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Editor's Comments

Well the transition didn't go to badly, although I am still having a few problems with the transferring of files and fonts, however some of the problems last month have hopefully been rectified this month.

My apologies once again to Age Concern, although the error last month wasn't as bad as the last, if anyone remembers, it caused a few titters down the pub. Anyway on the whole a vast improvement, certainly the photo's have improved. This months centre pages feature yet another successful Summer Club mainly funded from the balance left from last year donated from local businesses, although we did have further donations from Rye Harbour Stores and Budgens.

Many thanks to all of them, Mel the co-ordinator who does a wonderful job with the children, her two assistants, Vanessa and Michelle and of course all

More pictures centre page



the volunteers, who so kindly give up their time.

Children joined us from all over this year and it was excellent, you are all special. Thank you.

This is the last Newsletter for it's second year, things will be continuing to change in its third year, hopefully for the better and I also need to thank the contributors and advertisers who have stuck by me over the past two years and hope they will continue to do so, as they have all played a part in how the Newsletter is today. Next months deadline will be **Monday 15th** September. Last months deadline was kept and it made a real difference, please stay with it, Thank You.

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Birthday Celebrations

Yes! it's almost that time again, two years old in September.

Last year I organised an exhibition to celebrate the occasion and I had in mind to maybe do much the same each year using different themes.

However due to circumstances and horrendous problems I have encountered all this year with my printing arrangements, I have decided this year it would be more beneficial for myself and the continuing improvement of the Newsletter to concentrate my efforts in the direction of my printing problems. So with a lot of careful thought, I have decided after two years of exceptionally low cost advertising to adjust the prices slightly mainly due to the new size advert available, an eighth of a page. This in turn increases all the additional size ad's by five pound.

This additional revenue is

sufficiently enough to allow me to send the finished product to a professional printer, who will not only print it but collate, fold and staple it, which will certainly save me a lot of grief every month and will give you a monthly magazine with a glossy front and back cover with quality printing of text and photo's inside.

Initially the Newsletter will remain black and white but once I have got the advertising more stable again I can start looking at some spot colour, which would be good.

It will have it's drawbacks, in as much, that deadlines will no longer be of knicker elastic and basically anything that does not hit the deadline will have to go to next issue, this is also due to my further involvement in yet another monthly magazine due to hit the streets mid-monthly in a few months time, but I'll tell you more about that nearer

the time.

Since I started the Rye Harbour Newsletter two years ago we, and I say we because we as a community have made the Newsletter what it has become today. I know for a fact, it gets sent all over the world, I've had correspondence and telephone calls from all over telling me we have the best newsletter they have ever come across. It is archived in Rye museum and Rye Library, it is also in as much colour as possible on the Rye Harbour Web Site www.ryeharbour.org

I dearly hope that you find it useful and informative and enjoy it, I know I have enjoyed putting it together for the most of the last two years and I hope to continue for many more to come.

It would be nice to get a few more letters, with your thoughts and ideas, young, old, whoever, lets hear from you soon.

Editor Marcus Whitaker

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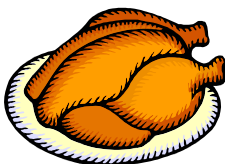
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a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is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

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

With the summer truly with us the number of visiting yachts arriving for the town moorings is increasing. On average perhaps 4 vessels can be seen at the Strand Quay on any given day.

Those that venture to Rye are always impressed with the town and the close proximity of the shops, pubs and restaurants. The largest yachts that can safely moor at this location will have a maximum length of 90 feet. With deep drafts it is necessary to "tow" these boats through the mud that has accumulated at the entrance of the town quay. A number of resident yachts have left the harbour for good including "Uncles Dream" that has berthed at the Strand Quay for some 7 years. The harbour is advised in its management by an Advisory committee, commonly referred to as "HoRAC". Membership comprises between 13 and 18 persons who have an interest in the running of the harbour. Recently elections have taken place with an evening meeting at the Broomhill Lodge hotel where prospective candidates were given



presentations on the intricacies of harbour management. The first meeting with new members is to be held in November. Term of office is three years.

Some emergency works have now been completed that involved removal of large lengths of redundant flood defence timber work that had collapsed into the rock channel. These timbers could have caused serious damage to passing craft. Others works have been undertaken including the removal, on safety grounds, of walkways to light structures, on the eastern side, outer harbour. It seems that Health and Safety issues increasingly occupy our budget as reports of yet another successful prosecution, with compensation, is received.

Two boats and a caravan have been destroyed by fire at Jempson's moorings. It appears that rays from the sun passing through glass

windows ignited chemicals and other materials. Watch where you place bottle etc. in this strong sunlight.

The pilotage crew completed their annual training day on Saturday when all who are involved jump into the river and rescued. It is an ideal opportunity to test all safety equipment and personal protective equipment. It is quite surprising just how much equipment fails when, even after rigorous maintenance, it is subjected to conditions for it was designed.

Commercial shipping has been a little slow during the last few weeks. This is, however, a result of a new contract being put into place with Bretts Aggregates. It is expected that the arrival of ships with cargoes from Calais will commence in October. RMC cargoes will continue to be received but on an "As and When" Basis.

Harbour of Rye
"Emergency Exercise"
(See additional paper)

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – SOUTHERN REGION HARBOUR OF RYE EMERGENCY EXERCISE "NAVIGATE 03"

On Friday 12th September 2003 the Environment Agency will be holding an emergency exercise in the harbour in order to test procedures necessary within the Agencies Emergency Plan.

The exercise will involve units from the Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance.

The exercise, scheduled to begin at 1200 hours, will simulate a collision between a commercial ship carrying chemicals, and a charter fishing vessel. Both are set alight. There are casualties (Supplied by Casualty Union) both on the vessels and in the water.

A further simulation will involve a dangerous plume of smoke/fumes being carried by the wind into the village.

A ship, moored to the Rye Wharf, together with a local charter vessel, moored to the Admiralty jetty, will be used for the incident. Both areas will be "Off Limits" to members of the public during the exercise. Large volumes of non hazardous smoke is to be generated on both vessels in order to make the exercise realistic.

Up to 100 persons will play a part in the exercise that should be completed by 4pm.

No actions or participation by residents is necessary other than those involved in the emergency including the RNLI.

CARL BAGWELL
Harbour Master

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Marrow	60p each	Not available	£1.49 each
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Cauliflower	60p	66p (small)	£1.65 (large)

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If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the co-ordinator Age Concern East Sussex, the Almonry, High Street, Battle TN33 0EA or ring 01424 775721.



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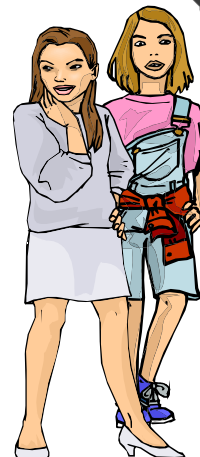
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Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Tuesday	7.00-8.00pm	Women's Kick Boxing Class (£3)
Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	7.0-11.00pm	Over 16's youth club (free)
Thursday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
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between 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., started on 26 September and is already being well used.

Funded by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, the service will help couples and individuals deal with their relationship problems in a constructive and positive way. Talking with a Relate Counsellor can help people identify the cause of their problem and then decide what they want to do about it. Relate's is there to help the individual or couple resolve their difficulties in the right way for them. This means that the solutions will be different for everyone, because people are different. For some couples this, sadly, may be separation. Then Relate can try to help to make the separation less painful by enabling the couple to understand the changes that are taking place and how their future relationship will be different. This is important when there are children, because it allows both parents to continue being involved in their children's future.

Anyone who feels that an appointment with the Relate Counsellor in Rye would help them can arrange an appointment by telephoning the Central Admin Office on 01323 410001. The Appointment Secretary will take your name, address and telephone number and then make an appointment for you. Because the service is being subsidised by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, clients will only be asked to pay what they can afford, up to a maximum of £5.00 per session.

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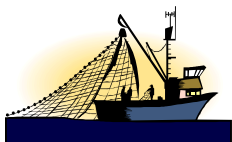
One of these sessions will take place on:

Monday September 15th
Rye Clinic, Ferry Road, Rye
between 11.00am and 1.00pm



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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The past few months has seen the fishing stay fairly steady for both trawlers and netters with the usual species of fish being caught. Boats using gill nets have been quick shooting, meaning setting their gear in the early hours of the morning when tide allows and hauling at the very start of daylight giving the gear a short time in the water to cut down the amount of spider crabs caught. This has resulted in very good catches of Dover Sole but also, depending on luck, some boats have still found more than enough crabs meaning a long slog to clear the nets but not as bad as leaving the gear over night.

Trawlers are nearly all fishing with a multi-rig, either two or three small trawls towed together and have been getting good consistent catches which is quite a surprise as the very settled weather usually affects the fishing for the worst. Catches have been Dover Sole and Plaice with a mixture of Dogfish, Whiting and Lemon Sole and sometimes a box or two of Cuttlefish thrown in to help out. Paint ups and general repairs have been going on most weeks with smaller boats using the local boatyards when the slipways are free but lack of facilities in Rye has seen

the bigger vessels using other ports, Dover and Boulougne, to be lifted out or slipped. This of course takes revenue away from the area and adds time to any job with travelling to and fro.

Fish quotas are going to play a bigger part on the fishing cycle of the local fleet in the future with the same class of boat as in Rye being under restrictions that fish from the Kent and Essex ports for the rest of the year and it seems likely that these quotas will come to the smaller boats that fish Rye Bay.

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

RYE HARBOUR IN BLOOM - 2004

Is there anyone out there who would like to participate in
Rye Harbour in Bloom.

I know that it is rather early to be thinking of 2004 but I am just interested in numbers of residents who would like to be involved in Rye Harbour in Bloom. If you would like to take part then please let me have your name so that I can get numbers of people interested. You can contact me on 01797 223631, e-mail me at in-bloom@virtualwizards.co.uk or pop a note through my door "7 Main Road" (the one with the BIG dog!).

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



The good summer weather has resulted in the nature reserve and beach being busy since the schools broke up. The first Summer Club Pond Dipping and Beachcombing events were highly successful, with 16 children enjoying catching numerous bugs, Medicinal Leeches and Marsh frogs over at Castle Water. Various species of crab were found whilst beachcombing, along with many other unusual objects. What will be washed ashore for next time?

A successful volunteer thank you event was held out at Camber Castle on the 17th August. Over 40 volunteers attended, some that help out in the information centre, others who help protect the rare breeding birds, namely the Little Tern, with others coming on work parties. Thank you again, without volunteers the reserve



would not be such a success story.

Birds on the nature reserve have included a good selection of migrants. In particular, waders and warblers have been moving down from further north. Highlights among the waders have included two Avocets along the shore on 17th, four Golden Plovers at Castle Water on 17th, Little Stint at Ternery Pool on 16th, up to 13 Black-tailed Godwits and up to three Wood Sandpipers. The most notable sighting concerned an Icterine Warbler in a Rye Harbour garden on 9th. This is only the fourth local record. A few

Whinchats are also appearing again, whilst the breeding Wheatears and Yellow Wagtails across the Beach Reserve are being joined by migrants from elsewhere. Marsh Harriers made occasional appearances along with the

odd Peregrine, whilst Hobbies were more frequent.

Insects also provided plenty of interest. This has been one of the best summers for many years for Painted Lady butterflies and Hummingbird Hawk-moths, both of which can be seen visiting flowers on sunny days. Many species of dragonflies were on the wing, including the Emperor – one of the 1 largest British insects. More exiting however was the discovery of Small Red-eyed Damselfly on a small pool near Castle Water, a recent colonist to this country, with the first

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.

noted in Essex as recently as 1999. A fence erected at Castle Water to prevent grazing was found to contain a plant not found in Sussex for 30 years – Lesser Water Plantain. This is one of the few British flowers that has only three petals.

September events.....

Sat 13th

Rye by the Sea - Here today and gone tomorrow? Changing sea levels, storms, erosion, deposition: all these factors make our coast more unstable than we realize. Antony Long, Andrew Platner and Martin Waller have been carrying out research at their respective universities – Durham, Liverpool and Kingston –

into how changing sea-levels, storms and sediment supply have determined the depositional and landscape history of Rye and Dungeness from 3000 years ago. In an important illustrated presentation they will present some of their findings, looking at just how the famous 13th century storms changed our coastline and considering whether better understanding will enable us to determine the future of our coastal environment. 3pm at Rye Community Centre - Rye Festival £5 book at 01797 224442. Sun 14th **Moth Morning** – our final moth event of the season - there should still be a good range of species on the wing. 8am at Lime Kiln Cottage. Sun 14th

Camber Castle Wildlife And History. A circular walk around part of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - meet at Brede Lock (TQ919198) at 10am until 1pm. Donations please. Rye Festival



Sun 21st

Camber Castle Wildlife And History. A circular walk around part of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - meet at Brede Lock (TQ919198) at 10am until 1pm.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



MOUNTAIN BIKE STOLEN

Overnight Saturday 2/8 to Sunday 3/8 offenders stole a blue Mountain bike from outside an address in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour. Serial 1180 of 4/8 refers.

VEHICLE WINDOWS SMASHED

Probably overnight Monday 4/8 to Tuesday 5/8 vandals smashed windows of a vehicle in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour. Serial 456 of 5/8 refers.

BOILER HOUSE DOOR FORCED OPEN

Overnight Saturday 16/8 to Sunday 17/8 offenders forced a padlock of a door at a club in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour in an obvious attempt to get inside but without realising it was only the door to the boiler room. Serial 619 of 17/8 refers.

FOURTH CAR WINDOW SMASHED

Overnight Saturday 16/8 to Sunday 17/8 a window of a vehicle at a camp site in Rye Harbour was smashed by offenders who got inside and rifled through but found nothing to steal. Serial 794 of 17/8

ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MOPED

About 10-45pm yesterday, Thursday 7/8, thieves were disturbed as they attempted to steal a moped from an address in Mary Standford Green, Rye Harbour. Serial 2110 of 7/8 refers.

CAR VANDALISED

Also overnight Friday 8/8 to Saturday 9/8 a vehicle in a pub car park in Rye Harbour had a window smashed but nothing was stolen. Serial 623 of 9/8 refers.

VANDALISM

Just before midnight Monday 11/8 three youths were seen to smash a window of a cafe in Rye Harbour and run off. Serial 128 of 12/8 refers.

THREE BUSINESS PREMISES BURGLED

Overnight Tuesday 12/8 to Wednesday 13/8 burglars struck at Rye Industrial Park, Rye Harbour Road, breaking in to three separate business premises. At one a front door was forced, offices were searched and a safe was stolen. At a second a rear fire door was forced and tools and equipment were stolen from inside. At the third a rear window was forced for entry and a quantity of alcohol was stolen. Serials 338, 364 and 632 of 13/8 refer.

CRUISER DAMAGED BY VANDALS

Between about 5-15pm Monday 18/8 and 6-45pm Tuesday 19/8 a cruiser in Rye Harbour was broken in to and damage caused inside. Serial 1758 of 19/8 refers.

BOAT'S TENDER STOLEN

Between Saturday 19/7 and Wednesday 13/8 an 8 foot home made wooden tender was stolen from Rye Harbour. Serial 1759 of 19/8 refers.

SHOP WINDOW BROKEN

About 11-40pm last night, Wednesday 20/8, residents in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour were disturbed by the noise of breaking glass and persons running off and investigated to find windows at the stores smashed and a fire extinguisher left in the road. Serial 2191 of 20/8 refers.

HarbourWatch

Do you want to be kept up to date with Neighbourhood Watch information about crime prevention advice and issues relating to your area.

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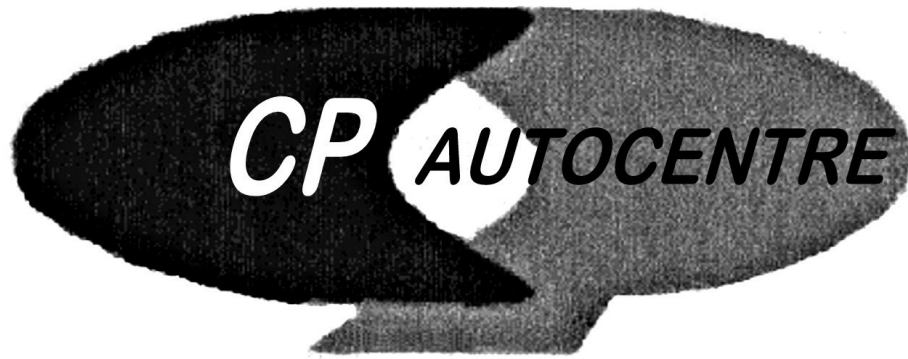
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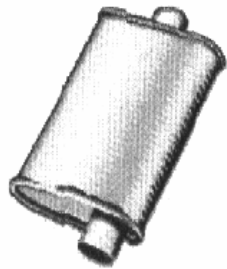
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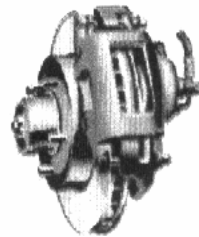


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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Graham was born in Iden in 1943 as mother had moved there for safety but she only lasted there for a few days. He has always lived here in the same house which mother and father built in the late 20's and early 30's. They were farmers and had poultry at the back of the house renting the land from Mr. Davies at Icklesham and then bought it. They also rented and bought land from the golf course and also rented land from the Burra Estate - Edward Burra being the famous artist. Grandfather had the chicken shed behind the Rye Harbour memorial. The farm was cattle and sheep and is now just sheep. Graham started Rye primary school in 1948 as the Rye Harbour school was closed by then. He went to Rye grammar school which is now Thomas Peacock and was a keen cross country runner. The short course was up Deadman's Lane, up Rye Hill and down the steps to the Military Canal and there was a good chance of meeting the PE instructor who judged whether you had been running or walking and sent you round again. The long course was Peasmarsh church and back past Clayton farm and over the marsh in full view of the football field - so no chance of chickening out!

Graham has always been keen on all countryside pursuits but



not horses or hunting. He spent a year on another farm in Kent to see other farming methods, making lifelong friends and came back to work with his father and Uncle. Over the next 40 years as well as all the farming work he had a contracting business driving lorries all round the south of England. He remembers Ernie Burt's father driving cattle on foot to Rye and Tenterden markets,

Graham hoping not to meet him on the road blocking the way. He remembers the stories of Ernies father and uncle being holed up in Fairfield church playing cards hiding from Customs and Excise in the time of smuggling out wool which was banned in exchange for baccy and brandy of which the clergymen would have a cut. So watch out new vicar Hugh there's no knowing what your duties as vicar of Rye Harbour might involve! Graham has now given up lorries and drives landrovers and trailers instead. He is also supposed to be learning to delegate and has 2 shepherds but says they sometimes need a hand. He is a keen reader of medieval history, countryside stuff and natural history. Four of them saw a pelican flying across a few years ago and on Boxing Day 1962 saw 40 cranes flying through and thought it was a warning of bad weather and they were snowed in until March. All the water froze except for a stand pipe in Tram Road. He is glad to note that hare are making a comeback and protects them, and saw otters in the late 60's and early 70's on the marsh near Appledore and Cheyne Court. He has tried to get a release programme going. Graham has always had dogs and would not tolerate

dogfighting or badger baiting. He has seen vast changes in Rye Harbour. Everyone went to church or Sunday school and people stayed at home and family and friends came to Sunday tea. The choir was 30 strong and father was choirmaster. Graham initially was in the choir then organist for many years. Father gave up being choirmaster and everything fell apart. They sang large works at Easter and harvest and would sing further a field in Kent. Each year his parents would take the choir by coach to see summer shows in Ramsgate. There were one or two choir practices a week and once they sang in Canterbury cathedral. To the village father was uncle Frank and mother was auntie Kit and people came to them for fruit and vegetables and for advice.



Racing is only one part of the Sailing Club. much more important, are the friendships formed within the club. We learn more than looking after our boats from each other. Recently a club member had to be towed into Boulogne by another member when his battery failed. Members crew for each other. This is a very rewarding experience. We also introduce others to sailing. To return to racing---we have short races in the bay and long races to Boulogne and Eastbourne. New for this year is mid week racing. Members take it in turn to be "officers of the day". This entails deciding whether to hold the race. We do not sail in gale force winds. A course is then chosen and the start is made with horn sounds and flags. This can be

Doing the job he does out in nature he believes he is just a small part of creation and that God is for everyday not just for one day a week. He has met an old Sussex man - Bob Copper who is a famous folk singer and this is the last verse of one of his poems that means a lot to Graham.

The Shepherd's Prayer

I aint Lord had much truck with church,
Shepherds don't get much time to go.
They used to put a lock of wool inside the coffin so You'd know.
I like to watch the sky at night
And see how bright the stars do shine.
If church is the only way to heaven,
Heres one Lord who won't be guine.
Numerous people in the

village kept hens and geese that wandered the village. Aunt Liz kept particularly fierce ones and you had to check where they were before you ventured out. One of the aunts and cousins came from Camber on the ferry and mother had to go and meet her because she was afraid of the geese. There was a lot of fishing and shrimping on the shore and Graham would sell them if there were enough. Graham represents a way of life that has gone on for thousands of years all over the world and still continues in Rye Harbour. Thank you Graham.

Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



surprisingly difficult to do in the correct order. Finally times are taken and the winner is decided on handicaps.

Ken Halpin





Shingle Landscape Competition

We are inviting entries for some competitions that highlight the special character of the shingle landscape around Rye. The entries will reflect how people see this special area and it will result in an exhibition, a CD and a calendar.

Photographs

Could you capture an image of the transitory nature of this ever-changing environment, with its rare species of birds

and plants, shifting shingle landscape, sandy beaches, Camber Castle and Martello tower, wooden groynes, circular horizons and tidal currents?

Throughout September we are inviting 'non professional' photographers of all ages to submit a maximum of 2 images which capture the fragility and transience of this unique area.

Poems and memories

If you do not take photos, perhaps you write poetry and can capture the essence of the shingle landscape in a poem.

Or, you may have a memory of the area that you can put on paper. Perhaps an encounter with wildlife, or exceptional weather, or you can remember a time when things were very different and this was a remote area with few visitors. Winning entries will be displayed alongside the photos at the exhibitions and all entries will feature on the CD.

Photographs can be any format. They will be judged by professionals and will form a 'travelling' exhibition. There will be different age categories and prizes are still being decided. Entry forms will be available from Lime Kiln Cottage information centre or the Nature Reserve address from August 29th.

Closing date for entries is 30th September. All entries will be included on a CD and winning entries will feature in a shingle landscape calendar.

There will be an exhibition of winning entries at the church of the Holy Spirit, Rye Harbour Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October 2003. The exhibition will continue at the Place, Camber from 13th October until 21st October.

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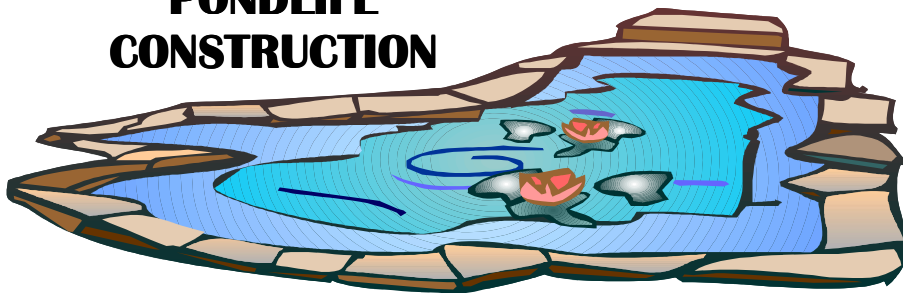
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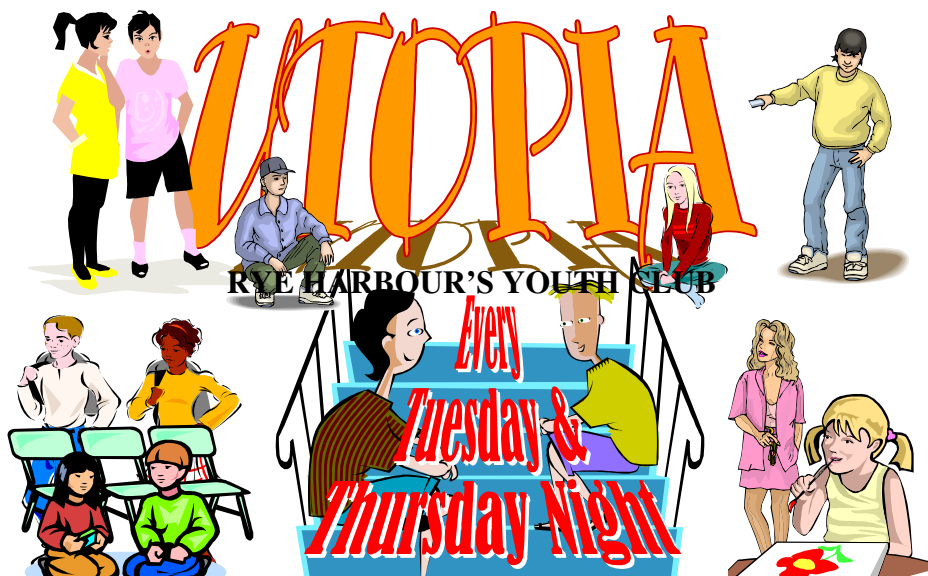
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Steve Tollett

Rye Harbour Church News



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Do you have faith? Yes, of course you do, in a hundred things and people. You trust the pilot who flew you to Spain for your holiday or the train driver who took you to Hastings. You trust the doctor who prescribes your drugs and the surgeon who replaces your hip. In fact, think through your day to day life, and count up just how many people, pieces of machinery, vehicles, electrical gadgets etc. you put your faith in. A politician once famously said that there was no such thing as society. We disprove that every time we fulfil the trust shown in us or are ourselves helped by others. To live suspiciously is tiring although it is wise not to be taken in by dodgy dealers. The tragedy of a failed doctor or a negligent public transport official is that their failures cause anxiety and scepticism where there should be trust and confidence.

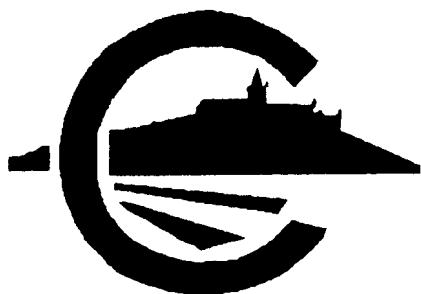
What about faith in God? Swimming in the sea recently, I was reminded of the buoyancy of the water to keep me afloat. Of course I had to play my part in flapping my arms and legs, but my ability to swim and not sink depended on my confidence in the properties of the water to support me. But then I stopped flapping and simply lay still in the sea and I remained supported. Our faith in God can be severely tested by the blows of life. We can become resigned or cynical when our prayers are not (immediately) answered. We say dismally, "God does not work" or at least "Prayer does not work". Perhaps the instant cure, the wave of a magic wand, the removal of all obstacles in our path is not the best way of our growing to understand and trust God. It may be that we need to stop flapping and simply

rest in God, believing that His power to sustain us is sufficient, whatever difficulty we are in. Jesus demonstrated that faith in God was not always easy for him. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" was his cry on the Cross. Yet it was followed by a prayer of commitment, "Into your hands I commit my spirit". Someone once said, "Faith is not truly faith unless it's the only thing you are hanging onto". When we come to the crunch, God is the only One to turn to and He will bear us up in his arms. The promise of Jesus is "I will never leave you nor forsake you".

Hugh Moseley

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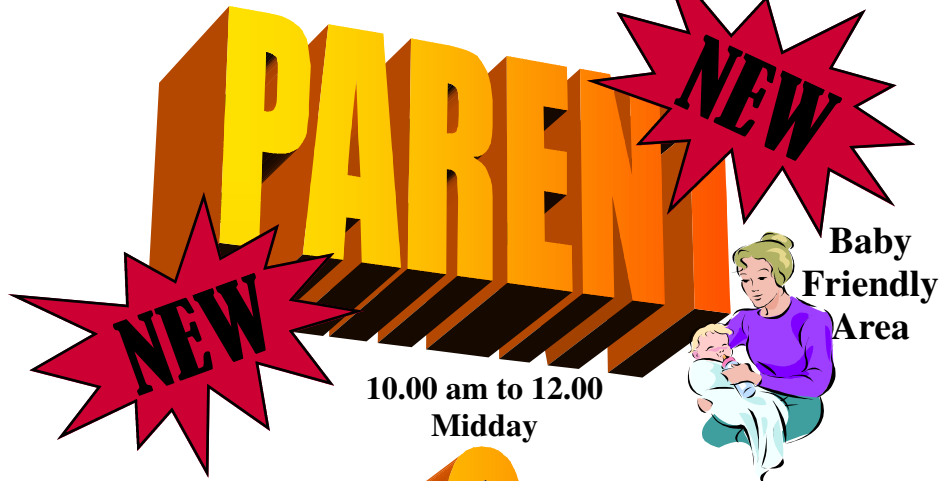
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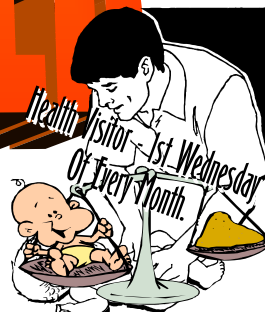
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