to Saturdays except public holidays

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

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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

Sundays and public holidays

NR	NR	NR	NR	
1045	1245	1445	1645	
1049	1249	1449	1649	
1056	1256	1456	1656	
1090	1290	1490	1690	
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	NR

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