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30th April 2002

Compiled By & For The Residents

Editor's Comments

Well here we are again, quite a busy month one way or another and not without its problems.

I'm sure you'll all join me in sending the Royal family our condolences, on such a tragic loss of such an amazing woman the Queen Mother.

On a higher note fantastic news about our shop re-opening, which in fact involved my first ever interview.

Karen also did her first interview with Blue a 9 year old artist, who's achievements are something any parent could be proud of.

My thanks to all the contributors and a special thanks to Mike Slavin yet again for taking the majority of this months photos.

Thanks also to Alan and Jane for taking on the Neighbourhood Odd Job Scheme which hopefully will fulfil some neighbourly acts and that's all. There are basic computer courses being arranged, to start soon in the village hall, which are open to all in the village providing there is enough demand.

Copy date for May will be **Friday 24th May** with publication date Friday 31st May. Please get your copy in as soon as possible as now we have so many pages it is increasingly more difficult to get it



all together on time. Thank You. Anyway I've run out of space so, have a good May and don't forget to keep using our New Shop.

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	Parent & Toddler
	Shop Opening

Fund Raising

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who supported the recent Coffee Morning. The cakes were again

popular and sold well, with a special request for cherry cakes submitted for future events!!!
The event raised another

£ 100 towards the Golden Jubilee Appeal. Many thanks for everyone's continued support.

Ann Newman



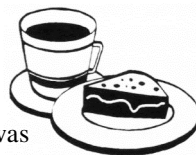
JUMBLE SALE



The Jumble sale on Saturday 27th was a great success and was very well supported by all.

The Jumble Sale raised yet another £ 120.00 towards the Children's Christmas Party.

Thanks go to everyone who contributed and the biggest thanks to Julic & Pum who without there persistence, and hard work throughout The year, the village children would not have such a great party.



Quiz Night

The 26th April 02 saw the last of the Quiz Nights of the first season.

There were only 8 teams who took part due to team members being away or being otherwise engaged.

The teams taking part were:

F.N.I.S, Bingo Babes, The Firm, T.I.T.'s Pam's People, PHD, The Snobs, Westenders

The winners were "Westenders" with 79 points, followed by "Pam's People" with 77 points and "PHD" with 71 '2 points.

£142 was raised for the Golden Jubilee Fund.

Without the support of the Teams, Team Members and people who have supported the Quiz Nights either by attending, donating prizes, bringing food or making monetary donations, the Quiz Nights would not have been such great fun.

On behalf of Ann Newman, Steve Rogers, the Village Hall Management Committee and myself I would like to thank all those who have supported these evenings, most sincerely, for helping to make the Quiz Nights such a success.

We will be starting a NEW "Quiz Nite" season in September, which will run until April 2003.

Steve Tollett

Parish Council Notebook

I mentioned in last months note book that the April meeting was, as happens at all meetings from time to time rather boring with little to interest us here in Rye Harbour. 1 his month we have rather more which hopefully will prove of interest to ourselves.

Amenity land adjacent to Oyster Creek, Lucas Shadwell Way. The council as owners and trustees of the field have decided to name the site 'The Pound field'- this has historical associations with Oyster Creek and Penstock Terrace in that following the Harbour of Rye Embankment Act of 1834. An embankment- the present main road was constructed and a water pound and penstock installed to help flush the harbour installations. this and the fact the harbour, the parish council paid a nominal £1.00 for the site helped to decide a suitable and rather different name, we hope that you like it!

Many readers will recall some years ago an application was made on the land above the Wharf for a marina together with associated housing shops and other shore based facilities, readers may recall that this controversial proposal went through upon the casting vote of the then chairman of the county council planning committee, a man named Me Gilligan from Seaford, in spite of strong opposition from the whole area and local groups, and even further a field, this application has been resubmitted to Rother along with some wharfarye and storage, Icklesham parish fully supports along with others who care for the harbour of Rye any proposal to encourage maritime trading, storage or associated industry'.

They also support any sensible proposals for floating moorings, but are totally against any proposals which emphasis is towards shore based facilities and holiday and leisure homes, particularly in the industrial area. Hopefully Eastbourne harbour has made the -Marine' proposal obsolete.

Experiments some years ago by the National hydraulics Laboratory on the various marine schemes found this site impractical on the Rother, meantime the council welcomes and supports fully the efforts made by Rye wharf to encourage maritime trading and will continue to do so. particularly as the government is making effort towards Seabourne and inland waterways transportation which can only be welcomed with to days over crowded roads. Finally, Icklesham parish council are delighted at the shops' reopening and urge for its fullest support. They are happy to have played a part in it's reopening.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



Forthcoming Event **NOT THE CHAIRMAN'S WALK**

In response to the number of members who completed our recent Friends Questionnaire by saying that they would like to visit Rye Harbour more often, but were unable to manage the walk from the car park, we are delighted to announce that our Chairman John Gooders will be leading **Not the Chairman's Walk on Saturday 12th May 2002.**

This special, which we hope will become at least an annual event, will be open to those *who find difficulty walking or are confined to wheelchairs*, and will be organised in conjunction with the Rye Community Transport Project. A bus, with wheelchair access will run a shuttle service from *Rye Station and Rye Harbour Car Park into the Reserve* starting at 2pm with the last return bus back to the Station at 4pm.

Wheelchair helpers are naturally included.

Other News

Lots of migrants in now, Swifts, Cuckoos, Swallows etc. The rarest was a Black Kite spotted on the 12th April.

Warden Paul Troake



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOB SCHEME



Do You Have A Fix-It' Problem?

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

a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Coffee 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.

WANTED

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WITH A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK TO SPARE
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Harbour Master's Comments

One day in November 2000 the 6.24m St Abbs potting boat. Girl Alice, set out for a normal day's work. The only person on board was her skipper. When she failed to return to the harbour the alarm was raised and a search initiated.

She was found by another fishing boat and the Eyemouth lifeboat 1.5 miles southeast of Bournemouth. There was nobody on board.

There was a slight sea and swell at the time. and the wind was 10knots from the west with good visibility. The boat was found with the engine engaged, 17 pots outboard and 3 inboard, one of which was jammed in the gunwale. Only a small catch of crabs was found, which indicates that whatever happened, occurred early in the day.

All indications suggested that the sole occupant had somehow gone over the side. the emergency services carried out a detailed search using four lifeboats, a coastguard helicopter and 15 local fishing boats, but no trace of the victim was ever found.

The fisherman had over 17 years experience, and is not thought to have been wearing any form of lifejacket or buoyancy aid.

The Lessons

This tragic accident again highlights the dangers involved in single-handed fishing vessels.

One can only imagine what the victim's

thoughts were as he went over the side.

He was on his own and, if he was following his usual custom, was not wearing a lifejacket. He would have little means of keeping his head above water. Fishing is, at the best of times, a risky venture but the risks multiply if you fish alone; there is nobody on hand to assist or raise the alarm should anything go wrong. If you do put to sea single-handed always wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid, and consider carrying mini flares and a personal locator beacon, at least it gives you a chance of being rescued should you go over the side. If you die, you leave behind people who will be devastated by your death, and wanting to know why you considered it so wrong to take the basic precautions that increasing number of fishermen are now finding acceptable. Always let someone know your movements.

Keep in regular contact with other fishing vessels while at sea. This way the alarm can be raised if your expected movements or call are overdue.

Consider installing engine and steering controls local to the working position, i.e. near the hauling winch. In the event of a leg being caught in a bight of rope it gives you the chance to stop the boat before you are pulled over the side.

Supplied By Carl Bagwell

Rye Harbour Easter Craft Workshop

A big thank you to all of you who volunteered your time on March 26 to give the children a wonderful time. Each child left with a tray of goodies and a smile.

There has been an expression of interest, that we should do this again. Perhaps you could telephone me with offers of help and ideas.

Margaret Delahoy (Community Health Worker) 01797226217
A camera was left in the hall, still with film in,
Contact: Karen 227773



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Editor

We have followed with great interest the recent exchanges of correspondence within your newsletter and have decided that we the residents of The Point, Rye Harbour feel it is time to move the argument forward.

Being in the forefront of the annual tourist invasion we, the residents of the Point hereby declare our intention to annex the area known as the Slipway Moorings and declare it to be now known as the "Republic of Rye Harbour".

A residents' Counsel will be formed to govern the said Republic and council meetings will be held on alternate Thursdays in the Conq. To avoid clashing with the darts.

It is further decreed that a toll booth will be installed adjacent to the Public Toilets where visitors visas will be issued for a fee of 10 Rye Rials (see below).

It is also decreed that the existing car park adjacent to the Conq. will be annexed and turfed in order to create a residents only Crown Green Bowling Green. Visitors green fees will be available at a daily rate of 10 Rye Rials (see below)

The Foreign Exchange Centre will be located in the building formerly known as the William the Conqueror. All currency transactions within the Republic will be made in Rye Rials and these can be changed in the FEC at the rate of 1 RR (Rye Rial) = 27.26 Euros. Special dispensation will be granted to allow the Bosuns Bite to trade in both Euros and Rye Rials.

Carl Bagwell (Formerly Rye Harbour Master) will be appointed First Sea Lord of the Republic and will oversee the construction of the new Rye International Seaport on the site of the former Rye Sailing Club. The First Sea Lord will also oversee foreign policy and first on the agenda will be a planned invasion of France to bring the "Two Bays" back into a single infrastructure under the Republic. Further policy plans include the creation of a Republic only fishing zone extending 200 miles and a new fishery protection vessel will be commissioned from Stan Davies to be based in the new seaport under the command of Commodore Carl Davies.

The existing lifeboat station will be retained but will be renamed the Rye Nautical Lifesaving Institute or RNLI for short.

Notwithstanding policy decisions being made elsewhere, hunting will be permitted within the Republic and licences to hunt Twitchers in season will be issued from the FEC for a sum of 10 Rye Rials. Twitchers must be fully mature i.e in possession of a full set of tripods, however the use of artificial lures or decays are not permitted. Childrens Christmas parties will continue to be held in the former William The Conqueror, however due to the current absence of young persons in the Republic the maximum age for attendance will be 65.

Skate boarding will be the official mode of transport within the Republic.

The Caravan Park formerly known as Frenchmans Beach will be annexed by the Republic and all owners will be evicted to make way for the workforce required to construct the Rye International Seaport (see above). Compensation of 100 RR will be payable to caravan owners.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber will be specially commissioned to compose an anthem for the Republic, along suitable piscatorial, avian and empirical lines and if this is too much for him, then a reworking of that stirring hymn to independence Rule Pointannia..... would seem apt.

**Alan Read, with editorial assistance from Joanie
The Watch House, The Point**

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to join in with everyone else in saying a big welcome to Bogdan and Dot at the new village shop.

There is a good selection (growing by the day) and at very reasonable prices, it's so good to go shopping without having to use a bus or the car to get to town.

So lets do our part in keeping the shop open by using it. If you haven't been yet, then I can recommend you do, lets use it and not lose it!

Yours Sincerely.

Rose Edwards.

Dear Editor,

Aesop was walking on the road out of Athens,

A group of people walking towards the city asked him "what are the people of Athens like?"

He replied, "tell me first what are the people of your village like?" "

Oh, they are a very unfriendly and important lot" was the reply.

Aesop replied, "You'll find the people of Athens are much the same"

Aesop continued his walk when a second group of people asked him "What are the people of Athens like?" He replied, "Tell me first, what are the people of your village like?" "

Ah, they are a very friendly and kindly people" was the reply.

Aesop said, "I am happy to tell you that the people of Athens are much the same" "Welcome to Rye Harbour"

Michael Alford

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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 7th, May - 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Tues 21st, May - 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Local Tide Times

MAY Rye Harbour Approaches

Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

Date		O.D. Time metres	O.D. Time metres
1	W	0133 3.7	1355 3.5
2	Th	0216 3.2	1441 3.0
3	F	0306 2.7	1533 2.6
4	Sa	0403 2.2	1631 2.1
5	Su	0507 1.9	1738 2.0
6	M	0633 1.9	1901 2.0
7	Tu	0805 2.0	2014 2.2
8	W	0856 2.5	2103 2.6
9	Th	0933 2.6	2142 3.0
10	F	1005 2.9	2217 3.1
11	Sa	1037 3.1	2248 3.2
12	Su	1108 3.2	2319 3.4
13	M	1138 3.2	2348 3.4
14	Tu	—	1208 3.4
15	W	0019 3.4	1238 3.4
16	Th	0051 3.4	1312 3.4
17	F	0129 3.2	1354 3.1
18	Sa	0214 2.9	1447 2.7
19	Su	0316 2.5	1558 2.5
20	M	0446 2.2	1719 2.5
21	Tu	0612 2.5	1838 2.5
22	W	0726 2.6	1948 2.9
23	Th	0826 3.0	2046 3.2
24	F	0919 3.2	2137 3.6
25	Sa	1007 3.5	2226 3.7
26	Su	1053 3.6	2312 3.9
27	M	1136 3.7	2357 3.9
28	Tu	—	1218 3.7
29	W	0038 3.7	1259 3.6
30	Th	0119 3.5	1340 3.4
31	F	0201 3.1	1423 3.1

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0845 607 0999



RYE POLICE STATION

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

Rye Partnership Office (Rye)

Or you may telephone, Weekdays between

2.00pm - 4.00pm on 01424 430400

Mobile Library

We learn with regret the mobile library Will not call at Rye Harbour at least for the Time being, due to so few in number availing themselves of the service.



Local Bus Times

Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 325 / 326

Route No.	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325
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Notes	A								B		
Freda Gardham School	1520
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	...	1603	...
Tilling Green	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1533	...	1607	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0856	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1535	...	1611	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	1614	...
Rye Harbour	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	...	...	1621	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	...	...	1628	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	...	...	...	1629	...
Rye (Hospital)	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	...	...	...	1631	...
Playden (Peace & Plenty)	0917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	...	...	...	1632	...
Houghton Green	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	...	...	...	1634	...
Military Road	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	...	...	...	1637	...
Kings Avenue	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	...	...	...	1639	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr.	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	...	...	...	1644	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep.	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	...	1544	1644
Rye Harbour	0936	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	...	...	...	1551	1651
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	...	...	...	1558	1658

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

Service No	344	344	347	344	344	344	344	344	325	344	344	344	345
Operator	CO	SES	J&H	CO	CO	CO	RC	SES	SES	SES	SES	RC	RC
Notes	NS	NS	⊕				NS	S	⊕		S	NS	
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1525	...	...	...	...
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1534	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	...	...	...	0909	1046	1256	1450	1450	1536	1550	1650	1655	1750
Rye (Harbour)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1542	...	...	B	1758
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0755	0755	0916	1053	1303	1457	1457	...	1557	1657	1703	1808
Winchelsea (Beach)	...	0758	0758	0919	1056	1306	1500	1500	...	1600	1700	1706	1811
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	...	0800	0800	0921	1058	1308	1502	1502	...	1602	1702	1708	1813
Pett Level	...	0803	0805	0925	1102	1312	1506	1506	...	1606	1706	1712	1817
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0809	0812	0932	1109	1319	1513	1513	...	1613	1713	1719	1824
Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1119	1329	1523	1523	...	1623	1723	1729	1834
Ore (Christ Church)	0738	0817	0825	0945	1122	1332	1526	1526	...	1626	1726	1732	1837
Old Town (Boating Lake)	0742	0822	C	0951	1128	1338	1532	1532	...	...	1732	1738	1843
Hastings (Harold Place)	0746	0824	...	0953	1130	1340	1534	1534	...	...	1734	1740	1845
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	0748	...	...	0955	1132	1342	1536	1536	...	...	1736	1742	1847
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	...	1016A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Service No	345	345	344	344	344	347	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Operator	SES	SES	CO	CO	CO	J&H	RC	SES	SES	RC	SES	RC	RC
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Conquest Hospital Grounds	0907A
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	0926	1136	1346	...	1546	1546	1636	1740	1745
Hastings (Breeds Place)	...	...	0930	1140	1350	...	1550	1550	1640	1744	1749	...	...
Hastings (Old Town, Cutter)	...	...	0932	1142	1352	C	1552	1552	1642	1746	1751	...	...
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0739	0939	1149	1359	1535	1559	1559	1649	1753	1756	...	...
Fairlight Glen	0743	0743	0943	1153	1403	1539	1603	1603	1653	1757	1800	...	...
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0753	0753	0953	1203	1413	1549	1613	1613	1703	1807	1809	...	...
Pett Level	0801	0801	1000	1210	1420	1556	1620	1620	1710	1814	1816	...	...
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	0803	0803	1004	1214	1424	1600	1624	1624	1714	1818	1820	...	...
Winchelsea (Beach)	0805	0805	1006	1216	1426	1602	1626	1626	1716	1820	1821	...	...
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	0813	0813	1008	1218	1428	1605	1628	1628	1718	1823	1823	...	...
Rye (Harbour)	0820	0820	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0827	0827	1016	1226	1436	...	1636	1636	1726	1830	1830	...	...
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	0832	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freda Gardham School	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Explanation of Codes: NS: Not Saturdays S: Saturdays Only N+: Not School Days +: School Days Only A: As Local Rider 300 to/from this point
B: Runs via Thomas Peacock School on schooldays C: Continues to/starts at Guestling School H: Not a Local Rider Service

Youth Focus

Blue Jenkins aged 9 years of Rye Harbour, exhibited some of her photographic work in the recent 'Spirit of the Place' exhibition. This is her first exhibition, and she was very excited about it. Her pictures were of what she liked about Rye Harbour.

And all this stemmed from friends of her parents



Andrea and Dylan, who gave her a disposable camera. Blue has lived in the

village for about four and a half years, and attends St Thomas School in Winchelsea; she also goes to an classes at the Stalmont studio. Coming from an artistic background (mum, dad and grandparents) all of whom are artists, it is not surprising that Blue also enjoys drawing portraits of cats, pottery, T-shirt

Youth Page

printing and computer art. She is currently working on a sculpture of a mermaid, I am sure we will be hearing more of this delightful young lady. A last minute up date. Andrea tells us that Blue has just sold her first piece that she exhibited in 'Spirit of the place'.

Karen Whitaker.



Swimming is suspended for now until probably Oct. due to the nice weather but I will keep you up updated through the newsletter. Once again thanks for your support.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU...

Have you got loose change lying around?

Would you like to support your Village Hall?

If you answered YES to one of the above questions, the Village Hall has got a few ways that you can make donations.

"Tiddler Pot" Scheme: We will provide you with a small pot or pots that you can collect your loose change in. Once the pot(s) is/are full return it/them to me and I will give you a replacement.

If you would like to save 5 pence pieces for the Village Hall, then it is possible to collect between £2.30 and £2.50 in a pot (with a little juggling).

Bags of loose change: If you have got loads of loose change and would like to give it to the Village Hall. Just put it in to a bag and let me have it.

Standing Order Scheme: If you would like to make a regular donation to the Village Hall but don't want all the hassle of collecting your loose change or don't have loose change then this scheme is for you. You can opt to pay any amount, when you like. If you want to donate £1 every week then all you need to do is put that on the form, send it to your bank and they will do the rest.

GIFT AID: In the March 2000 budget the Chancellor announced that all donations from individuals to charity would be eligible for tax relief, providing of course, that the individual(s) are Income or Capital Gains Tax payers. This will enable the Village Hall to claim a further 28p for every pound that you have donated, at no extra cost to you. What this means potentially is that for every £1 that you donate you are actually donating £1.28p. At least once a year you will be issued a statement showing the amount of money that you have donated to the Village Hall during that period.

If you are interested in making a donation, then please contact me using one of the following methods:

Telephone: 223631, e-mail: Secretary@RyeHarbourVillageHall.co.uk or post a letter through the Village Hall letterbox or mine.

Steve Tollett Secretary Rye Harbour Village Halt Management Committee

Youth Action Group

The public meeting was held on 9th at the Village Hall, it was poorly attended with two adult's and six children. You know it takes considerable time and effort to improve the facilities within the harbour and Julie & Pam both worked extremely hard to be awarded a grant for £6,920 for the setting up of the Youth Club, which will hopefully be up and running by the summer, and they should both be congratulated, it is appreciated Thank You. The Summer Play Scheme is moving forward, providing the funding for that is as successful but ideas and your thoughts are needed and can be left on a notice at the new village shop. So please take the time and contribute. Thank you. Marcus Whitaker

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FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY FOR MORE

Steady seal lop catches, four amounts of fish for the trawlers and the netters getting a few trips in with a couple of good catches of big cod further off and Dover sole in the bay. What a difference a bit of settled weather has made over the spring tides and the neaps giving everyone a chance to put some time in. Some new scallop beds have been found with the amounts caught not at high

but the shells have been very large making the trips even out the same. Two ex Rye boats have come back to the port for scallop season keeping the numbers about the same as some boats have started to have refits, the fine dry weather helping with painting and maintenance jobs that have to be done. Trawling in the bay has stayed fairly good with catches of plaice being steady, enough to make a trip but not too much making it a problem to sell. Some trawlers have had a

few night trips trying to find more prime fish like Dover sole but the catches have been a bit disappointing keeping the rest day fishing, but they are being watched very closely for any improvement. April has been for the most, a good month but the dreaded spider crab has made it's appearance and with it comes all sorts of problems for most types of fishing so we will see what next month brings.

BOY ASHORE



Local Art Report



Over the four weekends we have had 451 visitors and just over £2,000.00 worth of work was sold meaning that the amenity fund, which is to be used to improve the facilities in the church building, so that it can be used for other community events, will benefit by over £400.00. In addition to this amount visitors donations to the church (via a strategically placed bowl !) amounted to over £200.00.

All of those involved artists, visitors, organizers, feel it has been a great success and it was really marvellous for those exhibiting that there was so much local interest - and that many 'locals' will be getting paintings or etchings of local views for their birthdays' this year!

Jill Stott

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Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

On the 3rd of March the Lifeboat was asked to launch and assist a small cabin cruiser with engine trouble. The casualty 'GRIFFIN' was suffering with fuel starvation and was towed back into harbour by the Lifeboat. The 29th March saw our second call of the month when a small sail yacht 'JENNY' discovered that their water-cooled exhaust was leaking into the hull. The Lifeboat launched and towed the casualty back into harbour.

On the 9th of April the large Cabin cruiser 'BLUE

MARLIN', on passage from Poole to Ipswich' suffered complete electrical failure in the bay and needed a tow into Rye Harbour where repairs were carried out and he went on his way rejoicing. On the 22nd of April a mishap with a water hose on the fishing vessel 'HERCULES' caused the Lifeboat to launch with a salvage pump on board to assist, as it turned out the pump was not required and the Lifeboat returned to station after escorting the casualty into harbour.

Our advertising campaign

for crew has been fairly successful in as much as we have had five persons apply to sign on as crew. These have come from Rye, Winchelsea Beach, Camber and Icklesham. We did have one lad come round from the Village but alas he hasn't been back.. We still have vacancies for anyone from the Village, so if you are thinking about it, come round and have a look. You might surprise yourself.

That's about it for now.

Richard Tollett.



GETTING CRAFTY



Held on Thursday 18th April.

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Not a lot to report this month, just wanted to welcome "Bob" to the harbour and wish him all the best in the "harbour stores" something I think we are ALL in agreement with. The store has been missed.

Well done to all the Bonus ball winners this month, the funds are building up for the summer. Just one point to make, due to legal reasons the game is only open to residents within our assoc IE Lucas Shadwell Way, Oyster

Creek & Penstock Terrace. One week left to get your logos in for the comp, look out for the flyers for the AGM meeting.

**Steve Clare (chair Isw
& oyster creek assoc)**

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Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations will be held on 1st June 2002 on the Coronation Field (also know as "The School Green"). The celebrations are going to take the form of a "FUN DAY" for all residents of Rye Harbour.

The mugs have finally arrived and will be available on the day for collection, along with the Crown (coins). If you have paid a deposit for a mug and would like to pay the outstanding balance before the 1st

June 2002 then come and see me. No mugs or crowns will be distributed before the day, and all outstanding monies must be paid in full.

Don't forget that this is a Community event to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee.

We hope to see you there on the day.

Steve Tollett

For and on behalf of

Rye Harbour Village Hall Management

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Memories Of Rye Harbour Stores 1962-1982

I took over Rye Harbour stores in July 1969, with my wife, who was pregnant at the time, with our second child. It was only a lock-up premises, we lived in Rye. I didn't drive, so used to go to and fro on a bicycle, summer and winter, for a considerable time before graduating to a 49cc moped, which I used until I learnt to drive in 1974. It was amazing what I managed to carry, on that moped.

The shop was very old fashioned at that time, with very large old wooden counters all round, and one of the locals got a bit upset when I started making alterations. We gradually changed it into self- service, with second hand shelving, fudges and freezers etc. We sold everything but the kitchen sink - but said we could probably get that, if required. Newspapers, grocery, green grocery. Blue paraffin which I sold in 1 gallon plastic vinegar containers. I used to spend my dinner hours sitting in an outside shed



where the paraffin was stored, filling enough containers to keep us going without having to keep running out to fill them.

In all the 13 and a half years we were there, we didn't have a phone, our first till was a wooden drawer, with a bell that rang each time you opened it. When VAT came in this was updated to a metal case drawer with a calculator on top. At no stage did we have anything like a modern cash register.

Our staff, all local girls, added up customer's purchases on bits of paper their maths improved no end while they were with us.

We enjoyed good support from the locals, and also from the owners of caravans on the caravan site, who regularly came from London for long periods in the summer season.

It was very hard work most of the time, but satisfying as well, we always tried to supply what the customers wanted at reasonable prices.

We would like to wish Dot & Bogden Wujek every success in their new venture.

Norman & Joan Gill





Dot and Bogdan Wujek have taken over the responsibility of running Rye Harbour Stores and had a grand opening ceremony on Saturday 13th April 2002.

Dot has lived in Eastbourne for most of her life whereas Bogdan originally educated in Poland learnt English in Ireland and met Dot upon arriving in England in 1996.

They worked together in the retail sector but decided it was time to own their own business. They

searched the whole country looking for the ideal property and then one morning listening to radio Southern Counties they heard about our shop becoming available and decided to investigate. Dot in her own words is a great believer in fate and when they explored Rye Harbour they both fell in love with the surroundings, Bogdan said, and I quote " the shop was a mess when we first viewed it but we realised the potential saw a challenge and decided to go for it.



YES! OUR LOCAL SHOP IS ONCE AGAIN OPEN!



They both enjoy the small working within it for the Bogdan said that their which was more than cater for all the community, whilst money on all possible. They that services had as requested, to Seaboard, the were still awaiting will keep us as they have any time they are open that would improve offer to the community. an information centre



community and look forward to benefit of us and 1 them. goal, was to create shop just your local shop to different needs of the maintaining value for products where also both stated been applied for, the Post Office, Lottery and all decisions, but informed as soon news. In the mean- to any suggestions he service they can At the back of the shop is

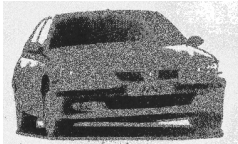


which will also eventually house a computer suite. Already, there has been a touch screen installed, supplied by Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, Rye Partnership, English Nature and East Sussex County Council, which is aimed at visitors and residents of Rye Harbour of all ages and which gives a multitude of information about the whole of Rye Harbour, past and present and is

already a great success. Again there are opportunities to add to this information or amend it, or if you have maybe a better idea, I believe there is a suggestion box. So it only leaves me to say to Dot and Bogdan on behalf of all of us, good luck and we hope you will be as happy here, as we all are.

Marcus Whitaker

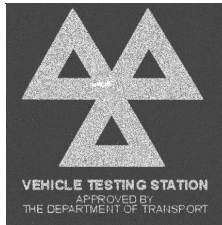




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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



We are just getting going with the Email Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Rye Harbour. I have summarised below the general msgs received in the last few days from Sussex Police. The 'T' in the msgs is the Sussex Police Co-ordinator.

Please feel free to send out additional copies and let your neighbours have a look also.

Mike Slavin Email

harbourwatch@pobox.com

Unsolicited telephone calls

I have been researching historical incidents to see if I can identify any crime patterns that I might be able to give useful warnings about. One thing I picked up was the number of concerns expressed about unsolicited telephone calls. Often we receive reports after the recipient of an unsolicited call has provided information to the caller on request and then later feels uncomfortable about the details they have given. Sadly, in addition to all of the telephone scams we are already aware of which are far too numerous to list, there are some very inventive, scheming people out there thinking of new ways to con us and/or steal from us. and some will inevitably be by telephone. The best general advice I can give is to treat unsolicited telephone callers in with suspicion the same as unsolicited visitors.

One particular scam of recent has been for suspects to phone and say they are from a named delivery company and ask when the occupant will be home to accept a delivery. I don't need to explain how this scam works! I would suggest a little white lie such as having house guests for the foreseeable future and needing a depot telephone number to arrange delivery once your plans are known should

deter most offenders. You usually know when you are expecting a delivery but even then being cautious is recommended. If it is a genuine delivery call they will give you details that you can verify.

TREAT ALL UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE CALLERS IN THE SAME WAY AS UNSOLICITED VISITORS, PIT YOUR WITS AGAINST THEM. THEY MAY HAVE A CLEVER COVER STORY BUT THEY USUALLY PREPARE ONLY A VENEER THAT A FEW CLEVER QUESTIONS WILL UNDO COMPLETELY!

If you are a BT customer use 1471 after a call to see if the caller's number is withheld.

Night time crime

Last night, Friday 19th to Saturday 20th, in the Battle and Rye areas there were thefts recorded at Camber, where a Rover car was stolen from a motel car park in Lydd Road, several vehicles damaged man with property stolen in and around Battle town centre, and caravans broken into at a caravan park in Bodiam. On another night it could just as easily have been sheds and outbuildings broken into and garden machinery and tools stolen at all points of the compass. Please be alert to any night time noises that disturb you. I know it's tempting to stay warm and snug in bed but even switching a light on is sometimes enough to frighten a thief away! I'm sending this message to everyone because it's about one of those perennial problems that affects not just areas around us but beauty spots and places of interest all over the country. A number of vehicles have been broken into around the area at Forestry car parks and other

tourist type locations this afternoon. Thieves know that people who drive to these places usually leave things in their cars so they don't have to lug them around with them. Easy pickings! Remember not to leave anything on show in your car wherever you park, EVEN in your own drive! If you have to leave something in the car then lock it in the boot, but DON'T put it in when you get there because you might be being watched! Do take notice of other vehicles parked nearby and people who might be hanging around.

Thieves!

If you discover someone in your grounds or garden don't ever believe their explanation no matter how plausible. Don't ever help them look for their dog, cat, ball etc. because while you are busy helping them someone else is likely to be in your home helping themselves! They will soon leave once they realise that you are not going to be conned! Did you know that most burglars knock the door to see if anyone is in before breaking in? If someone calls at your home and asks for an address nearby it might well be a prepared excuse as they were planning on stealing from you if you were not home. Pretend you don't recognise the name and ask them who lives there. They should be able to answer that shouldn't they? If they can't, then you know that they noted that house name just for a cover story! In such situations, always write down as much description and as many details as possible and report to **Police on 0845 6070999** at the time.

BE SUSPICIOUS - DON'T BE CONNED

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont.

Fish going cheap?

Overnight Friday to Saturday, thieves broke in to a Fishmarket at New Road, Rye and stole about £1.000 worth of fish.

Where will it go on sale? If you see fish on sale somewhere unusual we want to know!

BCC: Boat thieves about

Overnight Friday to Saturday offenders went to a boat at Bridge Point Mooring and stole the engine, fuel, and other sailing equipment, before leaving the boat adrift. Also reported Saturday morning was the theft of four wheels from a boat trailer. Although this could have been over several days, it may have been the same thieves.

Thefts from vehicles

I know how galling it is to keep receiving the same warnings over and over again, and appreciate that your members will be sick of it too, BUTthefts from vehicles are happening all around, and it's often because people keep leaving property on view in their cars! About 12-30pm today more thieves were operating at Pett Level, when a handbag left in one vehicle was stolen. Further a field two coats were stolen from another vehicle, well it was too hot and sunny to wear them!

Often the damage caused to vehicles outweighs the value of what is stolen and don't forget that even if the victims are from miles away each crime that occurs in your postcode area affects your insurance premiums!

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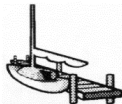
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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



Jill and Ken are back from Greece, they went with quite a number of other boats to race on Sunday 14th April in the Pocket Spring Race, but there was no start line, no officer of

the day such is life, we still don't know what happened to the race. We just went off and round the Fairway Bouy, it was good to be back in the bay again,

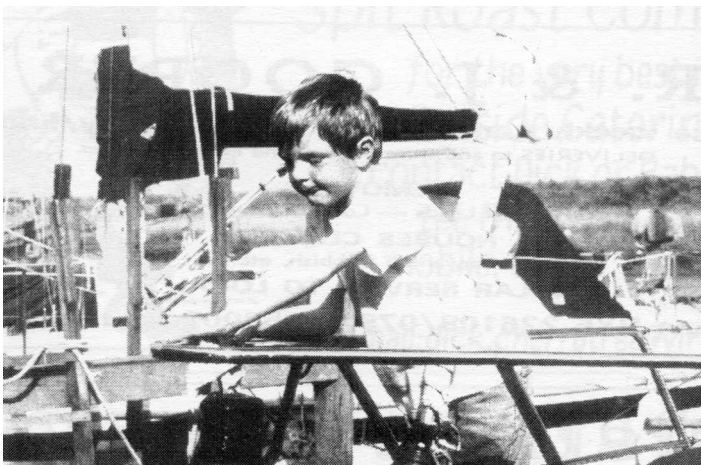
we've still got lots of cleaning to do.

The Argo Saronic was cold and brisk but all the children we had with us enjoyed the sailing, the photograph is one of them cleaning.

As we left Methanon for Epidavros we saw Dolphins, two leaping right out of the water. One of the children suggested that the dolphins liked the warmth of the Spring water coming out of the thermal springs of Methanon. We thought of all the fish around the warm water

outlet at Dungeness and agreed that this was possible.

The wild flowers of Greece are wonderful at this time, plenty of Salsify, Commarigolds, Poppies



and Asphodel.

On April 18th we had Alexander Karizis from Athens to speak to the club, he was fascinating. He had driven from Greece via ferry to Ancona in Italy, through the Alps to Calais and ferry to Dover. We felt inspired to take the club to a different part of Greece. He said he felt honoured to become a member of the club. We invited him back home to have coffee and local shrimps and scallops courtesy of George Botterell of The Farmers

Market. He turned out to be a Cambridge graduate in Anthropology, Archaeology and Economics, we are hoping to see more of him.

On April 28th, there is the

first of these years 'Try Sailing Day', at 11.30 am at the club, those 16 and under in age need to

be accompanied by an adult. Do come and join in, no experience is necessary. Jill & Ken Halpin PS.

Thank you, Marcus very much for the splendid colour pictures of our last article, one for the club and the other for Editha Courtney Bennet, they are much appreciated. PPS. The club's old half oil drum, used as a barbecue has been borrowed, we would much appreciate its return ASAP no questions asked.

Thank you.

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Steve Toilet was born in Rye Harbour on September 22nd 1970. He has a brother Andrew 5 years older than himself. He went to Ferry Road Playschool, then Frieda Gardham, followed by Thomas Peacock. He didn't like school and his reports said that

if he paid as much attention to his work as he did other peoples problems, he would have done well, nevertheless he did get CSE's and GCE's.

He joined the civil service in

Hastings aged 17 as a trainee typist, after 4 years he did day release for computer studies, which entailed lots of study at home and gained an HNC in computers with merit.

Steve developed interests in astronomy and photography, and working commitments to the lifeboat, village hall, and is now co-opted on to the parish council.

Steve has always shown a great interest in the village. He comes from a large and close family, the majority of whom still live in the village. His dad has a building firm in the area that employs family and local people which helps to maintain Rye Harbour as a true working village. Steve sees the village coming together in a new way and the Rye Harbour Newsletter contributes to this, as does the new shop opened by Dot and Bogdan, he sees this as very exciting and is already a great asset to the village.

As well as coming together Steve sees the differences and diversity and the welcome newcomers providing richness and healthy debate. Steve hopes everyone will come together for the Jubilee celebrations, which also provide a



Steve Tollett is the good looking one on the right

celebration of our village. Steve's 11 month old baby great dane is often seen aking Steve for a walk or welcoming passers by over the wall, there seems to be no potential for guard dog

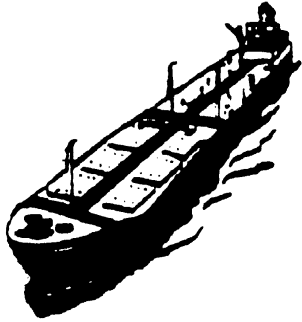
activity during the daytime, but night time is another matter! Steve says he would make a great pit pony.

By September Steve will have been in the civil service for 14 years and has risen through the ranks from humble beginnings to a commissioned officer. He mostly works abroad in Europe commuting from home in Rye Harbour. He lives with his mum and dad, he is kept in line by his mum Ann, who spends a lot of her time on the computer organising family life.

Steve has now gone into partnership with His cousin Jai, setting up their computer business, which is all aspects of computers, but at the moment is focused on setting up websites for businesses.

Jill Halpin

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The Parish Grant for improvements in

local transport came in last year and our Parish Council (Icklesham) is one of several in this area which are looking to apply for this. It is vital to put together as comprehensive a bid as possible which is why the some of the parish councils have been doing various surveys to find out what is needed. Make sue that oar parish councillors have as much information as possible so that Icklesham can put its bid together properly.

Pat Hughes

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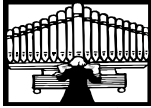
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Rye Harbour Church News

Holy Eucharist, Sunday 12th May-9.45

Whit Sunday, Sunday 19th May

Pentecost praise with other churches 3pm

This is the patronal feast day of Rye

Harbour church; we particularly welcome

you on this event, along with others from around the district.

Finally a sincere thank you to our local

artists for their event 'Spirit of the Place'

held in the church during the past four weeks.

What a lot of talented people live in Rye

harbour, keep a look out for further

events with 'Art at the Church* a new venture in the village.

Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

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

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

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Welcome to all our very young new additions.

The new baby friendly area is now up and running, or should that be gurgling and dribbling?

There are lots of soft toys to explore, come and meet Calypso Croc and his friends Tilly Tortoise and Fergal Fish! They would love you to play.

Lavender lamb has an activity arch, with a lovely soft quilt to

lie on.

Touchy feely books, slackers and blocks, rolling rattles, it's so much fun!

And if you get tired, have a cuddle with mum/dad, and watch all the toddler's fun!

We also have facilities for parents/carers to warm milk/food if required.

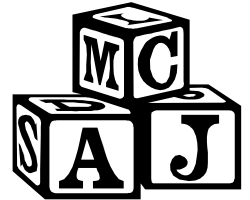
And for our toddlers -

Lots of fun at Farm World Beckley will be on the 8 May 2002. Meet in the main car park (nature reserve) at 10-30 am, we aim to arrive at the farm for 1 lam. We will return to Rye Harbour by 1-30pm.

Can parents please make sure payment for the trip is paid by 1st May. (Wednesday) at the parent and toddler session 10.30-12.30 thank you.

If you need any further information about the trip or anything else concerning the parent and toddler group, please feel free to contact me on. 01797 227773

Karen Whitaker



ANIMATE PARENT AND CHILD GROUP

Age 0-5 yrs

Now Open 10.30-12.30 every Tuesday

THERE'S LOADS TO DO!

Pictures to draw

Books and Playdough fun

Puzzles to do

Paintings to create for Mum!

A sand pit with buckets and spades

Bricks to build

Don't forget the slide

And bikes for you to ride

Come and join us for refreshments, while your child explores and makes new friends. Price £1.25 per family

Animate is situated next to Skinners garage in Landgate fishmarket road

01797 225006 for details





Family Announcements

Congratulations

Shop

Who can help but be pleased at the re-opening of our village shop. We send our best wishes to Dot and Bogdan and wish them every success in the future

Rye Players

Julie, Becky, Joyce and I, had a great time in 'Oliver'. It was a joy to work with those children, the Rye Players Youth Team, there were thirty of them and we hope to do something for the Jubilee.

Age Concern

Some of us had a lovely day out on April 17 with 'Age Concern', we went to the 'Lees Cliff' theatre in Folkstone and joined in a sing along with songs from the two world wars. Great fun we sang ourselves hoarse.



Monday Luncheon Club

Another successful Monday lunch took place this month, attended by lots of people from Rye again, a really good get together and becoming more popular by the month.

Sympathy

Sympathy Our sympathy to Mrs Elsie Haffenden on the death of her eldest son Fred. He was born in Rye Harbour, spent some years in the Navy and was living in Hooe with his wife Beryl at the time of his death. Our thoughts are with all his family.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to Di and Shawn Downey on the birth of Matthew on 3rd April, he is a lovely little boy and Kristian and Lloyd are so proud of him. He weighed in at 7lbs 5ozs



GET WELL SOON

Mrs Betty Ennis, or 'Aunt Bet' as she is known in the village has not been very well recently and spent some time in hospital where I was told she was a model patient, never miserable, always



cheerful and grateful to all those who were nursing her and getting her well again, and to all of us who know her, that sounds about right.



Terry Brooks is going into hospital once more. He has been waiting eighteen months for some definite treatment and now we hope he can soon throw away his crutches.

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*Don't forget to keep sending me
details of your Birthday's
Photos are returned*