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Editor's Comments

Well the Summer finally seems to have arrived at last and they are still digging up our pavements, maybe I wouldn't mind if they didn't seem to be making them worse than when they started.

I believe the taster courses at the Adult Education Centre were extremely popular, don't forget they will be coming to Rye Harbour, I think if I remember rightly around the middle of September, so look out for those in next months issue.

It's the first time I've done a pull - out, but with it being August, nice weather, long evenings, I thought you might like a pleasant walk. There's also a few things going on in Rye so hope I you have a good August.

I do hope the Age Concern advert can keep it together this month, it was a bit embarrassing last month but I will apologise once again, for those who don't get the Rye Observer. I will also apologise to Citizens Advice, who sent me a curt e. mail re. a wrong telephone number that I was wrongly supplied, it should all be correct this month.

Thanks to all the contributors, keep it coming in, on time, thanks go to the new typist, Sue Adey, it's so nice to have someone new to moan at me.

Copy date for August, will be Friday 23rd August with publication on

**Special Feature
Four Page Pull - Out
3 Circular Walks
Around Rye Harbour**

Saturday 31st.
I think I've just run out of things, I need to say it's 5.00 o'clock in the morning, I've just looked out the window and it's light, people are going to work, well its not worth going to bed now, I've got a meeting in 4 hours and, be at the printers. So hope the weather stays with us and we can all enjoy some of these events happening this month.

Don't forget to put your letters in the post box, in the shop.

Special Features

- 3 Circular Walks
- Family News
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Tide Timetable
- Local Events & Meetings
- Local Bus Times
- General
- Harbour Master
- Comments & Letters
- Parent & Toddler
- Youth Page
- Shop Update
- Church News

PUBLIC NOTICE'S

" Bexhill and Rother Primary Care Trust (our local NHS Trust) and East Sussex County Council Social Services are looking at the provision of health and social care services in our area. Throughout July they will be distributing leaflets which ask for our views. You should find copies in

our local shop (as well as in the library and GP practices). Please take the opportunity to comment. If you have suggestions on how services could be made more effective or more accessible or if you are aware of gaps in the services provided, please let them know. The leaflets have a freepost address."



Incorporating Other Projects Supported By The Rye Partnership **Saturday 21st September 2002**

Displays	Special features blown up to A3 in colour and mounted. Front pages also blown up to A3 and mounted.
Tables	Computer with printer showing display, Creating of the Newsletter. Table showing collating, folding and stapling. Table selling back issues, maybe bound copies of the whole year, framed copies of special features. Tables for agencies, contributors, advertisers and sponsors. Including: Rye Harbour Stores, Youth Action Group, Parent & Toddler Local Artists and more:
Extras	Refreshments
Competition	Prize four free tickets to the World of Chessington.

Watch This Space

Parish Council Notebook

The July meeting of the Parish Council was the last due for the time being, at the Village Hall. For the next few months the venue will be at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall which will mean some travel for your correspondent in order to keep abreast of affairs. We shall however keep you informed and the Councils agenda will be on the notice board as usual.

For items of interest here in Rye Harbour Steven Tollet has been appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the village hall. The Council are still awaiting news from Onyx regarding the clearance of land at the rear of Rye Village Hall – no doubt it will come in time.

Our other Rye Harbour Councilor – Michael Alford is preparing a paper for the future use and management of the Councils, four allotment sites 'Self Management' is one option.

The Government want allotments to be used by a greater diversity of people from the young to groups of various kinds to the elderly. Organic "Grow your Own" is the proposal.

Bus timetables

Please consult the blue timetable leaflets obtainable from the shop or car park information center.

We will have the latest information in time for the winter service.

This should include a new service on the 344 Winchelsea Beach route to be extended to the Conquest Hospital.

Also, Rye and District Community Transport are offering a service starting at Rye Harbour on Sundays and Bank Holidays until till 29th September via Northiam, Bodiam and on to Battle calling at points of visitor interest. Pick up a yellow leaflet for details.

We ask that you support this new venture as well as the regular bus service. Weekly unlimited travel tickets are available.

Michael Alford

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RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

Don't forget the New Opening Times



**Mon - Sat 7am to 7pm
Sunday's 8am to 7pm**

For The Summer Holiday Period



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME



Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has

a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible. If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either Allan or Jane a ring.

RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP

Urgently require qualified staff to run & assist with a new Youth Club to be opened in Rye Harbour, initially part-time with potential to build to full-time. We are currently looking for the following:

Co-ordinator with appropriate Level 3

Deputy with appropriate Level 2

Helper with Level 2 or working towards the qualification.

Experience in working with children aged between 5 - 16 is essential & any management experience an advantage.

Please ring Julie Cleary on **01797 225006** for an application form.
Closing date is 31st July 2002

Harbour Master's Comments

Summer has arrived at last! Visiting yachts are arriving from France and neighboring ports. The ports of Boulogne has closed for two weeks commencing 22nd July with a large "Festival of the Sea" taking place occupying all the marina spaces.

Two yachts suffering engine failures have been towed into harbour by harbour craft. Further craft have been assisted by the Rye Harbour Lifeboat crew. 40 yellow 0.6m speed buoys have been positioned off both Camber and Winchelsea beaches, an increase on the number of buoys positioned last year. Two ski lanes have been delineated at Jury's Gap and Cliff End.

Vandals have been busy causing mindless damage to boats both in the water and within secure lock ups near the Point. Many thousands of pounds worth of destruction took place at Rye Harbour Marina in spite of security camera's in working order and high fencing. At least two "Hooded" men broke into the yard and using sharp implements slashed the floats on a number of boats stealing a "Jet Ski" into the bargain. I have been informed of three incidents of serious fire when refueling outboard petrol engines. In one case an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in his pocket, rang. It is believed that the more modern phones (those that light up when either switched on or when rung) have more energy released to provide the spark for ignition.

Commercial shipping has slowed a little during July with the Wharf receiving 6 vessels carrying some 9,000 tons of roadside material. Unusually one vessel arrived from Seaham near Sunderland in County Durham.

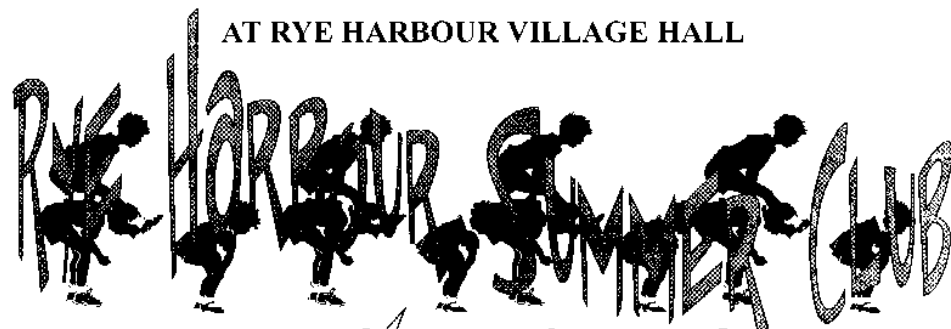
The harbour launch, Rother III was on the slipway during the month receiving a good pressure washing followed by an application of anti fouling paint. Coating of "Grass" and crustaceans is unusually heavy this year. The harbour office was visited by 16 members of the Rye Environment Group who were given a presentation on harbour activities.

Following on from my last "Quay Notes" we arrived in Walvis Bay on the West Coast of Africa. This area, on the western edge of the

"Namibian Desert, previously known as German West Africa, is famous for Diamonds, especially the "Cape Blue's". We unloaded machinery for this industry together with general "western" goods for the, mainly, migrant worker population (South Africans). The ships apprentice's were permitted shore leave and, without any form of documentation required, hired a car (we were all under 18 years of age). After a long day working cargo under the hot desert sun and consuming tins of strong Tenants beer (given to us by the ship's carpenter, as we were not permitted alcohol) we set off, in somewhat of a haze, for Swakopmund, a small German settlement 50 miles north. After traveling through the desert in the dark we arrived at a dingy bar and settled around a large table ordering the local brew "Castle" beer. Very soon we were joined by young black girls who showed a professional interest in us. I also showed an interest in them as they were extremely black (almost with a blue sheen) with tribal markings to their cheeks and foreheads (later I learnt they were from the "Xhosa" tribe related to the "Swazi" and "Zulu" of the cape Province). Much meaningless conversation took place between us all in broken English that became clearer with each round of drinks. My monthly salary of £7 did not allow us too much extravagancy but we had enough "Rands" to ensure a befuddled mind. The girls knew we were young and with little experience. They took on a role of a mother figure and as the evening wore on each of us became more attached to our "own" girl. It was about midnight when we left the building and headed for their simple home a short distance away. The next day we drove back to the ship. The car had to be returned and, arriving late at the gangway at 9am, we were met by a stony faced chief officer, our guardian whilst on board, who in language only a seafarer would comprehend, made sure that we would never forget our most treasured experience to date. With a warm glow I puffed on my pipe as we departed and followed the "Ghost Coast" bound for Capetown, our next port of call where I was to experience at first hands the evil of apartheid.

Carl Bagwell (Harbour Master)

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All children
4yrs to 11yrs

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Wednesday's - 1 pm to 3 pm

Friday's - 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

£1 per child
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Per Session

For your registration form, you can pick them up from the following outlets: Rye Harbour Stores, Rye Partnership, Tilling Green Stores, Ferry Road Clinic and Camber Sands Post Office.
Or Contact:

Rye Harbour - Karen or Marcus on 01797 227773

Rye - Michelle on 01797 226059

Camber - Trish on 01797 224403

Transport is available for Camber & Rye for more details contact
Karen or Marcus on 01797 227773



Rye & District Lions Club

Raft Race

Fete with Rye Farmers Market

From 12.00am
Sunday 25 August 2002

Rye Fair Salts

Raft Race Starts from Scots Float @ 1.30pm
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Stalls available for local groups to raise funds
For further information and entry forms for the race contact
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Youth Page FOOTBALL

The continuing saga of the goal posts

It would appear, that yet again, boys from Frenchman's Beech were spotted transporting them back to the site, anyway everyone who needs to be informed has and they should be returned to their resting place, on the Coronation field within the next couple of days.

As far as new ones are concerned I hope to sorting this out during August, but I did think it might be a good idea to site them on the field behind Lucas Shadwell and Oyster Creek, mainly for safety reasons, please let me know if any one objects, they will only be five a side size and not fixed, ring Marcus on 01797 227773

RYE HARBOUR SUMMER CLUB

The Summer Club will continue even though our appeal to the Children's Fund failed.

We have applied to other providers and hope to hear soon.

Five members of the Summer Club and Youth Club Committee successfully completed a Child Protection Course last Saturday with certificate funded by Rye CVS. Congratulations.

As you will have hopefully seen from the advert on page 6 you need to pick your registration forms from the shop and get them filled out as soon as possible. We need still have just a couple of slots left to be filled by volunteers, so please come forward and make a child's day. Phone Karen or Marcus on 227773

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FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY FOR MORE

After the good catches of last month things have quietened down to a more usual pattern with most trawlers being able to get a weeks work if they put the time in. Different species of fish have shown up, the odd Red Mullet and one or two small Squid. On most trips there has been the bonus of a lobster or two. The Spider Crabs have yet have not shown up in unmanageable numbers apart from a couple of places closer inshore so as the year moves on perhaps they will not be so bad.

Boats have been on the move with an addition to the fleet of a nearly new, steel trawler for a local skipper and two of the visiting boats putting Scallop gear back on and going up to the East Coast to try their luck. In the Bay three or four boats from Shoreham have been fishing a trip and landing back into Shoreham, also a regular visitor from Leigh-on-Sea came

and had a look, these boats fish in longer trips than the locals, having ice and refrigeration on board.

The netters have had a slacker time as well although cleaner fishing with not as many spider crabs. Some trips there has not been much fish at all and with clear water and settled weather things might not improve yet.

One trawler has changed fishing gear putting a single net fixed to big rubber disks as opposed to the smaller diameter disks used in the bay. This bigger ground gear is called "Rock Hopper Gear" and is used on the rougher seabed further out with the scope to be towed over the rocks and banks without snagging and tearing to bad. Sometimes it pays off and sometimes it ends with a big rock in the cod end and the net in tatters or towing something into port too heavy to lift on board – usually an old anchor.

BOY ASHORE

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group

Hello Everyone. Well once again we had a raffle around the pub and raised yet another £50.00

Thanks to Bernie and everyone who brought tickets and got involved. Thanks to Dot and Bogden for the donation of a bottle of wine.

There was another raffle on

the 27th plus a Disco, which raised yet another £41.00.

Hope you all continue to support the R.H.Y.A.G. Without your help we would not be able to sustain the group for more than a year and I sure we would all want to be a more permanent venture.

The cupboard will hopefully be built at the end of July and the group will officially be open at the beginning of September.....staff permitting. We will let you know days and time in the August issue.

Julie Cleary

RYE & DISTRICT AGE CONCERN

**Baptist Church
Hall, Rye**



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**Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
At Rye CVS, 25 Cinque Ports Street, Rye
On the third and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10am to 12noon**

There is a wide range of information available, on subjects such as benefits, residential homes, sheltered accommodation, support services, clubs, transport and many more. Age concern factsheets are available and copies can be supplied on request.

The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on **01797 225466**



VILLAGE PHOTO'S



Rye Harbour Jubilee Fun Day 1st June 2002 Photographs

The rough pull-off proofs of the pictures taken on Saturday 1st June are in Harbour Stores where you can sign up for copies. I will be able to provide high quality A4 prints (210 x 297mm or 8" x 11" approx.) on 170gram inkjet card of these at a cost of £3.00 each. Any profits will go to the Youth Action Group, but please note there may be some delay in delivery because of holidays! Peter Greenhalf will be producing conventional very

high quality prints of the Village photograph for £7.50 each. I can also provide a CD with JPG image files of all the pictures and a licence to reproduce them for personal use at a cost of £5.00 each - again the profits to the Youth Action Group. Please can you put your name and the print number(s) you require on the accompanying sheet., adding PG for conventional Village photographs if required.

Mike Slavin - 224916



GETTING CRAFTY



"Communication through Craft"
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Overnight from Thursday 18/7 to today Friday 19/7, two hanging baskets were stolen from outside a shop in High Street, Winchelsea, after the offenders cut the chains! These thefts often tend to be repeated! Serial 511 of 19/7 refers.

STEVE'S TIP: When loading a hanging

basket, place a piece of card or paper with your name, address and telephone number in a sealed clear plastic bag in the base. How will an offender explain that if they are caught with your hanging baskets?

Steve Tollett

Neighbourhood watch booklets and stickers for doors and windows are available from Arthur Berry.



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

The 6th of July was the Open Day for our Station this year and was quite a successful one. Many thanks to all who helped on the day and to all who turned up to support us. I would also like to say many thanks to Coxswain Martin Phillips and the crew of the Hastings Lifeboat for bringing Stormy Stan along to meet some of the children in our area and of course some of our crew who were pleased to meet him. Most of the lads at the Station read Stormie's accounts in the Stormforce magazine (for the Junior supporters).

On Wednesday the 10th we were all taken by surprise when our pagers burst into life. I contacted the Coastguard and was told that a sail yacht on passage from Harwich to Eastbourne, had suffered a mechanical

failure and was in need of assistance. The Lifeboat launched and towed the casualty into the Harbour for repairs to his engine. The week of the 15th was sunny and warm with an offshore wind and true to form on the 16th we had two calls. The first was to three swimmers 500 metres off shore that appeared to be finding it difficult to get back to shore, when the Lifeboat arrived on scene the swimmers said that they were OK but as a precaution the Coastguard asked the Lifeboat to stand by until all were safe on shore. The Lifeboat had only just been put away when Camber Coastguard requested us to launch to an inflatable with two persons on board drifting to sea off Central Car Park at Camber. The Lifeboat launched and towed the

casualty back to shore.

The Lifeboat returned to Station and after being made ready for service everybody went home for tea.

For those that don't know, after a shout the shore helpers wash the boat down, re-fuel it and replace any damaged or broken bits the Coastguard are then told that the Lifeboat is ready for service and the boat is kept in this state until required again for service.

Finally we are still looking for new recruits if you are interested please come round and have a look at us to see what happens, we are at the Station Monday evenings from 6.30 pm and Sunday mornings from 10.30 am. That's all for this month folks.

Richard Tollett

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RELATE

Relate are pleased that they will be offering a service in Rye, thanks to funding from the Rye Regeneration Partnership.

Lots of things cause problems in a relationship, such as financial hardship, stress at work, difficult in-laws, or personal issues, such as an affair, constant arguments, problems with the children, lifestyles such as children leaving home, retirement the list can be very long. What is the same, is the pain, anxiety and distress that are caused for the two people involved and for the children.

Talking to a counselor can help the couple find solutions to their problems and understand how they can improve things. Often the most important lesson is learning to communicate with each other again.

Planned to start in September the service will be at the CVS offices at 25 Cinque Port Street, Rye each Wednesday between 4.30-7.30pm.

The service is available to anyone who wants to improve their adult relationship, whether they are married, living together in a committed relationship, living apart but sharing their lives, just starting out on a relationship, or living alone.

We offer the service to people whatever their age, race, gender, personal beliefs, sexual orientation or social background. All they need is to want to improve their current adult relationships, or make the next one work better than the last.

The service in Rye is being subsidized by the Rye Regeneration Partnership and clients will be asked to pay what they can afford up to a maximum of £5 per session, which will last one hour. Appointments will be arranged through our Central Admin Office in Eastbourne, where more information is also available. The number is 01323 410001.

Watch this space for details of the actual start and more articles about what Relate can offer you.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



CAR THEFTS

About 12-30am this morning, Friday 26/7, residents in North Salts, Rye, were disturbed by noises in the street and saw three males possibly trying to break in to cars.

Serial 38 of 26/7 refers.

WHEELBARROW - RYE HARBOUR

A wheelbarrow has disappeared from outside a property in Rye Harbour overnight Thursday 25/7 to Friday 26/7. It has four wheels and a broken handle. Where is it now?

Serial 359 of 26/7 refers.

RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE

THREE CIRCULAR WALKS

The **Nature Reserve** is managed by **East Sussex County Council** on land owned by the **Environment Agency**, the **Sussex Wildlife Trust** and individual farmers.

There is pleasant walking along a network of footpaths and an opportunity to see a great variety (depending on season) of plants and animals, many of which are rare. There is further interest in the geography of the area and its history of military defences.

At Rye Harbour there is a large free car park, toilets, telephone, two pubs, a shop and the Nature Reserve Information Centre (unmanned). On the walks you are asked to observe Country Code, especially as some of the footpaths, which are shown on the back page map, are outside the Nature Reserve.

WALK 1 - about 1 hour - follow points A-E

WALK 2 - about 2 hours - follow A-D, then F-K.

WALK 3 - about 3 hours - follow A-D, then F-I, then L-Q. This is a MARITIME HERITAGE TRAIL, which is waymarked with arrows and green bands.



A - **The Martello Tower** near the car park. is No.28, completed in 1807 as part of the defences during the Napoleonic wars. When you leave the car park follow the private Environment Agency road beside the saltmarsh. You will be walking on part of the sea defences that protect the low-lying fields on your right from flooding.

B - **Colin Green Birdwatching Hide**, with access for wheelchairs. The pool is flooded by high tides and attracts many wading birds, including species which breed on the Nature Reserve such as Redshank, Ringed Plover, Oystercatcher and Lapwing.

C - **Interpretation board** about military defences. Across the river mouth is Camber Sands where waders and gulls can be seen. At high tide in winter Common Seals and Eider may occur. Turn right here to follow the road that runs west, parallel with the shore. Along the road in spring and summer you will see and hear Little Terns (above), Ringed Plovers and Wheatears, together with Yellow-horned Poppy, Red Valerian, white Sea Kale, mauve Sea Pea, white Sea Campion, blue Viper's Bugloss and many other shingle flowers.

WARNING. This road is for the Environment Agency lorries that maintain the sea defences. They work mainly on weekdays, in the autumn and winter.

If they are working please get right off the road to allow them to pass -

Thank-you.

D - Public Footpath. If you are on the short **WALK 1** this is where you turn inland. Leave the road and walk inland across the shingle path. **For WALKS 2 and 3 continue to point F.**

E - The Parkes Hide. In the winter you may see several varieties of duck on the water and in summer Black-headed Gulls and Little Grebes may nest close to the hide. After leaving the hide turn left and follow the path round to the right on the raised bank, then over a bridge and through the Caravan Site back to your start.

WALKS 2 and 3.

F - The Crittall Hide. In the winter many ducks and waders are common, while in summer the islands are full of nesting Common Terns and Black-headed Gulls. In spring and autumn many different species of wader, like Oystercatcher (above) occur here, especially at high tide.

G - The Old Lifeboat House. Here an interpretation board describes the sad loss of the crew of the Mary Stanford in 1928. This can provide a sheltered place to watch birds on the shore or out to sea.

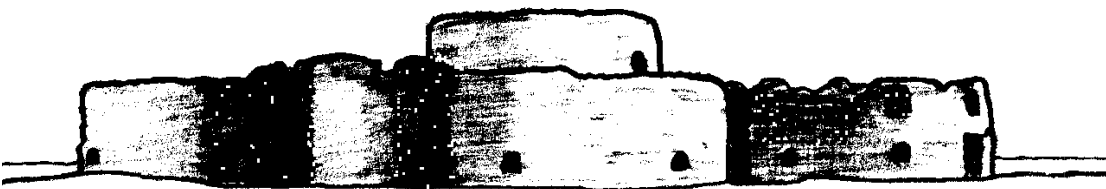
H - Nature Reserve notice. Turn right, across some shingle and then along a raised path between fields.

I - Long Pit. The dividing point for WALKS 2 and 3.

WALK 2. Turn right and continue along the shingle track, past a group of cottages on your left and past barns on your right. In summer see Yellow Wagtails, Turtle Doves and Corn Buntings.

J - Corner Pools. Two small, reed filled ponds are, from April to September, home to noisy Reed and Sedge Warblers, Reed Buntings and Marsh Frogs. With care you may be able to see some of these well camouflaged animals. Take the track to the left that closely follows the pits.

K - Harbour Road. After walking past new houses on your right you reach the road where you turn right to return to your start. If you have time, turn left and visit Rye Harbour Churchyard at **point Q**.



WALK 3 For the long walk continue straight on, with the pit on your right, over a stile, across a small field, over another stile, then straight on, passing a cottage on your right, until you come to a junction of four paths.

L - Junction of four paths. Turn right, over a stile, through some trees, past a cottage on the left, through a gate, then follow the path around the edge of the field with the wood on your right. This is a good place for many different types of woodland and farmland birds, such as Tree Sparrow. At the stile you will see Camber Castle ahead, BUT turn right until a waymark post directs you left along the end of the large pit called Castle Water. This pit has many types of aquatic animals which are rare and in the summer there are abundant water beetles and blue damselflies. Keep the pit on your **right** and follow a path through the gorse bushes.

M - Birdwatching Hide. At the stile you can turn right, over another stile into a birdwatching hide, or left towards the castle.

N - Camber Castle. Developed by Henry VIII at the end of a shingle spit to defend Rye. It was abandoned in 1642 because of the build up of shingle, and it now lies 2km from the shore. There is an interpretation board on the castle. On the walls are specialised flowers: Pellitory-of-the-wall, Wall Pennywort, Wall Pepper and the yellow flowered Wallflower.

Leave the castle, heading just to the right of Rye, over the undulating shingle ridges towards a large willow tree. Over the stile, follow the fence on your right, then over another stile, now with the fence on your left. Follow the path to another stile at **point O**. In the fields to your left you can often see large flocks of Lapwings and smaller numbers of few Golden Plovers and Curlew.

O - Stile. From here you can see some of the work of the Nature Reserve in improving the edge of the pit for wetland wildlife, creating ponds and encouraging reeds and rough grassland. This is a favourite place for Grey Herons and Barn Owl.

Go over the stile and follow the path, inside the fence, with the fence on your right. Turn left and then right, over a causeway, past the warehouses on your left.

P - Viewpoint. From the path look to your right for a white post, this indicates the entrance to a raised viewpoint from where you can look over a large reedbed towards a wooded island. Here Cormorants, Bittern and Little Egrets can often be seen. Retrace your steps to the footpath and cross the grassy field diagonally to reach the road. At the road, turn right.

Q - Rye Harbour Churchyard. With a memorial to the crew of the Mary Stanford land a wide variety of flowering plants. Then continue down the road to your start point.

If you have enjoyed one of these walks and want to find out more about the Nature Reserve please consider joining the **FRIENDS OF RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE**

2, Watch Cottages, Nook Beach, Winchelsea, East Sussex. TN36 4LU



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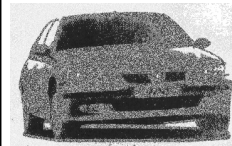
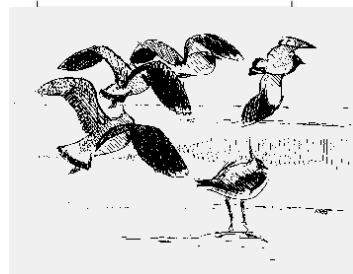


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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



July has been a mixed bag so far, with many birds still nesting, but also many birds on the move again. The Little Tern season came to an early end this year. Nineteen pairs nested, with temporary fencing successfully preventing disturbance and access to foxes, so hatching success was very high. However a Kestrel discovered the plentiful supply of chicks and returned regularly thereafter for some easy pickings. Poor weather around late June/early July also took its toll on chicks, and others wandered outside the fence where they took their chances against foxes too. The end result was that only a few chicks managed to fledge. But on a more positive note, the Sandwich Tern has enjoyed one of its best years ever at Rye Harbour. At least 150 pairs have nested at Ternery Pool, with many young fledging. This is the only regular breeding site between Hampshire and Norfolk for this species. A notable event in the last week or so has been the large

numbers of fish in the bay - Mackerel and Whitebait so I'm told.

This has accounted for record numbers of Sandwich Terns, with up to 850 present, some of which have arrived from far afield to join the remaining nesters.

Gannets have also been fishing offshore in record numbers, with up to 270 seen from the beach. A few rarities were seen around mid month: firstly a Bee-eater flew over Castle Farm on 14th, followed by a Spoonbill heading up the river Rother the next morning and a Mediterranean Shearwater close inshore on 16th.

Forthcoming events.....

Sat 10th Camber Castle Wildlife
And History. A circular walk
around part of Castle Water Nature
Reserve and a chance to see inside
Camber Castle.

Meet at Brede Lock car park (TQ919198)
at 10am return about 1pm, 2 miles.

Donation please.

Sun 18th Moth Morning 8am at
Lime Kiln for an hour or so.

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



All the boats have safely returned from Holland and Ken and Liz have sailed off to the channel Islands. Ken is safely back from the Azores. The photographs show the island of Flores which is in the middle of the Atlantic and is beautifully green with Hydrangea hedges. The donkey is helping the milkman deliver the milk.

We raced in the Forge Cup hoping for a winning meal but Bramley won the day and we managed not to come last this time which is an achievement for the Halpins! We hear Bogdan is a keen sailor and hope to get him out on the sea before too long. We visited Tudeley Church on Sunday to see the Chagall stained glass windows in memory of the 21 year old daughter of the Goldsmith family who died in a sailing accident in Rye Bay. She

was brought ashore by Pat Gawns husband who was a lifeboat man. They are really worth a visit and depict the power of the sea and the forces of nature.



Jill Halpin

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Arthur Berry was born in Tottenham in 1915. His father was killed in the 1st World War when Arthur was less than 18 months old. He was fostered by a family who had a small holding and Arthur worked with them fruit picking and looking after the ducks and many other jobs. He stayed with them until he was 9 years old when he went to live with his fathers mother who he was very fond of , but she dropped dead when he was 16 years old. He didn't see his mother who had re-married. Arthur went to the Technical College and left, going to work for the Gas company as a fitter studying on a day release and 2 evenings a week. Arthur played cricket and football and was a keen gymnast. He was a

member of the church Lads Brigade. In 1939 at Easter before the outbreak of war he married Kathleen. For the first 2 years of the war he was in a reserved occupation but worked on the ambulances at night in the Blitz of London. He says he took it all in his stride after having gone through his earlier life he was well prepared for anything. Arthur was called up on his 3rd wedding anniversary and went to Matlock in Derbyshire to the transport section of the Royal Army Service Corps leaving Kathleen doing war work as a telephone operator in Tottenham. Arthur was transferred to a new unit, a bulk petrol transport company and they were the only ones doing it. In November he went via the Atlantic avoiding the German submarines to North Africa traveling in a large troop ship.

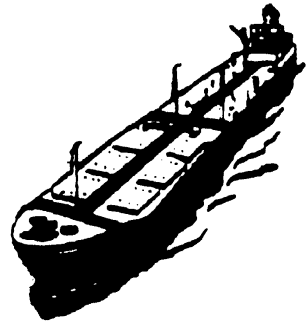
They first landed in Algiers and went as far as Tunis and from there to Italy. He stayed in Italy until after Cassino. Arthur was then posted to another unit deadlined with transport and traveled across the

Adriatic and traveled through Vichy France on a motor bike in company with a couple of hundred other wagons finishing up in Belgium and Germany and was de-mobbed in Torquay. The younger ones in the village are going to have to go back to their history books to really follow that journey and I feel inspired to do so as well! If it hadn't been for people like Arthur we would perhaps be in the federation of Germany purged of all non Aryans and those with any handicaps, not many of us would be left.

Arthur returned to the Gas Company and did a course in gas engineering leaving there in 1951. He came to Rye and managed the Queens Hotel in Landgate and then the Inkerman Arms and he and Kathleen were there for 11 years. They moved to Paines Cottages and worked at the Dungeness power station for 14 years as an operator retiring in 1980. He was Chairman of the village hall management committee and works for Age Concern at the Baptist church. He goes to Futher Education art classes and gets a lot of pleasure from his painting. Just in case he's not busy enough he is writing his life story on his computer. Arthur enjoys living in Rye Harbour and has lots of friends.

Jill Halpin





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Well, the Sunday Leisure & Pleasure service running through to Battle has now started, Sylvia and Michael Alford had the honour of being its very first passengers. They used it to get to the Steam Fair at Northiam Station. I hope that over the next 9 Sundays (the service runs until 29th September) and the Bank Holiday Monday people can use the bus to get out a bit. You can also use it just to

get up to Rye and back again. The bus leaves Rye Harbour at 10.45 and 13.45 getting up to Rye about 5 minutes later and returning buses leave Rye at approximately 13.25 and 16.25 (may run a little later than that). Fares are just as usual – 60p adult single and 90p return, 30p child/Countycard single and 45p return.

Pat Hughes

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Rye Harbour Church News

Chapel of Ease of the Holy Spirit – August

First we hope that you like the new logo depicting symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Incidentally you may be interested to learn there are very few churches or chapels so dedicated in this Country:- perhaps a dozen or so. The nearest to Rye being Clapham or Southsea although the dedication is fairly common in the Orthodox Churches.

Sunday 11th August service of the Eucharist with the Reverend Bill Baker at 9.15am

One or two events are in the pipeline to take place in the Church, we will let you

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

know when we hear more. Finally, to those who are leaving school, the Church offers their sincerest wishes for their new life either at college or work. As you go through life remember that whatever you do there is only one standard...God's standard. Whether in work or play or as Solomon tells us "A good name is worth many riches". So very true in all of our life and beyond into the next. Other late news. The Church will be opened on Sunday afternoons during August from 2pm. Souvenirs will be on sale.

Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible.

If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either

Allan or Jane a ring.

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

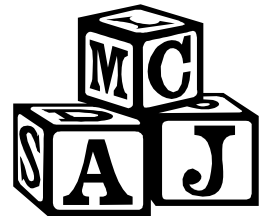


As we enter the summer holidays, I would like to remind everyone that our group is open every

Wednesday 10- 12 throughout. Our next themed session is on 7th August when we will be at Camber for 'Fun on the Beach' this coincides with National Play Day, a celebration of play. This years theme is 'Risk and Challenge' Well, we'll take a risk on the weather! and the challenge... Isn't having little ones enough! I am sure we will have lots of fun. Bring a Bucket and Spade and a smile, parents please bring Sun cream, Sun hat, something to sit on, towel and packed lunch. Sun shelters if you have one, don't worry if you don't have a shade, between us we

should have ample protection. We are hoping that Camber 'Little Munchkins' will join us, and in the event that the weather is not on our side, we will have our fun in the Church Hall. Also; a balloon race courtesy of the Halifax Rye branch. We will meet at the far car park (by amusements at 10 am) and will end the session at 12 noon. I will be putting together a leaflet to remind you all. Please note that this would have been our session with the health visitor, her next visit will be on the first Wednesday of September. 10-12. Thank you for your continued support and help.

Karen Whitaker



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Family Announcements

Congratulations



JUMBLE SALE



JUMBLE on 13th July raised £110.00 for the childrens party fund, thanks to all who came and helped, also thankyou to all who donated tombola prizes from Julie Watson
 Marcus has written already in Village Voice about the jumble sale but we would like to thank you the people who always come and help and those who always support us. Val says thank you also for the mini tombola prizes that she received for her table, they were much appreciated.

Congratulations to Pam and Lee on the birth on Cerys. Of course she is lovely as Leanne and Jack will tell you.

Talking to Anne Chapman a few days ago she told me she had lived in Rye Harbour for 69 years, she came straight from her wedding in Ashford to her home in Rye Harbour. Do readers think she could soon apply to be called a "Harbour Duck".



Hospital

Hookey Southerden has now been in hospital for two weeks, we hope to see him out and about in the village very soon.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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