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Editor's Comments

Well there you go, 12 whole months of Rye Harbour Newsletter, I must admit, there has been times when I thought we might not make it, but then one way or another it all comes together and here we go again.

Over those past twelve months you may have seen some of my emotions come out in writing but I'm not sure that you've seen this one before. As I write with pride for the people of Rye Harbour who have made this Newsletter what it is and also this month, you have also created a Summer Club for the children, which all involved have enjoyed and relished but most of all has proved to the children that we are doing our best to improve their environment, we don't always get it right but we must keep trying for their sake.

As far as the Youth Club is concerned, we are still planning to open in September but exactly when is another matter, still have a few minor problems to resolve but as soon as we can, we will do a leaflet drop with posters and of course any news I'll put in the Rye Observer.

Please, do come to the Newsletter exhibition, all are welcome, there will be some interesting bits for all, there, so look forward to seeing you.

You may find a few changes to the Newsletter next month, the content will

be much as it is but the format might change slightly, hopefully for the better and the principals will be the same, and that's all I saying about that at the moment.

Birthday month September copy date deadline, will be **Friday 20th September** with a publication date of Monday 30th.

August has not been too bad weather wise with a reasonable Bank Holiday, hopefully it will hold for September as there is still quite a bit going on.

So it just leaves me to thank all the contributors to the Newsletter this year, please continue to do so, as it is your success that has created the Newsletter, I just put it all together and moan about it. If any new contributors wish to do a feature, that's fine, just give us a call to give me some idea of how big the piece is likely to be. 01797 227773

Look forward to hearing from you, Thank you

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• Comments & Letters	• Neighbourhood Watch
• Youth Page	• Tide Timetable
• Church News	• Local Bus Times
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	• Parent & Toddler
	• Shop Update

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Quiz Nite Season:

Well, it is that time of year again when all the intelligent and wanna be's come out of the woodwork for the Village Hall Quiz Nite season. If you would like to meet the Village Hall's own version of "Anne Robinson" or just have a fun night out then come and join us. This year the season will start on 27th September 2002 at Rye Harbour Social Club. Teams should arrive at about 19:30 for a 20:00 kick off.

Steve Tollett

Garden Sale:

The 21st July saw the Village Hall hold an Open Garden event at the Watch House, The Point. Whilst the weather wasn't at its best and the tourist numbers were low, the ardent Village Hall supporters from the village attend-

ed. The event raised £100 for the hall funds. Thanks to all those that helped and supported the event. I would also like to thank Alan and Amanda for allowing us to use their garden and also apologise for not getting the article in last month's news letter.



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Other Projects Supported By The Rye Partnership

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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.

Parish Council Notebook

For the next few months the Icklesham Parish Council meetings will be at the Community Hall in Winchelsea Beach.

We shall however keep our readers informed of events and lose sight of matters affecting Rye Harbour.

The August meeting opened with a rather ill tempered group who were complaining about noise from an extractor at the Icklesham Joinery.

At one time the chairman threatened to remove some of the protestors.

However that is not our worry. Rye Harbour concerns us.

Karen Whitaker acting on behalf of the Parent and Toddler group and the Village Hall presented an extremely good case for a proposed adventure playground for children. Some councillors appeared rather against the idea for either reasons – or no reasons of their own. However Rye Harbour members forced the matter with the result that Mike and Jill Stott be asked to prepare a planning application in liaison with the interested parties. When ready the plans will be put on display and comments and suggestions acted upon.

The only other item was to ask for extra litterbins in the car park – Meantime don't forget to use the bottle banks in the car park.

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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 Karen or Marcus on **01797 227773** for an application form.
Closing date is 31st September 2002

Harbour Master's Comments

The weather for August improved during the last two weeks with very hot days and humid nights. We were saddened to hear of the death of John Collard, founder of the Rye Uers Committee (Which became, under statute, the Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee 1976) He wrote the Authoritative "Maritime History of Rye" which we all use when discussing present day issues. The memorial service is to be held at Rye church on Friday 6th September. The sailing vessel "Excelsior" is due to arrive at Rye on the same day. (H.W. 1120) The raft race has now taken place with some 12 entries starting at Scots Float Sluice and arriving at the Monkbretton Road Bridge, the finishing line. Councillor Peter Dyce attended on board the harbour launch to welcome in all contestants. New notice boards have been positioned around the harbour and local organisations are welcome to use them(see HM). We now have the updated version of the "Harbour Guide to Rye". These can be obtained from me at the harbour office. We had a visit by David Lawrence, the new Environment Agency's navigation manager based at head quarters, Bristol. We took the opportunity to acquaint him with the workings of the port and the many varied interests. Towards the middle of August a TV crew arrived from Northern France and spent a few days filming Rye and the surrounding area. The programme being produced is centred on the fishing industry and conservation. We were able to highlight the many positive features of Rye Harbour and the interesting characters that reside or work within. You may have noticed the pilots and boat crews training on Saturday 24th. We are required to exercise "Man over Board" at least twice a year. This involve ALL participants going into the water, swimming some 20 metres before being rescued by the on board retrieval system. We also fire test pyrotechnics and steer the boats using the emergency steering tillers. A new No 2 Red Light has been purchased for the tripod Beacon. The existing light is battery powered and has a limited range of visibility. The new light is solar powered with a life expectancy of eight year. The saving on batteries that cost £50 each (8 required) will be quite visible.

.....Departing Walvis Bay we travelled down the Ghost coast to Capetown, passing Dassen Island and the infamous Robin Island, A penal Colony, the enforced home for many year of Nelson Mandela, past President of South Africa. We arrived on a Glorious hot day with a thin layer of cloud covering the back ground mountain like a table cloth, hence the name "Table Mountain". We berthed in Duncan Docks where some 4,000 tons of general cargo, including horses, cattle, two dogs and a parrot, was discharged over the next 8 days. My first venture ashore was an experience. We had been told that black people (these included every nation other than western whites or Afrikaners, strangely enough, with the exception of the Japanese who had been re-classed "Honouree Whites"), were a different class to "Us", With separate shops, public transport, parks etc. Everywhere were signs "Nie Blanks" (non whites) or "White Only". The penalties for using non white facilities were very severe including beatings and imprisonment. We cadets, with little money, did use the side doors of shops and cafes to obtain food and curry that was very good. Following our night ashore at "Swankumand" the Chief Officer felt we needed more strenuous exercise to dispel our pent up energy so a "Walk" up Table Mountain was arranged. He paid for a taxi to delivery us at the base, a long way from the cable car, with strict instructions to climb to the top. Some four hours later and three thousand feet higher we had made it in the blistering heat. We descended by the cable car and even walked the four miles back to our ship. By now most of the outward cargo had been discharged and we were much higher in the water. We sailed from Capetown rounding the "Cape of Good Hope" experiencing huge swells that, with our decreased draft and small GM made us roll to alarming angles. Our next port was Port Elizabeth, the "Friendly City"

Carl Baggwell (Harbour Master)



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The hall can be hired for £3.50 per hour for Village residents and £5 per hour for non-Village residents, commercial bookings and organisations.

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01797 223631.

Don't forget, a deposit is needed to guarantee your booking.

General Information

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The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates:

Tues 3rd, 17th and 31st September 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Local Tide Times

SEPTEMBER Rye Harbour Approaches
Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

Date		O.D. Time metres	O.D. Time metres
1 Su	0418	2.0	1710
2 M	0624	1.9	1853
3 Tu	0741	2.0	2006
4 W	0842	2.6	2104
5 Th	0933	3.1	2156
6 F	1020	3.6	2243
7 Sa	1104	4.0	2327
8 Su	1147	4.3	—
9 M	0009	4.0	1229
10 Tu	0048	4.0	1310
11 W	0128	3.9	1350
12 Th	0210	3.6	1435
13 F	0258	3.1	1525
14 Sa	0356	2.6	1625
15 Su	0505	2.1	1739
16 M	0628	2.0	1929
17 Tu	0805	2.1	2100
18 W	0912	2.6	2155
19 Th	0959	3.1	2235
20 F	1037	3.4	2308
21 Sa	1112	3.6	2337
22 Su	1146	3.6	—
23 M	0005	3.4	1217
24 Tu	0031	3.4	1242
25 W	0052	3.2	1301
26 Th	0110	3.2	1320
27 F	0131	3.1	1346
28 Sa	0200	3.0	1420
29 Su	0239	2.6	1505
30 M	0333	2.0	1622

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Route No	325	345	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	345
Operator	CO	SES	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SES
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Freda Gardham School	1520	1525
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep	0848	0918	0948	1018	then	18	48	...	1418	1448	1525	...	1603	1631
Cadborough Cliff	0830	...	...	...	...	...	at	...	...	...	...	...	1530	...	...	...
Tilling Green	...	...	0853	0923	0953	1023	these	23	53	...	1423	1453	1533	1534	...	1608
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr	0835	...	0858	0928	0958	1028	mins	28	58	until	1428	1458	1535	1536	...	1613
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep	0835	...	0859	0929	0959	1029	past	29	59	...	1429	1459	...	1536	1546	1614
Rye Harbour	...	0820	0907	0937	1007	1037	each	37	07	...	1437	1507	...	1542	1554	1622
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr	0835	0827	0915	0945	1015	1045	hour	45	15	...	1445	1515	...	...	1602	1630
Tilling Green	...	0832	0923	0953	1023	1053	...	53	23	...	1453	1533	...	...	1608	1636
Freda Gardham School	0840	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Explanation of Codes:

A: Additional journey on Schooldays only at 0830 from Cadborough Cliff to Freda Gardham School

B: The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530

⊕: Schooldays only

Mondays to Saturdays only 344 / 345 / 347

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Freda Gardham School
Tilling Green (Mason Road)
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0909	0946	1046	1146	1256	1350	1450	1536	1550	1650	1655	1750	...
Rye (Harbour)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0755	0755	0916	0953	1053	1153	1303	1357	1457	1557	1657	1703	1808	...	...
Winchelsea Beach	...	0758	0758	0919	0956	1056	1156	1306	1400	1500	1600	1700	1706	1811	...	...
Smugglers End	...	0800	0800	0921	0958	1058	1158	1308	1402	1502	1602	1702	1708	1813	...	...
Pett Level	...	0803	0805	0925	1002	1102	1202	1312	1406	1506	1606	1706	1712	1817	...	...
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0809	0812	0932	1009	1109	1209	1319	1413	1513	1613	1713	1719	1824	...	...
Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1019	1119	1219	1329	1423	1523	1623	1723	1729	1834	...	...
Ore (Christ Church)	0738	0817	0825	0945	1022	1122	1222	1332	1426	1526	1626	1726	1732	1837	...	...
Old Town (Boating Lake)	0742	0822	C	0951	1028	1128	1228	1338	1432	1532	1632	1732	1738	1843	...	...
Hastings (Harold Place)	0746	0824	...	0953	1030	1130	1230	1340	1434	1534	1634	1734	1740	1845	...	...
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	0748	0955	1032	1132	1232	1342	1436	1536	1636	1736	1742	1847
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1016A

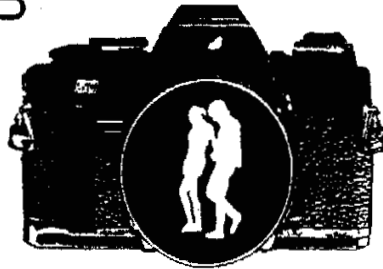
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Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	0907A
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Hastings (Breeds Place)	0930	1040	1140	1250	1350	1450	...	1550	1640	1744	1749
Old Town (Old Town Cutter)	0932	1042	1142	1252	1352	1452	C	1552	1642	1746	1751
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0739	0939	1049	1149	1259	1359	1459	1535	1559	1659	1753	1756
Fairlight Glen	0743	0743	0943	1053	1153	1303	1403	1503	1539	1603	1653	1757	1800
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0753	0753	0953	1103	1203	1313	1413	1513	1549	1613	1703	1807	1809
Pett Level	0801	0801	1000	1110	1210	1320	1420	1520	1556	1620	1710	1814	1816
Smugglers End	0803	0803	1004	1114	1214	1324	1424	1524	1600	1624	1714	1818	1820
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Winchelsea (Bridge End)	0813	0813	1008	1118	1218	1328	1428	1528	1605	1628	1718	1822	1823
Rye (Harbour)	0820	0820
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0827	0827	1016	1126	1226	1336	1436	1536	...	1636	1726	1830	1830
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	0832
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

How nice it was to read in the local paper the way in which Rye Churchyard was being kept. Now we come to the disgusting state of Rye Harbour Churchyard. We are told it is because Rye Harbour Nature Reserve are telling us what we can and cannot do with our own Churchyard. What the Dickens has it got to do with them? May we know the faceless ones who decided this on behalf of the residents of Rye Harbour? Every plot in the Churchyard has been paid for by the relations of the people that are buried there, and therefore has nothing to do with the Nature Reserve. Perhaps they will mind their own business. I wonder what our brave Lifeboat men would think if they could see what surrounds their final resting place.

George and Jean Caister

Dear Marcus

I thought I'd better contact you regarding putting the new goal posts on the Pound field.

I don't think this would be a good idea, at least not at the moment. While so far this summer there has not been so many incidents, I know of in the area, apart from a local 'family from hell' hunting rabbits using explosives (if you ever hear any of those really loud bangs, it's most likely they are at it again).

There is a continuing sporadic problem with some of the more daring kids exploring over the boundary bank next to gardens at the rear of Tram Rd. Various tools etc have gone missing. As yet there is no proper fencing on a lot of the gardens and extensions, some seem to have none at all. The Parish Council plan for the area, when it finally appears will hopefully include fencing or some way of keeping people on the 'right side' of this particular bank.

In the past there has been a lot of problems with stone throwing into back gardens, abuse (verbal) to residents and general 'noise nuisance'. There have been two cases of criminal damage I know of where the police have been involved, no arrests but a warning to one boy and a visit to his parents, as the age was 10 years! One victim was a neighbour who is house bound, her garden wall was partly destroyed. Anyway enough of these depressing details, the point is, that going by past records the Pound field is not secure. Not for some of the residents and probably not for any play equipment that's put there. When the Council plan appears, part of which I understand will include play equipment, and there has been the consultation of nearby homes etc, hopefully we will all be in agreement and know what to expect and whereabouts in the field it will be. And with any luck some security measures like 'rules of use' signs to help avoid problems with nearby residents. Until then I think it is risky to do anything that would attract any extra use of the area, unless of course it can be supervised in some way? Anyway, I've rambled on a bit too much so – Wishing all at the newsletter a stress free summer – you are doing an excellent and vital job of keeping the village spirit alive. Reclusive types like myself really appreciate the information. It's good to know 'what's going on' even though we're perhaps not quite so involved as others.

All the best

PAUL BRIDGER



FISHING NEWS



ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE

August has seen fine weather and only very average fishing with the boats able to get a weeks work only by putting time in. Catches of mixed species have been poor and only the Dover Soles and small amount of other prime fish making the trip up. The netter's have also been able to get a fair number of trips in with some good catches but the Spider Crabs showing in abundance making very hard work of clearing and cleaning nets and ruining a lot of gear.

Local demand for wet fish is very poor with the bulk of the catches going to France again. The hot weather of course is playing its part with people not cooking so much but perhaps our eating habits are changing faster than we think.

Most of the fishing is still being carried out on the night time tides and the amount of boats and yachts on passage up and down the Channel means good watch keeping, is essential.

Things seem to work pretty well most of the time but with the seabed scattered with known debris and wrecks, trawlers sometimes have to pull one way and then change course again in a short space of time to avoid things which are not obvious on the surface making it difficult for the boat on passage to work out the trawlers intentions.

The nights are drawing in fast so autumn on its way bringing another change to the fishing and once again different opportunities.

BOY ASHORE



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



Yes It's Starting Again!

September 12th & 26th

At The Village Hall

1.00 pm To 3.00 pm

Watch This Space For Future Dates

RYE & DISTRICT AGE CONCERN

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

The pattern of night time crime has continued right across the whole Battle and Rye area with thefts from sheds, garages and outbuildings, vehicles broken into, and stolen plants, hanging baskets and similar. This is by no means just a local problem, being mirrored almost everywhere! Just recently, particularly in the Rye area, there have been a number of situations where residents disturbed by noises have 'frightened off' potential offenders by turning lights on and making it obvious that they were watching. I am quite sure that such simple actions have prevented several offences, so well done to those involved and thanks from the officers on the ground!

The knowledge that these offences are occurring should in theory allow us to be better prepared to prevent them. Obviously the offenders have a huge advantage over Police as they can strike anytime, anywhere, while Police resources are understandably limited.

Perhaps locking everything up or fixing it down shouldn't be necessary, but we have to be realistic, and unfortunately IT IS! There are still too many incidents where sheds, outbuildings and even cars are left insecure, making life so easy for the thieves!

PLEASE STAY ALERT TO NIGHT TIME NOISES, LOOK OUT, TURN LIGHTS ON AND REPORT IT AT THE TIME!

PLEASE CHECK AND RECHECK YOUR SECURITY, UPGRADE IT WHERE POSSIBLE, AND DON'T FORGET THAT SECURITY IS IMPORTANT DURING THE DAYTIME TOO!

CAR CRIME - A REMINDER

It seems to be that this time of year car crime is very high, and there have been reports of many incidents. These include several whilst the drivers have been at the beach, and one that occurred at 4.30am when the driver had left his car unlocked and unattended for a few minutes, believing that there was no-one around at that time but came back to find his wallet and phone stolen. Whenever you are leaving your car unattended, even for a short time, remember the following simple points:

ALWAYS lock it and close all windows, even if only leaving it for a moment or two.

NEVER leave bags, coats or jackets in your car. The opportunist thief does not know whether they contain anything valuable until he has broken a window to find out.

If you can't take items with you, lock them in the boot, but don't do it where you are leaving the vehicle in case anyone is watching.

Don't leave valuable items such as cameras or mobile phones in your car - 40% of car crime involves mobiles being stolen. Remove your car stereo if you can.

Don't leave vehicle documents or any other personal documentation in your car.

TRAVELLERS

There are currently a number of unauthorized sites around the County where the local authorities and or landowners are taking legal action to remove travelers from land. These groups will of course have to find other locations to set up home and this message is to alert you to the possibility of large groups of travelers seeking such sites. Such groups often consist of thirty or more caravans, together with their associated towing vehicles! They are actively looking for an alternative site as the authorities take steps to move them on and landowners, farmers etc. should take steps to secure any vulnerable land. Please be aware that this is an ongoing situation where they will move from area to area seeking potential locations, and please report any activity that might lead to another site.



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report



This month things have been just a little bit busier with 12 calls, yes the round dozen.

The first call came on the 27 July, an inflatable blowing to sea off Camber. One Adult and One Child put ashore at Camber. The next day the 28th July we had four shouts starting at 2.30 in the afternoon and finishing at ten past seven. The first call was to three swimmers thought to be in trouble off Camber, the Lifeboat escorted them ashore. We were then asked to assist with the search for a missing 7yr old boy at Camber, he was found safe ashore by others. Shortly after the Lifeboat returned to Station we were asked to assist Pett Rescue with a towing job to a Cabin Cruiser who's engine had over heated. The Cabin Cruiser was towed to it's berth in Rock Channel and the Lifeboat returned to station. A short while after we were asked to go to Camber to assist in the search for another missing child, this one was also found by others safe on shore. We then had a brief respite until the 6th August when we were asked to go to the assistance of a capsized inflatable off Camber with persons in the water. It was low water this meant using our new track to the shore, the Tractor

and boat were down the shore in under ten minutes only to be stood down, as all was now OK. On the 12th August we went to another inflatable off Camber, this one made it's own way ashore. 15th August an inflatable blowing to sea off Camber when the Lifeboat arrived the crew found three youths from County Waterford, Republic of Ireland, needing assistance, they were holidaying at Camber.

On the 16th two inflatables blowing to sea were landed at Camber. On the 17th we were asked to assist with the search for a missing 7yr old Girl at Camber after 2 hrs the girl was found safe ashore by others. On the way back to station the Lifeboat picked up an inflatable with two adults and one child and returned them to shore. On the 21st August we were called to two inflatables off Camber but it turned out that these had just blown away in the wind. At times we think it's a shame that they don't all blow away in the wind.

That's about it for now, by the way we are still looking for new crew.

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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.

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The Summer Club, a project I, myself, initially said, I wanted no part of as I already had sufficient commitments.

However Val Gemmel finally persuaded me on the basis I would just be the contact for the funding application.

Well as you are probably aware now, several failed funding applications later, we managed at the last moment to obtain funding from local businesses.

The folder on my computer for the Summer Club has now exceeded the folder for Rye Harbour Newsletter which might give you some indication to the amount of work, this has now entailed. The question is has it all been worth it?

Well our first session started a bit slow with only eight children in attendance, but word soon got out and by the second session numbers had doubled.

We had a minor upset on the second Monday, to which a disciplinary code was introduced immediately and there were no further such incidents.

By the end of the second week we had a good 20 children attending, not just from Rye Harbour but from Rye, Camber and even Peasmarch.

The third and fourth week numbers dropped a little due to, the two most popular weeks to go on holiday but we still averaged 15 children per session.

We struggled a little to keep introducing new ideas each day, mainly due to the fact that we had put so much time and effort into the funding, because of the refusals, that we had pushed to one side the little matter of things to do for the children.

Camber Little Munchkins donated material left over from their craft day, run by

Margaret Delohoy, Brenda Davidson made us some wonderful plaster cast animals including a couple of unrecognisable ones but they went down a treat, Val Gemmel, well what can I say, bless her, brought in wood, hammers and nails, which was extremely popular with the children but not so, with the volunteers or staff until we exiled her and her hammers to out the back of the hall. We also had the use of materials purchased by the Youth Action Group for the use of the forth coming Youth Club, so all in all we muddled through.

We had two sessions outside, Pond Dipping and Beech Combing, both of which were well attended and the children were excellent, we were pleased to see so many parents joining in too.

So at the end of the day did the children enjoy what we



Rye Harbour Summer Club





provided and would they like to see a Holiday Club continuing throughout the year?

To all accounts, from all the feed back, from parents and children YES they did, but it would be very useful for future funding, if children and parents could write to me with all your valued comments.

The two qualified staff who, bless them did not know till almost the day before whether they had a job or not, took it all in there stride and I'd like to thank them for that. The volunteers, well what can I say, they were excellent and without them, it just wouldn't have happened, having said that, we might not have had any volunteers, if it hadn't been for Karen taking on board the job of co-ordinating them, as I was incapable of getting my head round that one, thank you to you all for making this project so successful and allowing it to open other doors for the future of Rye Harbour and

the children, who at the end of the day are our future.

I think I've waffled on enough now and I hope I haven't forgotten anyone like Barry Yates and Paul Troake from the Nature Reserve, wardens who organised the Pond Dipping and the Beach Combing, I think that's it now.

Apart from a big thank you to all the local businesses that did support us financially and here they are:

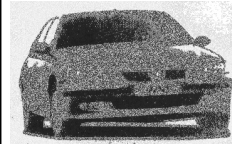
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**Many thanks,
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AGE CONCERN

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The Blood Pressure Association is encouraging everyone to find out what their blood pressure levels are during its weeklong campaign.

Hundreds of volunteers across the UK, supported by the BPA, will be running Pressure Stations during the testing week. Last year over 20,000 people had their blood pressure checked during the first ever national blood pressure testing event. Often the first time people find out they have blood pressure is when they discover they have a heart condition or have a stroke. We urge people to take this opportunity to find out what their blood pressure is and what it should be. It won't take long and it could save your life.

Andrea Talbot (Co-ordinator)



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



The autumn migration is now well underway, some birds stopping off on their long journey down to Africa, others undertaking more local movements. Many wildfowl have been moving in during the past couple of weeks, many on their way to wintering grounds in Europe. The islands and shallow water out from Castle Water hide are now teeming with birdlife, especially gulls and Lapwings, but also several Garganey. These duck look very similar to Teal at this time of year, as the drakes take on a brown plumage similar to the females. Garganey however are much rarer, with only about 50 pairs nesting in Britain in a typical year, although numbers increase during the autumn migration. Teal are also moving in - over 90 are now present, and flocks of Canada Geese are becoming very conspicuous, feeding amongst the stubble fields along with flocks of Mallards, and heading to Ternery Pool to roost at dusk. The Little Egret roost at Castle Water has once again reached record numbers - 50 were seen leaving the roost on 27 August. Dawn watches here have also produced up to 330

Yellow Wagtails leaving their roost and four Hobbies. Other birds of prey seen recently include regular sightings of Peregrine and Marsh Harrier. Over 200 Sandwich Terns are still present, with feeding flocks close inshore frequently attracting the attention of Arctic Skuas which engage in spectacular aerial chases to steal fish from the terns. A good variety of warblers and waders are also passing through now, so it is an excellent time to see a good variety of species around Rye Harbour.

Forthcoming events.....

Sun 15 Sept - Guided walk around Camber Castle and Castle Water. Meet at Brede Lock, 10-1.

Sat 21 Sept - Conservation task to pull up young willows at Castle Water to help maintain the reed bed habitat - also a chance to see a wealth of wildlife within the sanctuary areas. Bring lunch, water-proof boots and gloves if you have them. Meet at Country Pine Warehouse at 10 am (TQ931194 - look for nature reserve land rover). Return by 3pm.

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

TED DOUGLAS

Ted was born in Horsted Keynes on the 16th of September 1916 in the middle of the Great War. His father was in the Boer War in South Africa and told his children how he would cook his meals on dried camel dung on the Veldt. Ted took his parents back to Great Missenden where his father was born and they visited the Nags Head and three old chaps sitting by the fire stood up and said "Good God it's Master Harry". He had been a daredevil and his father showed Ted the stairs where they had taken up a donkey and put it in the bed. Boys of Rye Harbour, don't get any ideas. His parents had a farm but it didn't do very well as his father had too many other interests. He was a very good father and his mother was a lovely woman. Ted was the 6th of 7 children and helped with the milking, pulling up weeds and all the work of a



farm. They sold the farm and dad got a job with East Sussex Council managing bridge building. Dad said the three brothers were holding too much on mums apron strings so at 17 years old Ted left home. One of the neighbours managed a poultry unit for Lord Beaverbrook at Leatherhead and asked Ted to work for him. Ted made gradual progress through the farming world. Ted met Hilda in 1939 in a dance hall and they married and had one daughter called Betty. Eventually Lord Beaverbrooks manager asked Ted to be the foreman of the biggest Friesian herd in the world and they won the Butterpat Trophy. Ted went on to manage Lord Hudson's farm. Finally he worked for the son of Sir John Anderson, the inventor of the famous Anderson shelter. Ted retired with Hilda to Rye Harbour and bought the fishing boat the Elsie May. Hilda can be seen in the



photograph sunbathing on the boat. The other one shows Ted on the lifeboat at Newhaven which Ted's hard work helped purchase. Ted is a very popular member of our community and can be seen everyday with his dog Badger walking on the Nature Reserve and birdwatching. He is a keen vegetable gardener and is always friendly and ready to help anyone. He and Hilda were always very

hospitable and I have had a number of meals of freshly cooked dabs and vegetables from the garden. Hilda became very frail for a number of years before she died and Ted took very good care of her in his typically good humoured, no fuss way.

Jill Halpin

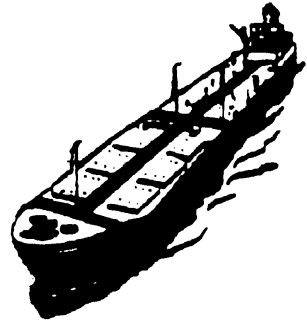
Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



The sailing club has had an interesting season of races, some with hardly any wind at all and difficulty crossing the start line, to the postponed Jubilee race which enjoyed a force 7 wind blowing up to 30 knots, when most of the boats retired except for 3. Hubble Bubble ran a close race with Helena Anne and us in Spindrift coming in 3rd. In one of the races we had 6 children and 4 adults

aboard as we did for our visit to Boulogne. Richard Hopper in Mystic Sky has been racing in the Solent with no wins I gather but much enjoyed and picking up yet more useful tips on racing in the Bay. 10 boats have gone off to Dieppe for the bank holiday weekend. The weather looks set to be fair for them and we wish them a really good time.

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The Sunday 'Leisure & Pleasure' service is continuing to be very popular, and has proved very useful too for people staying in the village who haven't got transport of their own but want to get up to Rye on a Sunday. Michael Alford tells me that there is a hop picking event at Bodiam on Sunday 15th September so I expect that the bus will be quite full that day. Although our local schools don't go back for a few more days yet, Homewood, the

secondary school at Tenterden which operates a five term year, started back on the 20th August. We are now running two buses taking pupils there from Winchelsea Beach and Town, Rye, Beckley, Peasmarch and Northiam. It did seem odd getting going before the bank holiday weekend but their first term ends in October. Then it won't seem any time at all till Christmas!

Pat Hughes

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The Rye and District University of the Third Age will have its inaugural meeting on Monday 2 September 2002, at 2.00 in the Rye Community Centre.

There are already plans for individual subject groups covering the Mediaeval History of the Marsh, Practical Art, Art Appreciation, Literature, Bird Watching, Things Italian and Current Affairs. Anyone with any other ideas for starting a group should come along to the meeting.

The inaugural meeting will launch the subject groups, elect officers and set the annual fee, which will probably be £10 or £12 per person, including a subscription to the national organization.

"Rye town is full of really excellent societies. The University of the Third Age does something different – it lets retired people combine together, to learn together, in a mutually supportive atmosphere," according to the steering group of local people, organizing the inaugural meeting.

Membership is open to anyone who is retired and living in Rye and District. The philosophy behind the University of the Third Age is one of small groups of retired people, meeting during the day, often in each other's homes, to learn co-operatively about subjects of their own choice. There is also a monthly general meeting, normally with a guest speaker.

We are trying to get the word out into the villages that the U3A will be holding its inaugural meeting at 2.00 pm on Monday, September 2nd 2002 in the Rye Community Centre. (There will be another meeting with a speaker same place, same time, Monday, October 7th)

Under the U3A umbrella, individual retired people form small groups, which, importantly, meet in the day, often in people's homes, to study or practice things, which interest them.

We already have had suggestions of groups to work on the history of the marsh (probably focused on mediaeval times), things Italian, art appreciation, practical art, current affairs, literature and bird watching, but it is wide open to anyone to suggest setting up a group to do more or less anything.

At the moment we are operating through a small steering group, but will need properly elected officers and volunteers to really get things moving. The U3A is particularly keen that it is really broadly based across the district.

I don't know if you can help – perhaps by putting up a poster in the village or you may have some other way of getting the message out.

Many thanks, even if you can't help directly. It was good of you to read this letter.

Further information from: Shelia or Terry 01797 224418 OR Barbara 01797 226097

**The inaugural meeting of the Rye and District branch of
the University Of The Third Age will take place on 2nd
September 2002 at 2 pm in the Community Centre,
Conduit Hill, Rye - All welcome
Queries to Barbara on 01797 226097**

Rye Harbour Church News

Our thoughts and prayers at the present time have to be with Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman along with their families and friends. And Holly and Jessica – we can safely quote from Revelation chapter 7, part of which reads – “After this I looked and behold a great multitude which no man could number from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the Throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands and crying out with a loud voice.” **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the Throne, and to the Lamb!”** –



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

For the Lamb in the midst of the Throne will be their shepherd and He will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Why did the perpetrators commit such an evil act? An unfashionable word nowadays ‘Sin’ – an offence against the Law of God – particularly ‘Love the Lord our God and our neighbour as ourselves’. Satan will always abandon those who perpetrate evil. God will always triumph in the end. Ending on a happier note. Sunday 8th September – 9.15 am Parish Eucharist with Canon Martin

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



“Where do all the babies keep coming from?!”
Actually, I do really know.....it was just an expression.

Our latest arrivals are Toby – 2 weeks, Cerys – 6 weeks, Samuel – 7 months, Isobelle – 1 year and last but not least, but smallest Joel – 1 week.

Welcome to all our new mums, it's lovely to see you and all your lovely babies. I think the toddlers are a little bemused by their growing number.

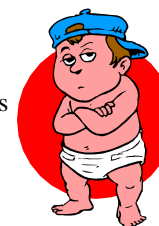
This month's themed session “Fun at the Beach” (Risk and Challenge).

I did say last month that the risk would be our chances with the weath-

er...well, it was lovely, warm, bright and sunny with a slight breeze (so 10 out of 10 for that part!)
Next came the challenge... I said – wasn't having little ones a challenge enough! Well, they were great and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The challenge actually came in the form of helium balloons. 70 balloons were released amidst cheers and applause. Onlookers (which were many) waited to see in anticipation. Did they go up? No! Off they went, sort of sideways, attacking innocent bathers relaxing on the sand. After some laughter and apologies they gradually drifted off over the dunes. Hurray – they've gone! 30 seconds later a little lad came running towards us shouting merrily “It's okay, I've got the balloons you lost!” Yes, he'd got them all – all 70 I think.

If I'd have known it would be this entertaining I would have sold tickets. Once again the balloons were released. We watched as finally they reluctantly disappeared off the top of the dunes. Last report we had was that they were heading Kent way. (So, Challenge.....11 out of 10 for entertainment value).
Finally, Fiona, Paul, little Jaslyn and Liam are leaving us at the end of this month and going to live in Australia. We all wish them Bon Voyage and hope that they have enjoyed their time with us – we will all miss you and we wish you good luck for the future.

Karen Whitaker



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Family Announcements

Congratulations

To Chris and Julie who are finally getting married on the 24th August. Love and Best Wishes Michelle, Mark and family

Well, Julie and Chris are now married. We had a lovely day and danced the night away with all our relations and friends. It was lovely all being together.

Congratulations to Michelle for the wonderful spread and thanks and well done to Jean Brown for the beautiful buttonholes she made for everyone.

Steve Brown did a grand job as Chris' best man, we had a couple of fights beforehand about his plans, but thank goodness he was only kidding, we should have known.



Our Tuesday Arty Crafty meetings have finished now for a couple of months. We did enjoy them and have made lots of nice things. We made many new friends and we hope that Karen and Jodie from Lucas Shadwell Way are going to join our darts team, how about it girls?

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

Congratulations to Ashley Williams of Tram Road, for passing your 'A' Levels, Well Done, Love from all the family.



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BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday Karen, I am the editor so I could give away your age, but I want to live a bit longer, So I won't tell anyone your 35 on the 10th September, Love & Best Wishes from all the family

I went to Jessica's first birthday party a couple of days ago. All her friends were there, Charlotte and Scott were the perfect hosts. I cannot remember seeing so many babies in one room before.

Item Of Local Interest

Further to an article by Jill Halpin regarding the drowning in the bay years ago, one day my husband came in and said "I'll be late for my meal today, I'm keeping my eye on some "Cowboys" (a Rye Harbour word for someone who doesn't seem too confident about what they are doing in a boat).

The three occupants were Mr Patrick Packenham, the second son of Lord Longford, Mr David Winn and Miss Sarah Davigdor-Goldsmid, daughter of Sir Henry Davigdor-Goldsmid, a Conservative M.P. and from a wealthy Jewish family.

I still have the original newspaper cutting and in it the Coroner says that the distress signals on board could have saved lives but unfortunately they are not compulsory, a situation which I think still applies today.

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