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Editor's Comments

Ho, Ho, Ho, what have I done? I put in lots of graphics, so I don't have to write so much, which is probably best for all of us. Anyway I suppose we have achieved quite a lot this month, I've certainly upset more people this month, than ever before, so I must be doing something right. I doing my best to keep out of the politics but find myself being sucked in slowly.

The Village Voice, now features on the Rye Harbour web site and we may have finally figured out the newsletter on the web site, so you can now read it, as

well as looking at the pictures, it's only taken 14 months, still better



*Merry Christmas
Everyone*

late than never, so I'm told! I'm surprised I'm still so perky at 2.16 in the morning but then I am waffling on a bit, nothing unusual there. The copy date for December will be **Friday 20th December** with no excuses, as I'm not sure, whose office this year I will be breaking into to print it, seeing as certain people still haven't completed my funding forms for my new printer, which I'm not allowed to complete. (Moan). Anyway if I don't see you whilst delivering the newsletter or in the village hall, at the Children's party, have an absolutely wonderful Christmas.



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FUND RAISING EVENTS

JUMBLE SALE

A couple of dates for your diary Saturday 14th December at midday, will be the final Jumble Sale to raise monies for the children's Christmas Party, so if you have any or you could spare a couple of hours to help, and help is also required on the Friday night, as well, then give Julie a ring on 01797 229804.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm, all children from the Village are invited and it is FREE. Again if you can help here, also please ring Julie.



QUIZ NITE – 15th November 2002

Well what a night, November saw 10 teams brave the quiz mistress.

The teams are as follows:

Bingo Babes	Flagstaff	Red Bulls
The FARTS	F.N.I.S.	T.I.T.'s
The Firm	PHD's	Westenders
The Wild Side		

This month's winners were Flagstaff with 77 ½ points, in second place were PHD's with 74 ½ points followed closely by FNIS with 73 points. This month the rules of adjudication were not needed.

Several of the regular attendees were unable to come due to health problems. We hope that you all get well soon.

Just a little mention about the two glamorous assistants, whilst it may not always be obvious we are working hard – we are, even if it's only drinking our pints.

We would like to thank all those who supported the event.

Olde Rye Harbour Slide Show

What a night!

First of all I would like to send our best wishes to Pat Hartley who was taken to hospital after falling over, we hope that you are home again soon.

The night was extremely successful, with every seat in the hall being used and extra being borrowed from the Social Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rye Castle Museum for the loan of some of the Lorry Band slide collection.

£126 was taken on the door, £31.50 of which is for Rye Castle Museum. The remaining £94.50 is for the Village Hall funds.

We are anticipating holding another slide show early in the New Year, with others later in the year if we can obtain some more photo's of Rye Harbour.

If anyone has any old photo's of Rye Harbour and wouldn't mind loaning them for scanning so they can be used for a slide show, then please contact me on 01797 223631 or e-mail me at Secretary@RyeHarbourVillageHall.co.uk

I will guarantee that they will be returned as soon as they have been scanned.

Parish Council Notebook

The Parish Council meetings are being held until December, at the Icklesham Memorial Hall after which meetings will be held at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall probably until the elections in May 2003 when the new council will decide on their meeting venue programme.

Returning to the meeting of November 11th proceedings opened with a plan and illustrations by Marcus Whitaker – our worthy editor, of proposals on the recently cleared land at the rear of the village hall for a possible hard court and children's and infants recreational facilities together with a porta-cabin for youth club activities.

Some financing would be from Rye Partnership funding. The whole appears to be a well thought out proposal including public seating and fencing. We await with interest the next steps along the way.

The only other items of interest to us – rent has been paid for the flagstaff for the next three years the matter will require locally arranged funding for the three year period 2005 – 2008 and any maintenance requirements.

Ferry Hill, Winchelsea is to be sheet piled, to prevent slipping, the cost will be around £1,300.00.

Would it not be better for a slip road between the bottom of the hill and somewhere near the motel?

Finally the Council is looking for someone to clean five of their bus shelters weekly.

Telephone (01424) 850577 for details – Joanne Eldridge.

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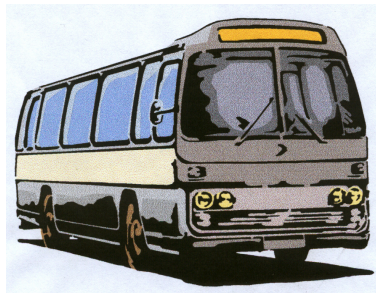
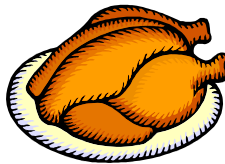
RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

Don't forget the New Opening Times



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EXTRA BUS BEING MADE AVAILABLE FROM RYE HARBOUR TO RYE STATION AS FROM MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2002.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE ARRANGED FOR A J&H COACH TO LEAVE THE BUS STOP AT RYE HARBOUR AT 8.00AM WEEKDAYS TO ARRIVE AT RYE STATION AT APPROX. 08.07AM

AT THE MOMENT THIS HAS BEEN OFFERED ON A TRIAL BASIS - IF ENOUGH PEOPLE USE THE SERVICE IT COULD BECOME A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT.



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME



Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

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

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

Harbour Master's Comments

Twice a year I attend the local Search & Rescue committee at Lewis where matters concerning marine rescue and incidents are discussed. From the period Jan 1st to end of September in the Solent area there were some 1021 incidences involving 1421

persons. 235 people were rescued but sadly 31 people lost their lives. Lifeboats were launched 386 times with 132 helicopter sorties. Coastguard rescue teams attended 613 beach and cliff incidences. This all goes to show that our coastline continues to be a place of recreation that needs care to enjoy it to the maximum. John, the deputy H.M., became involved in two rescues recently when a swan was reported in distress to the east of the harbour mouth. He and the RSPCA attended and rescued the distressed bird from the surf where it was taken to a sanctuary for treatment. The next incident involved a "Run away" surfing kite. The owner had the good sense to let go when it took off from Camber beach and landed in the river just seaward on Ponti's cottage, outer channel. It wrapped itself around a beacon and a passing fisherman freed it and took it aboard.

The recent strong winds resulted in a tidal surge of 0.4m on Wednesday 23rd October causing no damage as only a medium spring tide was predicted. These high winds caused some minor damage to harbour structures including the "Tannoy" system and public notice boards.

The vessel "Muriel" arrived and sailed carrying a cargo of 2000 tons of roadstone from Raynes in

North Wales. At 85 metres in length she is one of the largest vessels to bring in cargo. Another vessel, the "Hoo Marline", a regular visitor to Rye, has suffered major damage at Port Barrier, Northern France whilst loading a cargo of aggregate for Rye. It is reported that the vessel sat on an uneven bottom (caused by rough seas building up sand banks) which broke the vessels back. She had to discharge the cargo before sailing under special permission from the coastguard to St Malo for dry docking and inspection. News is that the vessel is to be repaired, possibly in Germany, for further trading in aggregates.

.....We were advised that as Mtwara had been hewn from the raw jungle it was dangerous to venture too far from the wharf area as lions roamed. Indeed, in the previous six months three villagers had been taken and were killed! It is necessary to lower the ships lifeboats from time to time to exercise both crew and equipment. The opportunity was taken to lower two boats manned by "off" duty officers and crew and sail/motor around the lagoon. being very hot and with clear water "us" cadets took no time in stripping off and jumping in. The water was around 12 feet deep and very clear. I reached the bottom and brushed aside what looked like seaweed but was in fact very poisonous anemones. The sting I received went up my arm and began to affect the nervous system of my chest. As I rose to the surface it was evident to those in the boats

that I was in great distress.

I was taken onboard and being some miles from the ship it was decided to reach the shore where there was a settlement. A lot of hollering brought people to the beach where what looked like a senior tribe member recognised my, by now, swollen and purple coloured arm and gave treatment that eased the pain. It was some weeks before I recovered completely. We sailed from Mtwara for Lourenco Marques (Now Maputo) and Biera to load 4,000 tons of copper processed into 100k bars from Zambian mines. Both ports were heavily blockaded by the British navy as sanctions were in place preventing cargoes entering or leaving Rhodesia. (We had on board about 1300 tons of goods for Rhodesia but the naval commander who boarded us seemed preoccupied with drinking gin and ensuring that his ships mail was dispatched by us in time to arrive in U.K. for Christmas. We were happy to oblige) News of the war in Angola had yet to reach this country although Portuguese Paratroopers were much in evidence on the streets. It was here that I brought clothing from a trader who, after taking my measurements, produced trousers and shirts within two hours. We sailed from Mozambique with Dar-es-Salam our next port followed by Zanzibar where a strange female came aboard and was to share my cabin for the remainder of the voyage.

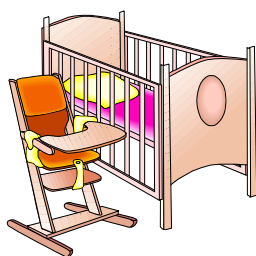
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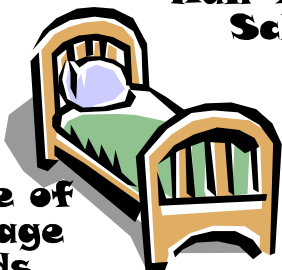
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If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01797 223631.

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

General Information

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Local Tide Times

DECEMBER Rye Harbour Approaches

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2	M	0901 3.6	2133 3.5
3	Tu	0951 3.9	2220 3.7
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9	M	0202 3.4	1427 2.9
10	Tu	0248 3.0	1518 2.5
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12	Th	0437 2.5	1718 2.0
13	F	0539 2.1	1828 2.0
14	Sa	0649 2.2	1935 2.1
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Editor,

Rye Harbour is poorly served in regards to facilities for its youth. There are swings in a large green area on the outskirts of the village called the School Green. These are used but the condition and variation of equipment is certainly below a reasonable level. The village needs an injection of equipment for its youth, its future. So more equipment is needed, but what do we need and where do we sight them? Do we try and improve the existing facilities on the School Green or do we try and find a more central area? A survey was carried out a few years ago to try and establish what the children of Rye Harbour want to see in the way of play equipment. The children asked are a few years older now and more children have moved into the village so I feel a new survey needs to be carried out in order to determine what the youth of this village really needs. However, we should not sit back and let a few individuals take on the huge roll of improving the community, this task is far too immense for a few. This means not just in the planning and organising of what is needed but also the fund raising. Certain individuals have worked tirelessly in raising funds and for that we should applaud them.

The School Green would be an ideal area for improving and modernising its existing facilities. It is sufficiently far enough away from the centre of the village so as to suggest that children going there are doing so for one purpose, to play. There are some children in the village that are too young to use these facilities due to its location and variation, so to that effect, we need to look at new equipment and, possibly, different location. There is the idea of a skateboard pipe to be sighted in the green know as Pound Field. The general sense of opinion seems to lead to people not wanting a skateboard pipe and certainly not in its proposed position. The fund raising that originally took place was labelled as a collection for the skate board pipe but then changed its cause as public opinion changed or the due to the legality of collecting monies for something that had not been given approval. The local parish council assured residents that they would not under any circumstances give approval for any proposed skateboard pipe. Do we really need one? Not many people in the village ride about on skateboards so are we being elitist to the few that do. Who would maintain it and who would ensure that the area it is in remains clean and free from graffiti? Would this task fall upon the campaigner? After all Rye is in the middle of negotiations for a skate board pipe. Would our villages' proposal scupper their plans?

The area behind the Village Hall was recently cleared to allegedly hold a fireworks display and bonfire. The bonfire occurred as the area was being cleared and everyone is yet to see the fireworks. Then it was announced in the Rye Observer, Village Voice (15/11/02) that the area was going to be used to extend the Village Hall car park and put a hard court play area with building there. This idea apparently 'just occurred to Mr. Whittaker, yet he has already been promised some backing and drawings for the area are on display in the local shop!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Maybe both these ventures should be reassessed. Maybe we should give them more thought. If the majority do not want a skateboard pipe, then, so be it. I understand that the pipe was going to be a memorial to a young villager, who bravely gave his life during the Gulf war. He should and never will be forgotten along with the brave residents of Rye Harbour who gave their lives on the 'Mary Stanford' and those that gave their lives during the two great wars. I feel that something else more fitting needs to be put in place instead. Maybe we should look at the plans of both ventures and improve them.

The vast area of Pound Field makes it an ideal area for a hard court area and some new play equipment for the youth of the village. Something that the youth need and is of hardwearing construction considering this village, like some villages, has its boisterous young characters.

As for the area behind the Village Hall? Yes, it is a big enough area for a small building for the Youth/Holiday Club but isn't that what the Village Hall is for? After all, it is for the village. The rest of the area could be turfed and landscaped into a memorial garden for all of the villagers fallen heroes. Maybe a commissioned epitaph could hold centre circle as an ever-lasting tribute.

If the idea of a skateboard pipe needs to go ahead, then a new location should be sort after. Let us not destroy the greenery of this village with some thing that is not wanted. There is a huge car park by the entrance to Frenchman's Beach that I have yet to see even remotely full. Has any one looked into the possibility of using a part of this; say the far left hand corner from the entrance. This would be ideal as it would offer free parking facilities and be far enough away from the centre of the village so as not to disturb its residents.

Lets start including the rest of the community in the plans to shape its future. After all we all live here.

R. Melrose

Dear Editor

Re: Church Seating

Not so long ago we were being asked if we wanted to buy the lovely seats that are already in the Church. Now it is being suggested that monies designated to the village be spent on replacing them, please tell me if I have missed an episode along the line, as a mere doughnut I will be able to see where you are coming from.

Mrs J M Caister

Update On Jill Stott's Letter to Councillor Peter Jones

Re: Rye Harbour - Traffic

Dear Ms Stott

Thank you for your e-mail of 20th Sept 02 which has been passed to this department for reply.

I have passed your comments to Graham Furness, the Highway Manager for that area asking that he investigates the issues raised and reply direct to you. **Val Carroll**



RELATE

RELATE IN RYE

Following the article in the September Newsletter, Relate are delighted that the relationship counselling service in Rye is now up and running. The service, which is at the CVS Offices at 25 Cinque Port Street Rye on Wednesdays,

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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Women in Action and Me A Fairy Story

By Hilary Newbrook

Once upon a time there was a sad older woman call Hilary. She had spent seven years devoting herself to bringing up her two small boys, but the years of domestic drudge and skivving had taken its toll. Something had happened to her. She had got smaller and smaller and she wondered if one day she might disappear altogether.

At night a *Bad Witch* would call on her and utter he words " You are useless, You will never work again, No one will want you and you can't even use a computer Ha Ha Ha!". Hilary believed the bad witch and feared for her future. She knew she must work but it all seemed impossible.

Then one night a *Fairy* appeared to her and said – waving her wand – " You will do a course called '*Women in Action*'. It will give you computer and assertiveness training, It will help you assess your career skills and help with job finding, You will do a psychometric test and a careers interview. You can do work experience and have a mentor to give support when the course finishes. You will receive money for doing the course **AND** it will pay for childcare if you need it" Hilary thought that this was all too good to be true – it was probably a dream – she though to herself.

However, the next day she magically found herself talking to one of the *Wise Women* of **Women in Action**. Yes it was true she did have a place on this amazing course.

Of course Hilary was very pleased but she was also scared. Would she cope with the work? What would the other women be like? Would they like her? Would she like them? She was very nervous on the first day but soon realised that everyone felt the same way. In fact Hilary soon felt the group was a supportive place to be and she knew early on that she would miss the other women when the course finally finished.

Women in Action's fairy tutors were great and Hilary felt that she was growing back to her normal size again. She realised she had gained many skills being at home with her boys, and refreshed her memory of skills picked up over the years of work. In Personal Development she learnt how to be more assertive and was able to deal with the bad witch next time she visited. "I have listened to what you have to say" said Hilary. " But you are wrong about me, It does not support my life to have you visit so please leave and do not come back." Hilary was careful to give steady eye contact, to have a relaxed body posture and spoke in a clear and calm voice.

There didn't appear to be the magical job Hilary had wished for but she knew she was worthy enough to do a teaching job again – and had a plan for the future.

The future looked a lot brighter



FISHING NEWS



ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE

This month has seen a big change in the fishing methods for the fleet with trawlers going over the single trawl and half a dozen boats going scalloping. One boat has put beam trawls aboard leaving only single boat fishing with the multi rig trawls for Dover soles. The weather has been very unsettled with gales of wind

and has resulted in some good trips in between the blows with a good mixture of fish and the first big catches of whiting in the bay. Prices for the whiting have been a let down but fishing with one trawl in the daylight hours means you do catch different amounts of other fish, bass, red mullet, cod and

there have been a few very large squid, these fish bumping up the trip and not requiring the work that boxes of whiting do in gutting and washing.

The scallopers have managed a few trips with the catches being very good but the size and quality not quite right yet but this will change given a few more weeks and boats will start to change fishing grounds as the catches drop off.

Netters have been finding a bit of fish and

have been able to get to see more often as some of their fishing time involves the shooting of the gear taking advantage as soon as the weather gets better, going out on the first tide, set the nets and return the next day to fish them.

None of the timber that washed up on the shoreline was seen in the bay which meant it was probably meant it was

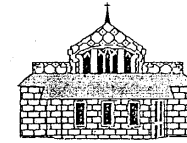


further to the west and out in the channel when the weather was fine and the boats were at sea. This was perhaps an opportunity missed but when it was blown ashore some of it was actually blown right over the beach and landed in peoples gardens which just goes to show never underestimate the strength of the wind.

Boy Ashore

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



TURBULENT & ANTI-SOCIAL YOUTH!

Parts of the village, especially Harbour Stores and the top of Tram Road were Severely attacked on Thursday evening (Halloween) by a group of youths - reportedly from the village for the most part, allegedly as part of the Trick & Treat custom. This extended to posting lighted fireworks through at least two letterboxes potentially endangering families with young children. The police were called but, as you can see from the report below, their resources were very stretched that night, and so the response was slower than we would like.

Short term responses and a longer term strategy are both important.

A meeting has therefore been proposed in the next few weeks, co-ordinated by Parish Councillors to consider what can be done to control this unacceptable behaviour by a small group who seem to think they are above the law and can carry out these acts with impunity.

The safety and freedom from fear of residents and our village shop are very important to us.

It is hoped to have both a Rother Council officer responsible for anti-social behaviour and Sussex Police at the meeting to help co-ordinate the response. Further details will be posted as soon as a date has been fixed.

Meanwhile the problem was not confined just to Rye Harbour...This is a report issued by the NHW Police

In the run up to Christmas, please also remind members to watch their handbags whilst in the towns and particularly in busy shops or markets. Keep them close at all times, do not leave unattended, and don't carry any more money than you really have to.

CARAVAN IN RYE

Last week a Bailey C450D caravan was stolen from The Moorings, Military Road, Rye. Did anyone see it being hitched up or towed away? If you did, please contact us on 0845 6070999, quoting serial 907 of 27/10/02.

Overnight Saturday 2/11 to Sunday 3/11 a grey Ford Escort Cabriolet, H95 GLT, was stolen from Fishmarket Road, Rye. Serial 494 of 3/11 refers.

About 3-20am Tuesday 5/11, three young males were disturbed having broken in to a vehicle in Cadborough Cliff, Rye and chased off. Serial 108 of 5/11 refers.

Overnight Monday 4/11 to Tuesday 5/11 another vehicle had a door levered and the stereo system and CD's stolen, this time in High Street, Rye. Serial 234 of 5/11 refers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont....

Overnight Monday 4/11 to Tuesday 5/11, a vehicle at Mary Stanford Green, Rye Harbour had its lights and windscreen smashed. Serial 312 of 5/11 refers.

Overnight Monday 4/11 to Tuesday 5/11 a van in Hill Top Drive, Rye had doors levered and tools stolen from locked containers inside that were also forced. Serial 315 of 5/11 refers.

Overnight Monday 4/11 to Tuesday 5/11, another vehicle was similarly attacked and had property stolen from it in Rope Walk, Rye. Serial 521 of 5/11 refers.

BREAK-IN ATTEMPTS IN RYE

About 1-45am in the early morning, Thursday 7/11, offenders smashed the windows of a shop premises in High Street, Rye stole property and made off in a dark grey saloon car, the wrong way round the one way system.

Did you see anything or 'meet' this vehicle in the early hours?

Serial 61 of 7/11 refers.

Sometime between Monday 4/11 and Wednesday 6/11, a pane of glass to a door of a property in The Mint, Rye was broken in what might easily have been an attempt burglary. Serial 331 of 7/11 refers.

Between 1-00pm and 3-00pm on Saturday 9/11, a vehicle parked in Wish Street, Rye had a door scratched with a sharp metal object. Serial 937 of 10/11 refers.

Between 6-45pm Saturday 9/11 and 12-30am, Sunday 10/11, the rear window of a vehicle at a pub in Rye Harbour was smashed. Was this an attempt theft where the offenders were disturbed perhaps? Serial 132 of 10/11 refers.

Overnight Saturday 9/11 to Sunday 10/11, offenders smashed windows of a vehicle in Fishmarket Road, Rye to steal the CD audio system and other items. Serial 937 of 10/11 refers.

Offenders smashed the windows of a shop in the High Street, Rye during the early hours of 7/11/02. They then stole property and made off in a dark grey saloon car, driving the wrong way around the one way system. If you saw anything or have any information contact the police quoting serial 61 of 7/11/02.

About 1-00pm today, Friday 15/11, a couple shopping in a Rye town centre store had a purse snatched from a bag in the shopping trolley they were using in the store. Serial 1011 of 15/11 refers.

When is a duster seller not a duster seller? The answer is when they're a nuisance! These guys have been in Rye Harbour over the last couple of days.

Of course not all of these people are thieves or conmen, but the ones that are cause us to be suspicious about them all!

PUBLIC MEETING

Anti-social behaviour in Rye Harbour.

**The Meeting will be held at
the Village Hall on Tuesday
3rd December at 19:30.**

Invited guests:

- Police
- Rother District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour officer.
- Councillor Glazier.

ALL WELCOME.

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group



We have now had a session for each age group, on Tuesday the younger ones, who were few in number but had a great time and enjoyed the facilities and I apologise to them as there was a little bit of confusion due to it being the first session and I didn't take their photo's.



Attending, can now start a wish list, which we all hope will be obtainable within reason.

Unfortunately due to restrictions in the Village Hall we are unable to use all the equipment available to us and I can't see the situation improving in the near future, so the plans featured on the centre pages hopefully will resolve this problem and I will



However Thursday's session with the older ones went extremely well, we had 15 in total and they were all very well behaved and we all enjoyed the evening.

We have got at this moment in time some funds left for equipment as we only purchased bare essentials to open with, so that the youngsters



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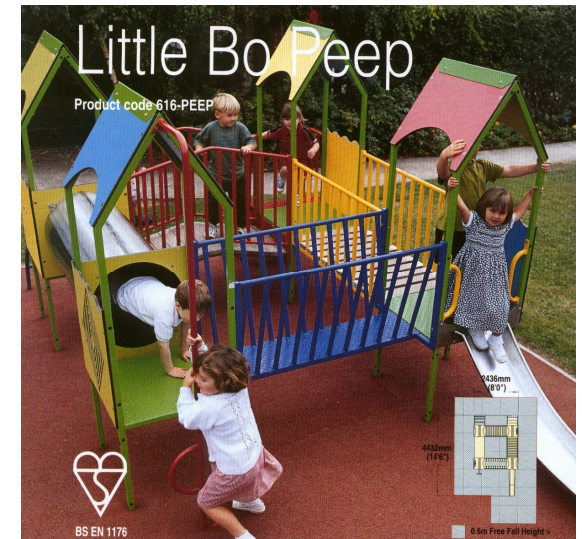
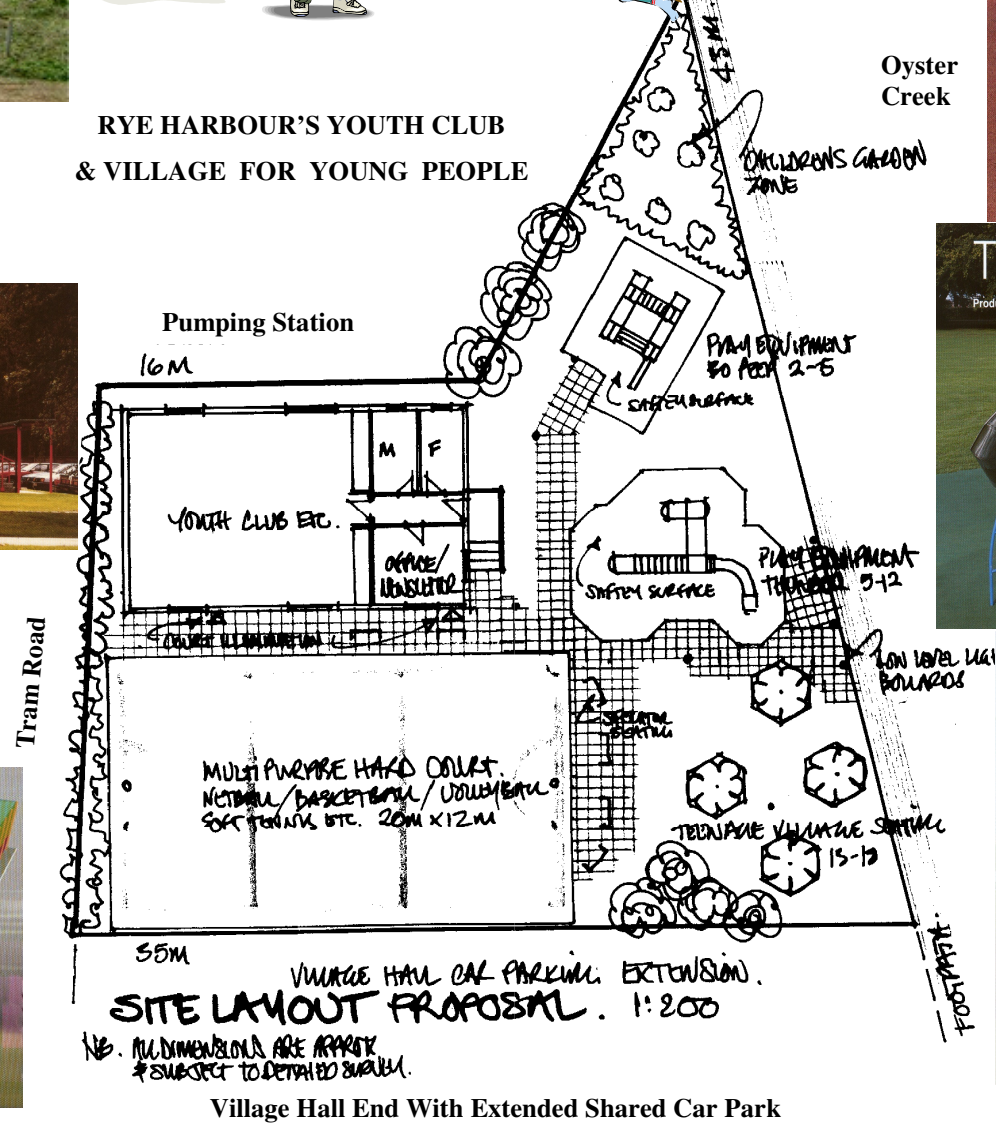


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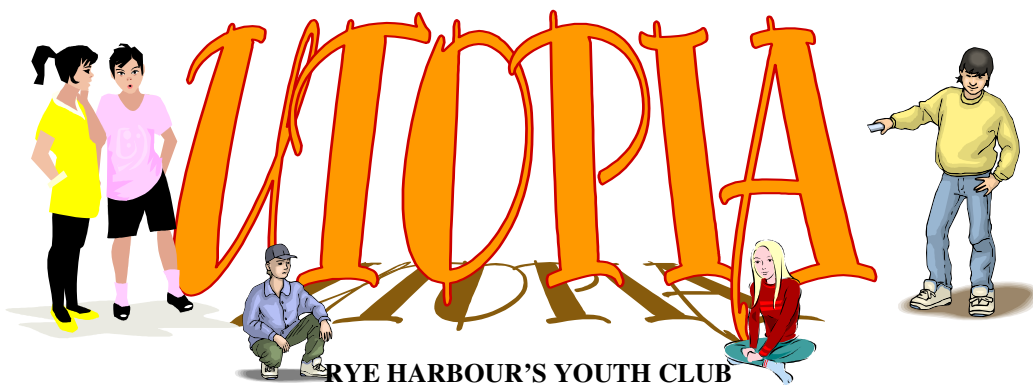


**RYE HARBOUR'S YOUTH CLUB
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Rye Harbour Youth Action Group



endeavour to push them through as quickly as possible, funding and planning permission providing.

In the meantime, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped so far, I know I haven't made it easy for them with the newsletter in full swing, also send our best wishes to Jen who I know was looking forward to helping

out last week, but was involved in a bit of an accident the night before, I'm told no-one got hurt, just shaken and hopefully we'll see her next week. Don't forget, if you are attending this week, we have got a tuck shop, with the usual goodies, at very reasonable prices. If anyone can help with any sessions, we would love to hear from you, call me on my usual number 01797 227773.

We are also looking for people who might wish to qualify whilst working for the Youth Club as we can arrange this, as well, at no cost to you, but we would need your commitment.

Marcus Whitaker



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report



November has seen another quiet month with only two shouts, the first one on Saturday 9th was for red flares in the early hours of the morning – this turned out to be party revellers letting them off in Rye High Street. The second one was to the yacht 'Willby' that had run aground on Camber Sands. The skipper phoned the Harbour Office asking which side of the white light he should pass and what was the bright flashing red light nearby. The yacht was assisted into Harbour and put on the visitors berth.

The 16th November saw the 74th annual

service of remembrance of the Mary Stanford lifeboat disaster, held at the church; this year there were at least 130 people in attendance.

As in previous years the refreshments at the Village Hall were done by the usual ladies – so to them I would like to say a BIG thank you for the wonderful job that they do.

I would also like to give special thanks go to Bill Fry from Pett Level, the unsung hero who maintains the lifeboat memorial throughout the year.

Richard Tollett



Local Art Report



RYE HARBOUR ARTISTS GROUP

One of the great things about living in Rye Harbour is the amazing environment - sea and sky, river, boats, trawlers, ships and people.

Our weather is special even - the surrounding hills may be very cloudy and obviously raining, yet it is sunny - or, if it is raining it is coming down in (horizontal) stair rods - the wind is so strong. An exciting place not only visually.

It is this excitement that has long attracted artists, going back well over a hundred years - Paul Nash, Edward Burra,

Edward LeBas, & John Piper have all lived or worked in Rye Harbour. The whole area still has a wonderful group of contemporary artists whose work has been shown in exhibitions such as those in the Church of the Holy Spirit. It has thus been a natural development to form the Rye Harbour Artists Group to promote the work of leading local artists and photographers inspired by our unique environment. The range of activities of the Group will include workshops, drawing studios, together with exhibitions of

members' work in various media including painting, etching, printmaking, ceramics, textile design, and cyanotypes. The Group is holding its launch Exhibition of affordable art at Harbour Point (next to William the Conqueror) every weekend until Christmas. It will be open every Saturday & Sunday from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Come along and find a unique but affordable Christmas present, cards, etc from the wide range on offer from the 16 participating artists.

Issues Re: The Skatepipe

With reference to the proposed skatepipe on the Pound Field, I would like to assure people that I have endeavoured to consult the whole of the village about plans for playing provisions for older children and to date, I have done two surveys to the whole of the village and also held a public meeting which all were invited to, to discuss options.

The invitation to the meeting was published in the newsletter, however nobody but Molly Saunders, Jean Brown and a handful of children came to the meeting. Having raised the money and submitted the plans to the Council, I was disappointed to be confronted with so much hostility and dissent from the Lucas Shadwell & Oyster Creek Residence Association last week. The bulk of the money has been raised externally (children's fund) and the £2000.00 raised locally by holding jumble sales, quizzes etc. This money has been raised specifically for the skate pipe and cannot be spent on any alternative facility, as this is what the funding forms were filled out on the basis of.

I have been advised by Sussex Police that skatepipes have proved to be a very successful means of diverting young people from anti-social behaviour. With reference to the questions raised at the Lucas Shadwell & Oyster Creek meeting, here are some points to think about: -

Parking Issues

There should be no issues with parking as this facility is for local young children – in point of fact it will not be the only pipe within a fifteen miles radius, as Rye have already submitted their planning for a skate pipe at a cost of £48,000.00. There are also plans to put one in Camber.

Far from bringing young children into the village, what we will find, is that our children will be wanting to play out of the village and if we don't provide some local facilities for the younger children, then our ability to monitor our children's whereabouts will be much more difficult.

Extra Noise

Clearly there won't be any extra noise from cars and motorbikes because there will be a large skate park in Rye and the young people will not be interested in our small pipe. In terms of noise from the pipe itself I propose that skatelite soundproofing is installed on it and furthermore it has been suggested that two short bunds are built out from the perimeter bund to mask any further noise from children playing.

Supervision

There will be no more need to supervise the small skate pipe than the need to supervise a playground with swings and slides. What is important is to have playing facilities in open spaces near populated areas where parents and other members of the community have easy access and a clear view of what's going on.

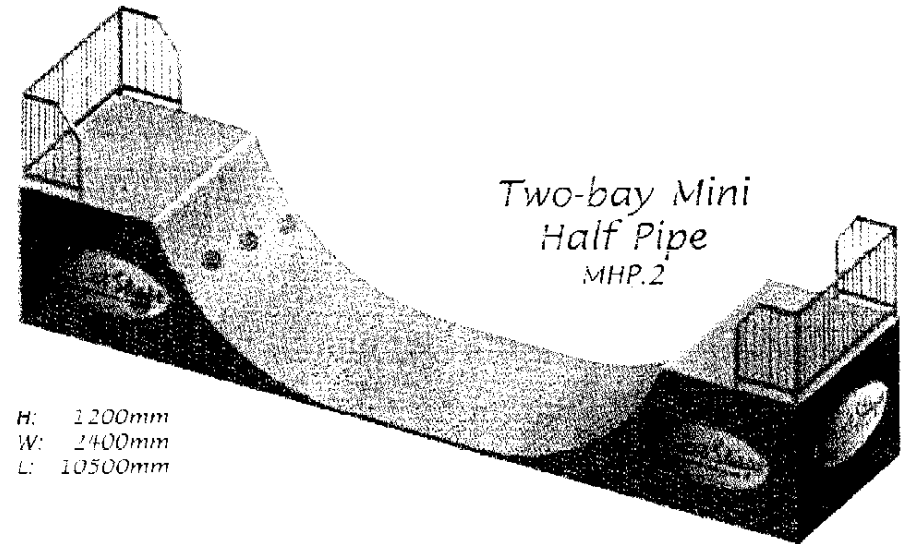
Finally, this is for all of the village to use and should be seen as just one of the first of many new facilities for young people to come.

I have lived in Rye Harbour all of my life and have played an active role in supporting community activities especially for children and I would be only too happy to help to provide any advice and support for any future plans that any of you may have for additional facilities for young people.

We have got to do something positive for the children in the village, this is for their enjoyment, not ours.

Pam Carroll

HALF PIPE



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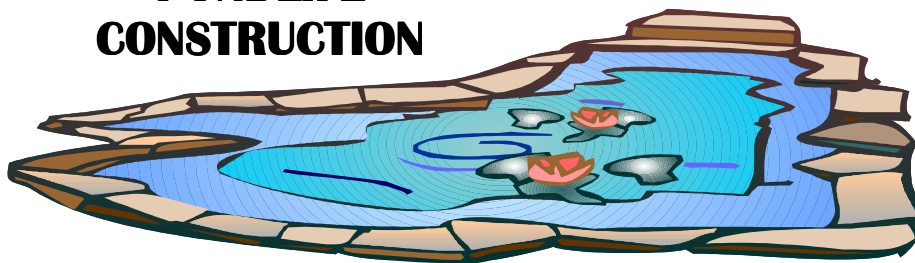
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



Now that most of the insects have perished and most plants have long since finished flowering, it's just as well there is still plenty of interest in the bird world, with many species of wintering visitors now present.

Numbers of waders along the beach have increased over the last month, with Oystercatcher, Sanderling, Dunlin and Curlew all in to three figures, whilst on the fields and floods over 800 Golden Plovers and 2500 Lapwings have been present. A good variety of ducks have been present on the gravel pits - Wigeon and Gadwall in particular have been arriving, and a couple of Goldeneye have also arrived. Offshore it's been rather quiet, although the occasional onshore blow has yielded a few Little Gulls and Brent Geese. Two Arctic Skuas were very late and at least six Velvet Scoter have been present. One or two Bitterns have been present in the reed beds at Castle Water, along with a few Bearded Tits and a Cetti's Warbler. Over 20 Little

Egrets are still using the roost there - they come in from a large area at dusk every day. Some of the more unusual sightings during November have been a group of six Avocets at Ternery Pool on 10th, a Spoonbill flying over Castle Water on 15th and a Lapland Bunting on 16th & 17th. A good variety of small birds can be seen on the walk down from the village to the river mouth, especially Skylarks around the fields and salt-marshes and Rock Pipits along the saltmarsh. Stonechats are often perched up on the fences and bushes and Corn Buntings can sometimes be seen around the fields, whilst Greenfinches can be found feeding on seeds amongst the shingle. These small birds often attract the odd Merlin. Mammals of note included two Harvest Mice and a Common Seal. Management work has concentrated on removal of young willows at Castle Water to maintain the reed bed habitat and weeding the islands at Ternery Pool to provide open areas for

nesting and roosting birds when the water levels drop in the spring.

Forthcoming events.....

Sat 7th Dec Beach Clean - a pre-Christmas clean up of the rubbish washed up along the beach by the autumn's storms. Your efforts will be rewarded with soup at Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards and the chance of seeing many winter birds. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park.. 10 am - 1pm.

Sat 14th Dec Camber Castle Wildlife And History. A circular walk to see good numbers of wintering wildfowl at Castle Water. Meet at Brede Lock car park (TQ919198) at 10am return about 1pm, 2 miles. Donations towards Nature Reserve appreciated.





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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Ken Halpin was born in the ancient capital of Scotland - Dunfermline in Fife. He is the youngest of 4 children. He was educated locally. His first day at school

was a terrifying experience as he was presented with the alphabet which completely floored him. Thereafter for many tearful weeks and months he was dragged to school by his sister and her friend. His father having been in the Navy in the 1st. World War was stationed

in the 2nd. World War in the naval base at Fort William and holidays were spent up there with him. Ken was impressed by motor torpedo boats, frigates and corvettes and his love of the sea developed. He helped to open the locks on the

Caledonian Canal culminating in the preparations for D-day when Americans in their landing craft gave him Smarties. Coming to Rye

first young Ken had tasted, bidding the crew farewell on their mission to the Mediterranean where tragically they were torpedoed with loss of all

hands.

After the war Ken went to Edinburgh to study medicine for 6 years. There he met Ann who came from Stornaway on the Isle of Lewis. They married and had 6 children.

They went to work in the Mid-west of the U.S.A. From there he joined his brother in General Practice in Manchester.



Harbour 50 years later Ken met with Gordon Moorey who was Navigation Officer on the M.T.B. squadrons. Most notable was being invited on board one of the Rose Class Corvettes and having a meal with fresh white bread with the crew, the

Ken and family were keen sailors and had their own dinghy and with 8 on board had many adventures. Following Ann's untimely death Ken took up Tall Ship sailing with the Jubilee Sailing Trust. Ken was the ships doctor sailing

in the Canaries in 1964 when Jill took Ron Banwell and Ken was Ron's medical buddy. On the 1st. day out it was very rough and Ken was called to attend a very seasick crew member called Jill. He told her reassuringly that there were 3 stages of

seasickness. 1.You are afraid you might die. 2.You know you are going to die. 3.You are frightened you might not die. She was at stage 2! In spite of this romance blossomed. In December 1996 we were married in St. Mary's Church.

Ken is proud to be living in the home of the Popes of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat disaster. He is passionate about boats, birds and a wide variety of people so Rye Harbour suits him well.



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

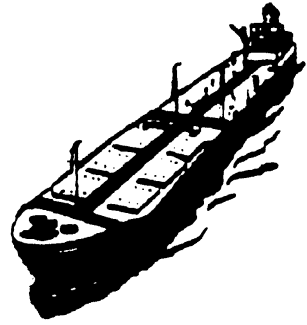


The sailing club held their annual dinner dance at the River Haven Hotel. It was attended by 40 members .It proved to be a very enjoyable social event. Various cups were awarded including a new Jubilee Cup presented by the Commodore and secretary--Derek and Jean Phillips. During the winter months members take

a turn in providing a meal at the club on a Thursday evening .Last Thursday Kate and James Schaffer provided a delicious meal. Dinghy sailing proceeds and several were out on the river on Sunday 23rd in a force 4/5 wind.

Ken Halpin





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We're just about to start a very busy month – lots of Christmas outings, shopping, lunches, etc, booked on the Community Bus as well as all the regular work. Although the schools have a couple of weeks off at Christmas most of those we bring in to work at the Wharf will

only get Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day off so the buses will be going out just after 6.30 am all the rest of the time! We've had to rethink the plans for some Sunday outings as we found difficulties (convenient cafés closed for the winter) with the

destinations we were considering. I hope that we will have something set up for mid-January though and of course if anyone has any ideas about destinations do let me know.

Pat Hughes

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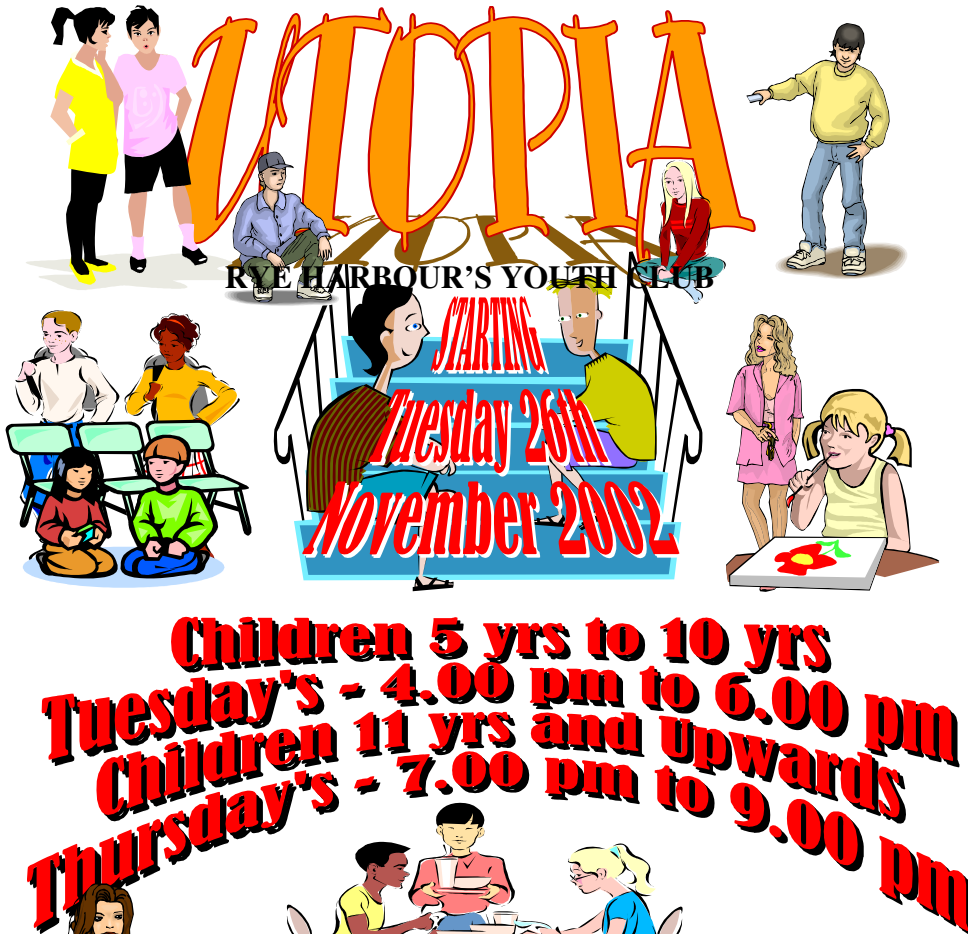
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Rye Harbour Church News

CHRISTMAS AT RYE HARBOUR CHURCH

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The Christian proclamation is that God was born in Jesus. The divine became human. 'The Word was made flesh' as St John puts it.

The consequences of us for us are tremendous. If true, our lives have a dimension far beyond the ordinary material existence of yet

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

another animal species. We have eternal significance. All we do and are has eternal significance beyond what we as mortals can imagine. That is why Christmas is so important for Christians. That is why we invite all readers from Rye Harbour to come and join us on Christmas morning at 9.15am for a service of thanksgiving and carols to God for his great gift to us.

On another matter. I am retiring as your Team Rector at the end of this month. In due course my successor will be announced and be instituted. Do give him or her the support which you have given me in my eight years as the Priest responsible for Rye Harbour. May God bless you and the Christian community here in the years ahead.

Canon Martin Sheppard

RYE HARBOUR CHAPEL OF EASE NEWS

First of all we must express our sadness at the retirement of the Team Rector – Canon Martin Sheppard. Those of us who know him know him as a kind and listening Priest and Pastor who has accomplished much for the Rye Team Ministry – a lot of it unseen by the human eye.

However the Reverend Bill Baker and Rachael will continue to care for us here in Rye Harbour.

Many of us have come to know Bill and Rachael from the lunch club.

We would like to thank John Bavington for repairs to the window and vestry door both recently the subject of vandals – if they only realized the trouble they caused and the heart ache to the majority in Rye Harbour who at one time or another have needed the Church in their lives. However the Church will be here for all of us in

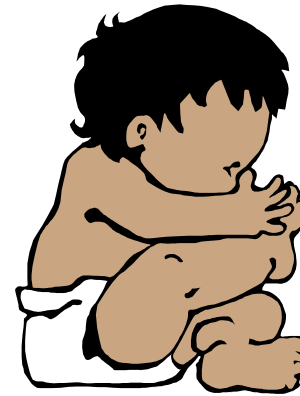
one form or another if help is needed. Services in December Sunday 8th

December the Parish Eucharist 9.15am. Wednesday December 25th the Eucharist of Christmas also at 9.15am.

You are invited to both of these services to discover the true meaning of Christmas in the quiet and peace of the services – so completely different from the hard sale of the commercial "big business" world of the "festive season" and the ring of cash registers.

The Stable at Bethlehem will never ever go away – its message will still come through, in spite of all this Marcus can we remind our readers to support as far as possible our local community shop both during the Christmas period and beyond. Dot and Bogdan have served us well – they will get goods to order if asked – often at a discount. We must also thank our advertisers.

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Christmas is coming closer and we're all looking forward to our Xmas Party on Wednesday 18th December. NEW TIME of 10.30am – 12.30pm (for this

session only), we would love to hear from our toddlers that have left us, Come to our party and tell us how busy you have all been. Santa will be visiting. HURRAY! As will, the not so scary, 'Clown Buz', who will be entertaining us.

Also, the ladies from 'Getting Crafty' will join us for a

presentation to our group of their latest project, which they have worked on especially for us.

The handing over of our group to our new volunteers will also take place.

I am sure you will give them all your support and encouragement for taking the Parent and Toddler group on into 2003.

Some of you will remember the Bon Voyage Party we gave for Fiona, Paul, Jaslyn and Liam a few months ago. Well I've had a letter from them recently, their having a great time, wish us all well, so I thought it would be really lovely if we sent them a photo of us all at our Christmas Party, just to say a BIG "HELLO" from us all.

Karen Whitaker.



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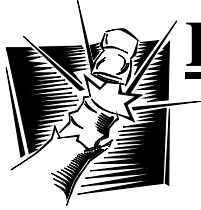
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Family Announcements

Congratulations

What a lovely sight it was to see the village hall packed out last Tuesday to see the slides that used to belong to Lawrie Band of the Lifeboat disaster and Rye Harbour long ago. Some of us got a shock to see ourselves in our youth.

GET WELL SOON

Pat Hartley was on her way down to the village hall to do the teas when she fell over and broke her wrist and spent the night in the Conquest Hospital. I have seen her out shopping and hope that she is making good progress.



Betty Brooks is to be seen walking in the village, not at her usual pace I must say but nevertheless she is improving although it is very slowly.

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BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday Chris
with lots of love and
best wishes from Mum,
Michelle and all
the family.



I called in to see Mrs Elsie Haffenden on her 91st birthday and she was busy dusting.

Although she had a job to get from room to room she wont be beaten.
Many happy returns Elsie.

Ploughman's Lunch

Will be at the Village Hall on Monday 9th December at noon
All Welcome

Monday Club

Monday Club meeting next to be held on Monday 2nd December
All Welcome

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