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Rve Harbour Newsletter

29th March 2002

Compiled By & For The Residents

Editor's Comments

March has started well, with some pleasant weather at last. My apologies to the over 60's, it was

my oversight that left out details of your party last month, Sorry! Certainly a busy month, with how to become infamous with just one letter. Still one point I need to raise on that matter which I didn't have room for last month, that is, the monies raised from your Bonus Ball Game, what are you raising this money for?

My thanks go to Mike Slavin, after giving me a heart attack by dropping a ten page report on my desk the night before I was printing February's edition, which he has now reduced to two pages 6 & 7, a bit heavy reading but a must, as it affects all of us down here in Rye Harbour, some more than others. Mike has also offered to take the neighbourhood watch email scheme off me as I was getting snowed under. Thanks once again to everybody who made this months great contributions

Many thanks goes to Karen because as she reads this she will have the mammoth task of collating all these extra pages.

as you can see I have had to add yet

another 8 pages, we'll soon be a

paperback.



I apologise to Steve Tollett for omitting the minutes of the public meeting (they were boring anyway) but if you must I'm sure Steve will let you see a copy. April edition will have a copy date of Monday April 22nd an extra couple of days seeing as very few make the actual date, with a publication date of Tuesday 30th April.

Hope you have a wonderful Easter.

Special **Features** Meetings Letters Youth Page

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Fund Raising

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU! RAISING FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

Another idea that came from the Public Meeting was by donating your loose If you would like to join in change to the Village Hall. any of these fund raising "Tiddlers" (coins - 1,2,5, 10, 20 pence pieces). There are several ways that Posting a note through the this can be done:

in plastic bags. b.. Collecting 20p or 5p pieces in small preserve jars, empty camera film

cases, smartie tubes or the

like.

in the 2 pubs. Sociat Club and the Shop.

Is there anyone who would like to make regular donations to the Village Hall by Standing order? schemes then let me know. You can contact me by: Village Hall letterbox or a.. Saving up loose change my letterbox E-mail at: secrtary@ ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk Advising one of the Management Committee All the money that is

raised will be used towards c.. Putting collecting boxes the purposes of the Village Hall charity.

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The Village Hall belongs to ALL of the village residents.

Recent tests revealed that an empty film case can hold:

50 pence worth of 2p's, £2.50 worth of 5p's, £2.50 worth of 10p's, £7.00 worth of 20p's.

I know that this is correct, as I was that tester. I was unable to test the preserve jars or smartie tubes, as I didn't have any available at the time of testing.

Steve Tollett

Spring Coffee Morning At Rye Harbour Village Hall On Saturday 13th April 2002



Cakes Raffle Bric a Brac Refreshments



In aid of Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Ouiz Night

Don't forget next Quiz Nite 29/03/02 at Social Club above Village Hall at 7.00 pm in aid of Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Parish Council Notebook

Following, due to ill health and the resignation of Vivian Ennis. Steve Tollett tins been co-opted onto the parish council for this the last year of the present council. I am sure that he will along with our other councillor Michael Alford do their best for Rye Harbour and its well being as a whole. If we are united we have a great deal going for us, divided, the wolves would soon destroy everything that is good around us. The March meeting had little of interest for us here in Rye Harbour, although there will be several items shortly - good not bad I'm happy to say.

All in all the March meeting was completely boring and time wasting with little of substance achieved. Unfortunately in all councils this does happen from time to time, I look forward to reporting more interesting things next month.

A.G.M. Winchelsea Beach Community Hall was on Monday 25th March, it was an interesting event with a review of our past year and hopes for the future.

YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

On Monday 12th March 2002 I was co-opted onto Icklesham Parish Council as the second Councillor for Rye Harbour.

If there is anything that you would like raised at the Parish Council meetings then let me know.

If you would like to e-mail me, then you can use the following address:

a., councillor@virtualwizards.co.uk Steve Tollett, Main Road

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



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Spring migration has steadily been gathering pace over the past month. The best day so far was 15th, with ESE winds and damp, murky weather providing local conditions for the appearance of migrants. A record 1600 Brent Geese were seen heading cast in large flocks dong the shore in 2.5 hours on their way from their wintering grounds in estuaries further west along the coast to breeding grounds amongst the tundras of Artic Siberia. A flock of ten Avocets were also present on the shore that morning. Summer migrants have started to arrive - Sandwich Terns from 12th. Wheatears from 15th. a Sand Martin on 18th. plenty of Chiffchaffs in song and a few Firecrests. A couple of Little Gulls have been seen at Castle Water.

The departure of our winter visitors has also been evident. Two Bitterns were seen at dusk on 17th,. calling as they circled up high before heading off ENE, and one Smew was still remaining that day. Redwings are among our more obvious nocturnal migrants and their high, thin calls have been heard

overhead on some recent nights. Over the coming weeks we shall be seeing the majority of our summer Migrants reappearing. Swallows normally appear by early April, whereas the Cuckoos usually wait until the third week and the Swifts even later. From mid April the Ringed Plovers will be starting to nest on the beach. The clutch of three or four eggs are laid on bare shingle and are difficult to spot due to their camouflaged colouration. Annual monitoring of numbers has shown that the population has more than doubled since the 1970s to about 50 nesting pairs. Other ground nesting birds include Skylarks, now in full song, which often nest in areas of short grass, whereas the Reed Bunting may manage to raise a brood in between the highest tides amongst the saltmarsh vegetation. Many of these birds nest close to the road and footpaths, so please keep to the road and shore during the nesting season so that nests and chicks are not disturbed.

Warden Paul Troake

WANTED A BUDDING JOURNALIST OR OLD HACK (OR ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF OUR VILLAGE) WITH A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK TO SPARE TO WRITE A FEW LINES & GET PAID, NOT A LOT FOR THE RYE OBSERVER, UNDER VILLAGE VOICE IF INTERESTED CONTACT MARCUS ON 01797 227773

Harbour Master's Comments

The Fairway Buoy has now been replaced with a Trinity House Class II spherical buoy of steel Those of you who walk the coast at night can't helped but noticed the much brighter light flashing every ten seconds The old buoy and its spare have been delivered to the depot at Harwich for further use on the river Stour and Orwell.

The Refurbishment of the Admiralty Jetty has completed its first stage (29 March 2002) All boats on temporary moorings should be back safely secured to the rubber faced jetty. The old jetty has been condemned and is no longer in use. The next project is to review the safety of the fish market staging and commence detailed design in order to make this area safe for berthing.

The Number 1 light (East Pierhead) went out during the month as the bulb had failed. I last changed this lamp in 1982 and the following performance details give a fascinating insight into how products used to be made.

The 10.3 volt/20watt lamp (German) has been in operation for 7,305 days. During this time it has been "on" for 69,397 hours (4,163,850 minutes) in total It flashes 9 times every 15 seconds so during the last twenty years it has flashed, wait for it, 124.915.500 times without failure.

The last of the Whitstable visiting fishing vessels have left Rye for their home ports on the Thames. In any year some 3 to 4 boats are hosted at Rye from either Whitstable or Southend, fishing being poor in the estuary over the winter period.

With the Easter holiday only a week away many boats will be entering the harbour after winter lay-up in the many boatyards, particularly in the Rock Channel. The familiar sight of sail transiting the river will be a sure sign that milder weather is on its way.

Many of you may have noticed test "Drilling" going on in and around the flood defences and elsewhere over the last few days. This is to establish the make up and ground conditions as part of the Pett Level to Scots Float study looking into the flood defences of land to the west of the river. It is proposed to raise the flood defences to take into consideration the general sea rise due to warming and the sinking of the South East.

The harbour now has an accredited Oil Spill Emergency and Response Plan in place. Last year the Environment Agency conducted booming of the river just above Rye Wharf and at the Strand Quay. As part of the plan large volumes of absorbent booms and blankets kept at the harbour office in the event of a spill.

finally I have been successful in being awarded funds from the "Rye Community chest" New notice boards are being made out of oak for placing at the slipway. These boards will be available for harbour groups wishing to display meetings and times of events etc. Contact me for placing on the boards when they are in situ.

Carl Baggwell (Harbour Master)

PUBLIC INFORMATION SEA DEFENCES

Pett Frontage Sea Defence Project

The upgrade of the sea defences between the mouth of the Rother (Nook Point) and Pett Level is being planned. An application (166-P/2002) has been filed by the Environment Agency with Rother District Council. It is estimated that there is a 20% risk of a breach in the sea defences of Pett Level within 2 years. The last serious breach, in 1929, caused serious flooding for some weeks in much of Rye Harbour village.

An important part of the planning application is a 240-page Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This gives background information on the project and its effect on the people and wildlife of the area. Also included are the various options for sea defences.

The threat of a breach to the sea defences comes firstly from global warming. The seas are rising, causing more risk of flooding, and also getting warmer, which increases the chances of storms and consequent damage. There is also the after-effect of the last ice age. when the weight of millions of tons of ice tilted the whole of Britain downwards towards the north. The land is very slowly tilting back, which has the unfortunate effect of raising the sea level in the south of the country. The Environment Agency's assessment of the risk takes into account all these factors and makes the best estimate based on current knowledge. The cost of any flood for the area between Cliff End and Rye Harbour would be much greater than the estimated cost of the project. This aims to reduce the probability of a breach to no more than once in 200 years.

The Agency are already responsible for the operation to reinforce the existing sea defence wall by transporting shingle from Nook Point to the stretch west of Winchelsea Beach, The Nook Point Terminal Arm prevents shingle being carried eastward to block the mouth of the Rother and covering Camber with shingle. It also serves to maintain the existing shingle on the beach right back to Cliff End. The transport operation uses trucks to redistribute the built up shingle, averaging 33,000m' annually.

Halcrows have been appointed consultants for this project by the Environment Agency and have recommended a scheme will expand this trucking operation for a period of 8 years, extracting 450.000m-' in total from Nook Point and recharging the beach west of Winchelsea Beach. At the same time a minimum of 45 new groynes will be built in that section to stabilize the shingle. This will then be maintained for a minimum of 42 years by recharging, to much the same extent as the present work. The aim is to raise the defences sufficiently to allow for a water level of 5.38m AOD (Above Ordnance Datum) plus an additional 30cm to allow for the effects of wind and waves. This sea level, it is estimated, should occur once in 200 years. For comparison the highest normal spring tides at Rye Harbour are 4.4m AOD

SEA DEFENCES Cont...

The present shingle bank between Winchelsea Beach and Nook Point is not high enough. and will be reinforced by a secondary defence in the form of a 5.68m AOD shingle bank between Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour, more or less following the line of Nook Ridge and the existing drain round the perimeter of Frenchman's Beach Caravan Park. All of this work will involve the transport and placement of very large volumes of material during a restricted period of the year to minimise the impact on the natural environment. Outside this project he Nook Point Terminal Arm, which is in a poor state of repair, will have to be replaced within ten years. Other flood defences along the Rother will eventually have to be raised to match the increased height of the sea defences.

In the long term the project will secure the future safety of Rye Harbour and other villages, although there will be an effect on the view. In the short term the major effect will be the siting of the main construction compound in our car park. 40% of the area will be lost during construction periods and 10% in the rest periods during the summer. There will also be the usual construction project pollution from heavy trucks and machinery creating noise and dust. The EIA document does not spell out exactly why it is necessary to place the construction compound in the car park. rather than nearer the work areas at Nook Point which are already used by the present beach shingle movement operation.

It might even be necessary to haul a large volume of shingle from Lydd to construct the second shingle bank. This volume of heavy traffic along Harbour Road would badly affect the safety and amenity of Rye Harbour. While we should accept the necessity of this project to protect our village, adequate provision should be made to protect the safety of pedestrians and car users in the area.

The long memories of Rye Harbour villagers are an invaluable source of local information on the work that was carried out (or neglected) in the past. The contractors and consultants do not appear so far to have taken advantage of this local knowledge. It can only be of benefit if they seek to add this background. Finally we could do with the work opportunities in the village! We should expect the consultants and contractors to make even effort to recruit and train local residents to do the work rather than import all the skills from other parts of the country. The overall costs of the project should be tower if only that the accommodation costs of project staff would be reduced and there would be a sense of local pride in the result because we did it!

Most of the points in this article have been more formally listed is a submission to the Parish Council, one of the outcomes of which should be a good communication of project progress and problems to village residents. If you have any views please let the Newsletter know. The more we know, the better we can plan our future.

Hire The Village Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall for a party or some other gathering then visit the web site at: www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk You will be able to view hall availability and other information relating to the Village Hall.

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 01 797 223631.

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

General Information

FUN BUS



The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates: Tues 9th, April - 10.00 am -12.00 pm Tues 23rd, April - 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Local Tide Times

APRIL Rye Harbour Approaches

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Also my thanks to Adams Ltd for the use of Tide Tables

Local Police

Your Local Police Station No. 0845 607 0999



Flood Warnings

Floodline 0845 988 1188

Citizens Advice

Mondays - 10.00am - 12.00pm Tuesdays - 10.00am - 12.00pm Wednesdays - 2.00pm - 4.00pm No Appointment Necessary Rve Partnership Office (Rve) Or you may telephone, Weekdays between 2.00pm - 4.00pm on 01424 430400

Mobile Library

The Library van will be parked in Rye Harbour Road every fortnight.

April - Due to re-scheduling times were not available



Local Bus Times

Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays 325/326 Route No. Day Code Notes В Freda Gardham School Rye (Rail Station) ≠ Tilling Green Rye (Rail Station) ≠ arr. Rve (Rail Station) ≠ dep. Rye Harbour none Rye (Rail Station) ≠ arr. Rve (Rail Station) ≠ dep. Rye (Hospital) Playden (Peace & Plenty) Houghton Green Military Road Kings Avenue Rye (Rail Station) ≠ arr. Rve (Rail Station) ≠ dep. Bye Harbour Rye (Rail Station) ⇒

Explanation of Codes:

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

- The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530
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The Rye Partnership is convening a Public Meeting to be held at Rye Harbour Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd April,2002 at 7pm. The purpose of this

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meeting is for residents of Rve Harbour to meet the new owners of the Village Shop and to bring residents Rye Partnership on up to date with progress, and to continue the process

of public consultation. For further information, please contact Neale East at the 01797229600.

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PUBLIC NOTICE's

Public Meeting

Convened By The Rye Partnership To be held at Rye Harbour Village Hall On Tuesday 2nd April 2002 at 7.00 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to meet the new owner of the shop and to discuss and receive ideas for future development of the shop from members of the community at Rye Harbour.

PUBLIC MEETING

Convened By Rye Harbour Youth Action Group To be held at Rye Harbour Village Hall

Tuesday 9th April 2002 at 7.30 pm

Calling all parents and children of Rye Harbour We need your views on a play scheme this Summer Do you want it? For how long do you want it? And how much should it cost?

Up to date news regarding the funding for the Youth Club

Youth Page



Due to a combination of reasons. swimming was cancelled last week, as it is for this week over Easter.

However we re-start Saturday 6th April and we will be leaving from the usual place but at 12.15 pm, so we will meet at midday.

The reason for leaving 1 5 minutes earlier, is that we are joining forces with 'Animate' in Rye which will help keep the costs down, although as I have been typing this an e mail has just come through confirming some more funding for the transport. For the time being the fee will remain reduced at £1.50 per session. Any child from 11-16 residing in Rye will now get the same concession and must confirm their interest with Karen at 'Animate'. Any children from Rye Harbour 11-16 must contact, Karen or Marcus on 227773. Swimming will now be on a fortnightly basis, so the dates for April will be as follows:- 6th and 20th followed by Saturday 4th May until further notice. I will keep you posted in each newsletter. Marcus



Animate

Landgate, Rye 01797 225006

After- Schools Club

11-14 Year Olds **Monday - Friday** 3.30pm - 5.30pm **Free Admission**

Playstation 1 & 11. Internet Access. Tuck. Pool. Table Tennis. PC Games, Music. Board Games, & More.

Monday - Fun With Food Tuesday - Video & Popcorn Wednesday - Crafts Thursday - Animate Football Team

Friday - Open Evening COME AND VISIT US SOON



FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY FOR MORE

March has seen two of the finest spells of weather for months, the first and last weeks being very fine and giving all the boats a chance for a couple of full weeks fishing. The middle fortnight was a lot here and there. All types of fishing saw decent catches with the netters seeing more fish in the bay with the first small amounts of

Dover Sole being caught along with some nice sized Plaice.

Trawlers saw steady catches of Plaice with the fish starting to put on a bit of condition after spawning, but other species are taken away the catches were a bit scarce with a few boxes of Whiting and bits and changeable with a few trips pieces of prime fish, Dover settle down and hopefully Sole and Lemon Sole making up the catches. The scollopers have now spread out from Folkestone

to Eastbourne looking for fresh beds and visiting some of the old places where they been found in past years. Scollop beds nearest to the port have been fished and as many decrease with boats leaving it and looking else where giving things a chance to there will be some next season.

BOY ASHORE



Local Art Report



*Spirit of the Place' is an exhibition of work by local artists in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Rye Harbour.

The exhibition is open at weekends only, from 11am until 3pm, from Saturday March 30* until Sunday 21s'April.

You are all welcome to come along and enjoy *The Spirit of the Place*.



GETTING CRAFTY



Once again we met on Thursday 21 March in the Village Hall.

This time we had to take an empty eggshell with a hole cut in one side, all washed out of course. Then we decorated them with beads, ribbon, sequins etc., they looked beautiful. With tea and chocolate biscuits halfway through the session, every body enjoyed themselves. If you haven't come along yet, why not join us on the 18 April, which is the next

time we meet, as we have a break for half term.

We have lots of fun and make some lovely things; we also learn to do new things that we have never attempted before. We also have a raffle evey fortnight at a cost ofa£0.50p a strip and the session cost is just £1.00. Hope to see you all there in April

Julie Cleary



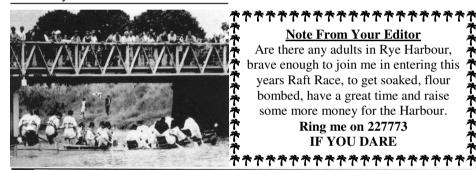
Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

Things have been quiet on the 'SHOUT front this month but other things at the Station are going on at a pace, we have had four applications to join the Crew this OK. The fence and barrier was not our month. One of them lives in the village, One is moving to the Village, One lives in Winchelsea Beach and at present is a Crew member of Pett Rescue and the last but by no means least, lives in Rye, It looks as though three of them will be available to crew during the day. Some of you will have noticed that our

I new access to the shore is now complete, we have given it one testing and apart from a bit of fine tuning all seems to be idea, it was part of the planning permission.

That's all for now but remember, just because the silly season starts at the end of this month it is not compulsory to join

Richard Tollett



Note From Your Editor

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OYSTER CREEK & LUCAS SHADWELL WAY - RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

bonus ball winners well done to Gav. Tanya & Tracy (twice!) Also yes the bonus ball game is open to all the harbour, if anyone wants a number then you can call round and I will sort it out (No 10LSW).

I must now apologise to ALL the residents in Penstock terrace. I was under the impression that they all new about the association and that they form part of it but did not feel like attending the meetings, it was only last week that I spoke to some of them and realised that has been a big misunderstanding, They are more than welcome to attend any of the meetings and I will make sure that they are kept informed about any events in the future. Once again I must apologise for the misunderstanding.

A design a logo comp is now underway to all under 16'S in LSW, OYSTER CREEK & PENSTOCK TERRACE, It is being run until the end of April 2002, All

Well another month and another month of you have to do is draw (do not use a pc) a logo for the association that we can use on all our headed paper & flyers, A member of Rother homes will pick the winners which are divided into two age groups: UNDER 11'S and 12-16'S. The winners will get a voucher that was very I kindly donated from WOOLWORTHS in Rye.

We are at the moment helping Rother homes with the new plans for the landscaped garden areas in LSW & I OYSTER CREEK and we should all see a difference soon. There will be more grass areas with new shrubs, wood chip instead of the gravel to keep the weeds down etc.

May I also welcome James & Scott and their families to LSW and hope they enjoy living here. Once again thanks for all your support in the meetings and keep a look out for the spring/summer events.

Steve Clare (Chair)

Golden Jubilee

At the Golden Jubilee Public Meeting, it was suggested that For other attractions on the the residents of the Village be day, read the minutes of the asked what type of events they would like to see take place on the clay, at the Coronation I-'ield (School

We are particularly interested in the thoughts of the Younger residents of the Village, what would they like to see? At the moment we have got ideas like:

a.. a Sports Day - races b.. Tug of War (both an Adult team and Children's team)

c.. "Penalty Shoot-out"

d.. "Shooting I loops" Public Meeting which can be obtained from myself. What would you like to happen at the Golden Jubilee celebrations? This is your opportunity to have your say. Not every idea can be acted on, but why not tell us what you want. You never know, used.

Whilst the Village Hall Management Committee are organizing the event, the event is for the WHOLE village, so that we can come

together to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee and have a good ti nic as a Community.

There are several ways that you can let us know what you want or think. They are: a.. Writing your ideas on a piece of paper and posting it through the Village Hall letterbox.

b.. Telling one of the Village yours might be the idea that is Hall Management Committee. There is one living near you. c.. E-mail me at: secrtary@ ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk

Steve Tollett Main Road

Dear Editor

RE: ISSUE 6 OF NEWSLETTER. OYSTER CREEK AND LUCAS SHADWELL WAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

After reading the article from Steve Clare about Oyster Creek and Lucas Shadwell Way Residents Association, 1 feel that I need to put pen to paper.

Rye Harbour has been in existence for nearly 200 years, and with the exception of a few minor altercations, harmony has reigned along with a strong Community Spirit. It was sad to read that the residents don't feel part of the Community - is this feeling true of all the residents? Being pan of a Community is a two-way thing. The Community is ready to embrace new people, but it's down to each individual if they want to be part of it.

When the new estate was built. Rye Harbour Social Club distributed leaflets to every house welcoming the residents to the village and informing them about the existence of Rye Harbour Social Club.

Every year there is a village Children's party, which a band of avid fund raisers, raise money for, again this party is open to the whole Community as is the Over 60's party, which is run by the Village Hall Management Committee. There are also other things that are available to the whole Community, should individuals which to join in.

How can the new estate be overlooked? A nice housing estate has replaced a derelict, dysfunctional concrete works; there has been an injection of young blood into the village, ensuring that village life will continue at Rye Harbour.

As for the "rumours and back stabbing" I'm not even going to waste my ink on a reply to that - we should all be adult about it. What advice do we give to kids - "Just Ignore It".

The skate pipe, well this is a controversial one. My understanding of the situation is that this is only one of the ideas put forward by the Children of the village. The fund raising has been going on for years; the money is for recreational equipment for the Children of the village. You don't need planning permission for that and as for getting money under for false pretences - how can it be false pretences when it is being raised for recreational equipment - this covers a broad area.

The residents who were kids of the village but now don't feel part of the Community.

I personally don't feel that a Residents Association is needed in a small village, as it only creates a them and us situation. It would appear that Oyster Creek and Lucas Shadwell Way Residents Association have created it. You can only be part of a Residents Association if you live there, the only qualifying criteria of belonging to the Rye Harbour Community is that you want to belong, you want to be part of it. you don't even need to live in Rye Harbour.

Residents Associations are needed in large Towns and Cities, as people don't know who their neighbours are and sometimes they don't even pass the time of day - this is definitely not the case in Rye Harbour. Even now I can sit here and name most of the residents in the village and several of those people are new to the Community; As for the FREE Mugs and Crowns,'! can only second what Marcus wrote in issue 6



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of the Newsletter. We both went 'round every house on the new estate collecting money for the Golden Jubilee, Children's names and ages for the register to ensure a Mug and Crown is reserved for them, names for the "Save" the Mobile Library petition. We had a GREAT response from the Residents. And as for the nearly freezing to death, that is very true.

In almost all of the Newsletters there has been a mention of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. In issue 4 of the Newsletter the terms and conditions were detailed and also on the reverse of the Christmas Bazaar flyer posted through every door before 24th November 2001.

The article seems to be querying the legality of the money being raised for the recreational equipment, to which I have no doubt that it is all above board, but has the residents association got a licence to run their bonus ball games? This is a LEGAL requirement under an Act of Parliament!

And finally. Are the residents living in Penstock Terrace members of the Oyster Creek and Lucas Shadwell Way Residents Association or are they excluded along with the rest of the village?

Long may Harmony, Community Spirit and Diversity reign.

Steve Tollett, Main Road.

Dear Editor

With reference to the letter in Feb Newsletter from Steve Clare L.S.W. & Oyster Creek Residents Association.

I was somewhat bemused by some of the comments contained in his letter and personally cannot agree with most of them. Firstly I have lived in Rye Harbour all my life and can honestly say that I never felt I wasn't part of the community. I have always in the past tried to be involved in most things appertaining to creating village life and mostly feel that Rye Harbour has set a fairly good example as to what village life should be, i.e. helping to raise funds and also being caring toward ones neighbours Etc. which is what life is all about. Obviously in life there are always going to be setbacks when opinions differ, but by and large I think Rye Harbour still remains a sought after place to live, I can only think that those who feel excluded and left out, are in that situation from their own choice, as there are functions going on in the village if they wish to partake.

The statement that many have lived in Rye Harbour for many years isn't quite fact, including myself in adults I can only recall about seven people who were born here and maybe 3 or 4 who have resided for quite a number of years, other than these, the other folk were new to the estate and it was hoped they would join our community to make it a good place to be. As I see it the only ones creating a "them and us" set up are you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Also concerning the skateboard ramp, I seem to remember going to a meeting in the village hall when the use as a playfield was discussed and people with children were asked for ideas as to what they would like for the play area, I personally wouldn't favour a ramp, but I'm quite certain that monies raised for that project are safely in an account and should they not be used for a ramp will go toward other equipment for the field in due course.

Finally how much clearer do the Village Hall Management Committee have to make it, because there has been reference and phone numbers in each of the Rye Harbour Newsletters as to how to get the mugs and crowns for children 16 years old and under who are entitled to free ones, also we all received a flyer through our doors asking parents to register their children's names. Not a great task really!

Betty Broocks 2 oyster Creek

Dear Editor

Referring to the report Oyster Creek and Lucus Shadwell Way Residents Association. I do feel it's a shame that Mr Clare does not feel part of the village community. As any of the residents of Oyster Creek, Lucus Shadwell will know we are all one big happy family in Rye Harbour.

I have known and continue to friends with many residents from the estate for many years, people such as Mark & Claire, Bev & Jody, Sharon & Alan, Gina & Skip, Michelle & Mark, Aunty Kath, Vera, Vanessa, Bett & Ter, Bassy & Sam, Scott & Charlotte, Trev & Vicky, Stacy & Dave, Wayne & Lisa and of course dear Janet, need I go on? If I knew who you were Steve, I'm sure I would introduce myself as any of my friends would tell you. Still the summer is on its way and we will all be out and about again.

Regarding the skate pipe fund, for all the children in the village who said it was going to be on the green in Lucas Shadwell, Oyster Creek? I believe people must have got the wrong end of the stick, while, one day a group of us had gone over to look at the new green and admire it, finally knowing that it had been purchased for all in the village to use. Great news eh, for all of us.

And now down to money. The money set aside for the skate pipe in memory of Steven Satchell is held in the R.H.Y.A.G Treasurers Trust Account and is set up and linked to a proper constitution with two signatories and all the usual constitutional rules, clearly I am not in a position to run off with the money and spend it on a new three piece suite or a summer holiday for me and the kids. If anyone in the village would like to see the account then do call and see me in Tram Road and I would be only too glad to show you. you may get a cuppa and a biscuit thrown in as well. Any must go now, more sites to visit, more money to raise, perhaps we will see some of you at the next jumble or the guiz nite raising money for the Golden Jubilee.

Pam Carroll (Harbour Duck) Tram Road.

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The Committee and Members of Rye Harbour Social Club

Would like to invite all residents of Rye Harbour to become members of the Social Club We are a small registered club run by the members for the members Yearly subscription is £5:00 Children are welcome (properly supervised) Reasonable drinks prices Fosters £2:00 Stella £2:12 Websters Yorkshire £1:80 John Smith's Smooth £1:96 Spirits from £1:00 Smirnoff Ice/Breezers £1:60



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch by Email

Rve Harbour will shortly be starting a Neighbourhood Watch by Email scheme, complementary to the existing Neighbourhood Watch. If you are on email then you can take part and you can also help your neighbours. The basic idea is to spread information about possible crime in the village as quickly as business with more details, inviting possible, sending information emails to everyone in the village network. The email scheme was started in Staplecross about a year ago and has been very successful in combating crime in the village. Sussex Police are therefore expanding the scheme steadily to cover other villages between Rye and Battle.

The email scheme reinforces the basic aims of Neighbourhood Watch, reducing crime, assisting the Police in detecting crime, reducing fear of crime and improving liaison between Police and the community.

A letter from Sussex Police will shortly be distributed to each household and people with email to take part. If you are already interested in taking part please send an email to harbourwatch@pobox. corn. It is important to stress that there is no invasion of privacy and it is designed to help everyone, not just those with email.

Mike Slavin



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOB SCHEME



This scheme has in fact been created by a lady from Camber, Trish Lock who has recently set up a local newsletter for Camber residents and is finding the response very good.

The question is! Can you help a neighbour with a PROBLEM?

Around our village there are people with small "fix it" problems, who for all

sorts of reasons are unable to do it themselves. If you are able to fix a fuse or re-washer a tap, put a lick of paint on all the awkward to get to spots, or just turn a mattress.

Or are you one of those people who need such a service.

What this scheme needs. for this village is someone to co-ordinate the

information and control the work rota.

None of this would take an awful lot of time or effort but could be a major help for a few people. If you could spare a little of your time please contact Marcus on

01797 227773 and we'll get you started.

A simple but good idea, thank you, Trish.

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

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The most significant event for the Rye Harbour Sailing Club has been the sudden death of Peter Courtney-Bennett on March 7. He was our Rear Commodore and often seen at weekends sitting in the rescue boat in the middle of the river smoking his pipe and waiting for the dinghies preparing to race out in the bay.



He was an active member of the Wednesday working party, doing maintenance work on boats and the clubhouse.

Peter joined the marines in 1941 before he was 18 years old - like many boys of that time, keen to join in the action and lied about his age. He trained in Portsmouth and joined HMS King George V and was in the Atlantic convoys and Mediterranean, while in Algiers he teamed to sail and enjoy the sun. He was with the Russian convoys within the Anic Circle and the -D' landing craft delivering personnel and supplies to France.

After the war he was demobbed and started his electrical career but missed the outdoor life and took up farming, working with heavy horses and hand milking a large dairy herd.

In 1954 he married Editha, he restored old farm buildings and started his own



Jersey herd. This did not pay so he joined Editha teaching maths. Latin and History to 10- 12 year olds in her school. In 1961 he joined the GPO and in 1968 he moved to Rye working with S.W.A. on the new electric pumps being installed to control the waters on Romney Marsh. He also worked for Spun Concrete maintaining their electrical plant and Quest International, taking care of their electronic equipment. In 1988 he retired to a small farm with a

few Southdown ewes when he joined Rye Harbour Sailing Club.

He would take anything on "no problem". He once helped a friend tow a milking parlour from East Grinstead to Dereham in Norfolk with a tractor, needing a police escort through Blackwall Tunnel.

In 2001 he sailed with Ron Halpin to France, Channel



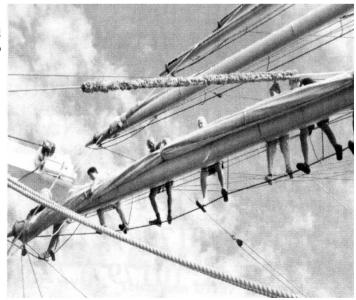


Ken has just returned from bringing back the Jubilee Sailing Trusts tall ship 'Tenacious' from the Canaries via the Azores and Cherbourg to Southampton. They arrived back dead on 1300 March 20 in spite of being held up in the Atlantic with severe storms.

Jill Halpin RHSC with help of notes from Editha about Peter.

Island, West
Country and Ireland
and hoped to sail up
to Scotland this
year. It was rough
English Channel
weather but Peter
enjoyed every
minute of it. He is
greatly missed.
Club members are
busily scrubbing
and polishing boats
for this seasons
sailing.
The Fitting Out

The Fitting Out supper was on March 24th at the club.



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They are both 16 seaters, with the new lower suspension, which can 'kneel down' - it drops down further at the front if steam trains). Northiam required. It is less of a step (Great Dixter) Bodiam up to get on, so much

those with mobility difficulties, and if required same time another bus will a short ramp can be used to be running in the opposite get pushchairs, shopping trolleys, walkers and wheelchairs onto the bus. we will be setting up with these buses will run on Sundays going from here, up to Rye, out via the Children's Farm at Beckley to Newenden (for the Castle and through to

easier for small children or Battle, then returning along the same route. At the direction starting from and finishing at Battle. We will be using volunteer drivers for these so we are looking for additional people who would be interested in doing a 2-hour shift (to Battle and back). If you think that you might like this, give me a call (227722).

Pat Hughes

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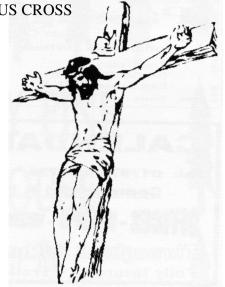
WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head. His hands His feet. Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine. That were an offering far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!



Good Friday 29th March

All the different churches in Rye and District will be making a silent walk through the town pausing for a brief service in each church in the town starting at St. Anthony's in Watchbell Street at 10-30 a.m. You are welcome to join us at any point.

Easter Sunday 31st March

Come and join an Easter Celebration at Rye Community Centre at 6-0 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Good Friday 29th March commencing at 10.30 am at St Antonys Catholic Church.

Procession of witness then at St Marys The Methodist This is the greatest day of

Church and finally at the Baptist Church at noon. Easter Sunday Rye Harbour Church Eucharist of Easter-9.15 am

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Hope everyone has a lovely Easter

holiday. Karen Whitaker



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Family Announcements **Congratulations**

Over 60's Party

What a grand party we had on March 10th, so much food and so much variety. So many people turned up and the weather was kind to us, which helped.

There was an hours entertainment by "Rye Players", most of them children from the chorus of "Oliver" and they were delightful. Everyone said what a great time they had.had.

I won't say too much about our card evening at the "Inkerman" on March 4, suffice to say we had a jolly good time. Thank you Dawn and Peter for making it such a fun evening.

I lost 60p in the game and won a pair of football socks in the raffle. Not bad.

Monday Luncheon Club

Another successful Ploughman's Lunch has been held. A very good attendance although the weather was awful. Sylvia short notice, if this

did extremely well as she situation was to arise was three helpers short due again, please let Sylvia to illness.

If anyone could help out at

know. Thank you.



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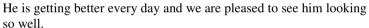


To the Editor

TRIED TO KEEP IT OUIET EH! NOT A CHANCE!! Marcus, HAPPY 45th BIRTHDAY on the 24th March Lots of love, Neve, Sammy, Conner, James, Dawn, Tara, Ash, Jen and Karen.

GET WELL SOON

Fred known world-wide as "Hookey Southerden" is home again after having surgery at the "Conquest".





Arthur Berry has also been in hospital but is out and about again now.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

