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Editor's Comments

A jammed packed edition this month even with 44 pages, as yet I can't blame the printer for this month's late arrival but mainly due to the extent of memory required, or lack of, causing regular crashing of my computer, some items in this month's newsletter were

have in
avertedly overlooked.



Above is Joyce Tugwell, the winner of last month's Competition with Budgens. If you didn't win this month there will be more soon. So watch this space.



Proposed new sign for Rye Harbour see Page 25

entered more than twice, still practise makes perfect, so they say, I'm not so sure in this case, so I apologise now if you find anything that I

Next month's copy date will be **Friday 20th June** and I thank you all for being so punctual last month, it did help, really. Thank You!



Is this Camber Castle or is it Michael Alford's stockpile of concrete rings to be used as planters? Find out on Page 23.

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Parish Council Notebook

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The Annual General Meeting of the new council was held on 12th May 2003 at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall. The first job of the Council, which has several new faces, was to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next four years. Councillors Derek Ransome and Mrs Corinne Merricks were both reappointed as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. County Councillors Glazier and Ramus attended and gave their report for the last twelve months.

The only item on the agenda concerning us here in the Harbour concerned issues regarding the Pound Field and surrounding waste ground. The Council are looking into this and any progress will be reported on in future issues. One further point to note is regarding the use of Parish Notice Boards, which the Chairman reminded us are for Council notices only.

Finally the Chairman and committee passed on their thanks and appreciation to our own Michael Alford on his retirement from the council after 46 years.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who turned out on Thursday, 1st May 2003 to vote for us, it was great to see that 42.12% of those entitled to vote did so.

Over the coming months, steps will be taken to get some of the Rye Harbour projects started - not all of these projects will be down to the Parish, District or County council but will be down to the Village Residents taking pride in their community.

One of the first projects that we will work towards is Traffic Calming and better signage for Rye Harbour. Before any decisions are made there will be some form of Public consultation where residents are able to share their opinions, views and ideas.

We would like to point out that whilst we are your voice on the Parish Council, Rye Harbour ward is only 25% of the Parish and the other wards also have projects that they want supported.

It is anticipated that later on we will be holding sessions where you are able to come and have a 1 to 1 with us about village issues and concerns that you would like raised with the Parish Council or where you feel that we as Councillors can help.

Once again we would like to say a BIG Thank You.

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Tel: 223631

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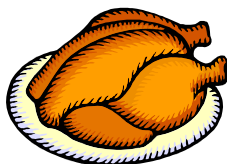
RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

The New Opening Times From 1st April



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The Rethink Rubbish Bus

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Government funding has enabled East Sussex County Council to develop a special bus which will be out and about in the County from late May 2003. It will be packed full of interactive games and quizzes, competitions, challenges and other information and incentives to encourage everyone to Rethink Rubbish, and to reduce, re-use, recycle and compost more.

thanks

Dr Barry Yates



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.



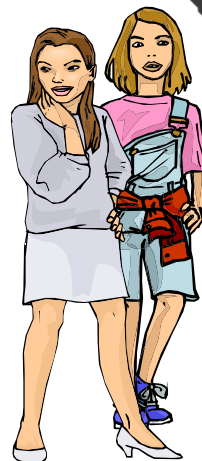
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Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Club 11-14 years (50p)
Tuesday	10-12.00pm	Parent and Child Group (£1.25)
Tuesday	1.00-2.00pm	Smoking Cessation Group (free)
Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Tuesday	7.00-8.00pm	Women's Kick Boxing Class (£3)
Wednesday	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
Thursday	7.00-9.30pm	Youth Club 14+ - 50p
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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Nearly all pleasure craft have been placed in the water at moorings sites up and down the river although few have yet ventured out to sea. The weather remains



inclement with continuous storms raging from the south west. Commercial shipping has been affected with a down turn in trade during the last two months although we have received another consignment of Chinese talcon powder trans-shipped through Rotterdam. We hope that when conditions improve and building work can resume we will see more shipping arriving with the raw materials.

I mentioned in my last news letter that SRM are proceeding with developing emergency plans in the event that a disaster occurs at their site. We are also developing plans as mentioned in the March newsletter. More details are now being added. We shall have a vessel on Rye Wharf that is carrying hazardous cargo and is on fire causing toxic fumes to invade the village together with a Charter fishing vessel moored to the RNLI staging with 8 casualties on board that is also on fire. There will be injured persons in the water. A major incident will be declared with around 13 fire units attending with some 6 ambulance assisting together with police and other agency becoming involved. In all we expect up 100 people to be involved in this major exercise. More in future newsletter.

We now know a little more about port and ship security measures mentioned in

the last news letter. All ports and wharves in the UK are being investigated into their risk for terrorist activity potential. I have completed a 30 page questionnaire that will form the basis for a security plan that will be developed by a department within the Governments Department for Transport. Ports will be put into one of four categories with major ports (50) such as Dover having the highest rating that may require a permanent armed presence. Rye will be rated at a lower level but will still have a requirement to appoint a security officer. How times have changed since the "Twin Towers" episode with more frequent visits from Special Branch officers based at Newhaven.

.....We are now in the Mediterranean and have crossed latitude 35 degrees (N). Our lascar crew engaged at Durban, South Africa are entering colder climes not experienced before and, under their terms of engagement, are entitled to warm weather clothing. They now look strangely similar in hooded fawn duffel coats, dark working trousers and black boots. Whilst in the port of Piraives (Athens) we cadets and officers have changed from our white uniform into winter "Blues". Having had to wash and iron white shirts and shorts for many months I now took advantage of "Washer" women that come aboard to do laundry. The going price for a shirt/shorts is two packets of cigarettes. Foolishly, I paid "Up front" prior to going ashore for a "cultural" visit. On returning to the ship the "lady" had gone

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR Cont..

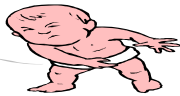
together with all my cigarettes and other valuables! On leaving Athens we began to prepare the vessel for arrival in the UK. It was always a tradition to have the ship fully painted and cleaned on arrival so that the company marine superintendent would be suitably impressed. All superstructure was painted white with the funnel painted in the company colours. Derricks, winches all painted together with decks (where visible with the heavy cargo taking up every available space). We head west passing north of Malta and heading for Gibraltar. Its getting colder and we begin to realise that we will soon be arriving back in the UK our first port of call being London. We begin to remember our families and

wonder what our brothers and sisters will look like after being away for some 7 months. A phenomena well known to mariners known as the "Channels" begins to affect us, the excitement of arriving home! Our next major point on the passage home is the rounding of Gibraltar and heading north paralleling the outward course track. Once into the Atlantic the winter weather worsens and we begin to roll, very heavily with the ship taking on board green water. We begin to worry whether the ship (and the deck cargo), so deep in the water can take this punishment.

Carl Baggwel (Harbour Master)



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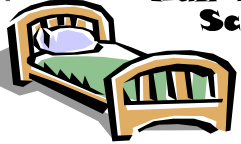
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Local Art Report



Children from Rye Harbour and Winchelsea Beach helped to build a willow shelter on display by the bus turning circle in Rye Harbour. The shelter is one of the exhibits in the Rye Harbour Sculpture walk which will include environmental sculptures by local artists which will be



placed in the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

The exhibition begins on Saturday May 24th and will continue until March 2004 and will include works by Val Fricker, Nina Thorndyke, Brigitte Eville and Gwyne James.

'Somewhere to Shelter' is an exhibition by local artists, children and community groups in the environment at Rye Harbour and in Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

The project began as a small community idea, sponsored by the Earthwatch Institute, as part of their Millennium Awards scheme. Susan McGrath submitted her proposal, supported by Barry Yates, for a project encouraging people of all ages to become more involved in their environment.

Called the **Visual and Sensory Project**, participants are asked to complete a questionnaire asking them what they are seeing and feeling whilst in the environment. They are then asked to record their impressions of the area using various media: photography, sketching,

sculpture, poetry, ceramics, video, sound recording etc.

The Nature Reserve has recently received funding from the Aggregates sustainability fund allowing the **Visual and Sensory Project** to grow and develop.

The sculpture walk is the outcome of one successful partnership between the many organisations involved in the Nature Reserve.

Nine Days Wonder has worked with local artists and local children to produce a series of sculptures in the environment. The sculpture walk exhibits will grow in number as more groups and schools get involved in the project.

For further information on the project please contact Sue McGrath on 01424 882884 or Barry Yates on 01797 223862

See Pages 20/21 for more detail

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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.

For more information contact Maureen Anstey, 01323 416552.

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Saturday 14th June 2003

10 am - 4 pm

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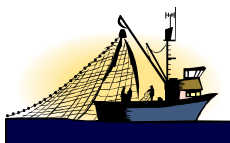
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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



Unsettled weather this month has so far made it difficult to string a few trips together and when the trawlers managed some hauls with Sole gear, catches were disappointing. As usual the first trip back was the best one but the next was down by half and the next half again with the mixed fish, dogs, lemons, Bass and some Huss disappearing after of the first trip back, following a breeze. Reports from the east coast have been quite promising and the general trend is for the boats that fish the

Thames estuary and the North East Kent coast find the fish first, so perhaps it is still a bit early for the bay. The netters have had better fishing, with some decent catches of Bass and although it's been very hit and miss for the best catches, most of the boats found some fish. May has seen the gully water, as it is known locally, stretch from the beach, well out to sea and this has made working the net's very hard as it hangs in the gear, making it twice as heavy and so having some effect on the

fishing of the net's. Now at the end of May high pressure is setting the weather, with little wind so the boats will be trying to catch up a bit and hoping the sole can find their way into the bay. With this fine weather a couple of boats have started to refit, painting and overhauling of machinery and through the summer, most boats will be laid up for a couple of weeks, for this work to be done.

Boy Ashore

WORLD RIVERS

By Steve Tollett

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RYE & DISTRICT AGE CONCERN

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Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
At Rye CVS, 25 Cinque Ports Street, Rye
On the third and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10am to 12noon

There is a wide range of information available, on subjects such as benefits, residential homes, sheltered accommodation, support services, clubs, transport and many more. Age concern factsheets are available and copies can be supplied on request.

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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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



CAR ARSONIST

About 7-00pm Monday 26/5 arsonists set light to a Ford Fiesta in Rye Harbour.
Serial 1556 of 26/5 refers.

CARAVAN BURGLED

Sometime before today, Sunday 26/5, a caravan at a site in Rye Harbour has been broken into and property stolen. Serial 463 of 26/5 refers.

TOOLS STOLEN FROM VANS

About 10-00pm last night, Saturday 17/5, two vans were broken in to at a farm in Rye Harbour and tools were stolen. A blue Ford Transit van was seen in the area.
Serial 1901 17/5 refers.

TOUTING FOR BUSINESS

Since Saturday 10/5 there have been several reports of persons touting for paving, driveway and tarmac work from Burwash to Beckley and Etchingham to Fairlight.

Often with such incidents there will be a works van or lorry with a legend such as 'Motorway Maintenance' on and persons in fluorescent yellow jackets saying that they have materials left over from a local contract and can do a job cheaply.

The line about local contracts and left over materials is usually false, while the reference to doing the job cheaply may not be quite so misleading in that you do get a cheap job!

It is also worth remembering that the work will not be guaranteed any more than the finished price will match the original quote, AND there is no firm or managing director to get back to if you are unsatisfied.

Many people report having 'guarded' threats made if they say they won't pay at the end of a job and often pay up from fear and put it down to experience!

DOOR TO DOOR SALES

Duster sellers descended on Camber and Winchelsea by the vanload today, Tuesday 13/5. Reports came in from concerned residents about them touting their wares door to door. No offences have been disclosed at this time. Serials 690 and 944 of 13/5 refer.

SUSSEX POLICE ADVISE AGAINST DEALING WITH DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLERS
AND WARN THE PUBLIC NEVER TO LET SUCH PERSONS IN THEIR HOMES.

HarbourWatch

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If you would like to received the NHW information at a different e-mail address, then include this in the message body.

Churches Together

In the UK are many different branches of the Christian faith; each branch is called a denomination, some you will recognise, some not. The Church of England or C/E or Anglican (all one and the same) is the state denomination or church. Then there is the Catholic Church others are known as non-conformists; because they don't conform to the traditions of the state or Catholic churches some of these are Methodists, Baptists, United Reform, Salvation Army, and Quakers. The one thing that unites all these Christian denominations is their belief and faith in Jesus being the Son of God. In June all these denominations in Rye and District are celebrating their faith TOGETHER in many ways, you will all have had the information leaflets through your door showing dates, times and various activities. We do hope many of you, will come to some of them, the scientists are particularly interesting. Saturday 17th June on the Tilling Green estate will be fun for children a big marquee will be erected in case of rain, for activities, and in the evening will be a disco and Club for older children. Leading up-to- this week there are seminars every Thursday from 22nd May, beginning at the Methodist Church so that we can all meet and get to know people we don't already know.

Again the speakers are from different to nominations; hope to see some of you there.

If you need transport, contact me.

Molly Saunders 01797 222206.

GOLDEN JUBILEE BROCHURE

By now you will all have had a couple of Golden Jubilee Brochures posted through your letter box.

Anyone requiring extra copies should contact either Ann on 225755 or Steve on 223631 to arrange a time for you to come and collect them.

The remaining brochures will be issued on a first come first served basis - when they are all gone, no extra copies will be printed.

So to save disappointment get your request in early.

Rye Harbour Newsletter

In Conjunction With

BUDGENS Of Rye

	What is it?	Where is it?
a	Lych Gate	Rye Harbour Church
b	The Rock	Harbour Point
c	Grid	Under Lifeboat House
d	Side Window	The Conk
e	Weather Vane	Rose Cottage
f	Shelter	Outside Toilets
g	The Slipway	Lifeboat Station
h	Back Wall	Rye Harbour Church
i	Old Vicarage	Main Road
j	Anchor	Outside Wharf
k	Top Window	Harbour Lights Cottage
l	Main Entrance	Martello Tower
m	Chimney Stack	Watch House (Point)



Local Art Report



On November 14th 2002, after 19 days at sea, a large quantity of sawn timber was washed ashore along the coastline of East Sussex.

The Bothnia Stone was a ship bound for Tunisia having set sail from the Baltic Sea with 9,833 cubic meters of Swedish sawn pine on board. Engine failure, in

gale force winds, 35 miles due south of Brixham in Devon meant that the ship lost much of her deck bound cargo in the storm. The crew refusing to be airlifted to safety were eventually towed into harbour in Torbay.

As word spread of the arrival on the shore of the

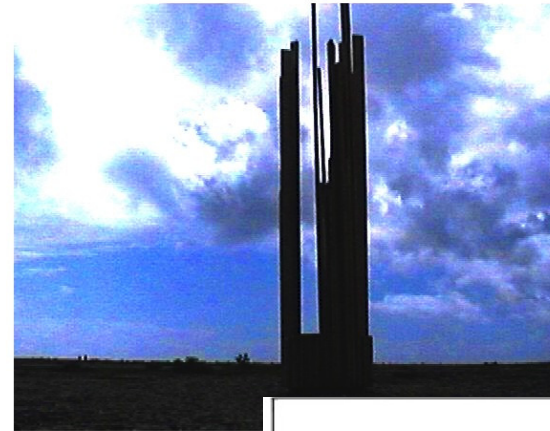


'wood slick' jobs were abandoned, plans changed and a massive beach comb ensued. Trucks, vans, prams, bicycles, trolleys and shoulders were all used that day to carry the wood home.

Local artist **Joc Hare** commemorates this event with his sculpture in the 'Somewhere to Shelter' exhibition. He has created a seat by using the planks



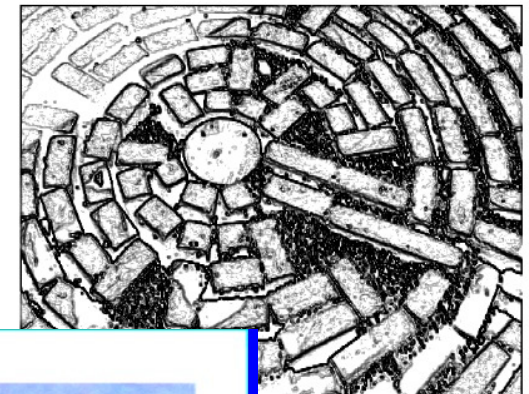
Local Art Report



of wood he salvaged on that day in November and has set them in a labyrinth pattern within a cylindrical base with upright vertical timbers that contrast with the landscape. The piece, called '19 days', recounts the journey of the wood using GPS markings, noting the

relevant bearings in its history. Tunisia is one way, the Baltic Sea another and Rye Harbour is the final unexpected resting place for this small piece of maritime and local history.

Joc's sculpture can be seen



on the shore at Rye Harbour from May until March 2004 as part of the 'Somewhere to Shelter' Exhibition. If you would like further information on the sculpture walk and other artists involved please telephone 01797 227800.



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



May is one of the most exciting months for rare birds enthusiasts, and this month has been no exception. The Dotterel which appeared at the end

but waders in general have not been in high numbers. Bar-tailed Godwits and Knot in particular usually occur in good numbers early in May, but only a

recently. Ringed Plovers are also enjoying increased success.

Readers can rest assured we shall not be introducing Emus or any other flightless birds here!

Many insects are on the wing including a good variety of butterflies. Painted Ladies made a sudden appearance in good numbers a couple of weeks ago and Small Coppers, Commas, Speckled Woods, Common Blues and many others are on the wing.

Dragonflies are also emerging, including the scarce Hairy Dragonfly. Moths are also becoming more evident, with common species including The Shears and Shuttle-shaped Dart.

Next guided walk - Sat 21 June - A long circular walk to consider the shingle landscape filled with history and wildlife. Bring a picnic. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am, return about 3 pm.

Donations towards the nature reserve will be welcomed.

Paul Troake



of April has remained ever since but is likely to be heading on towards breeding grounds in the mountains of Scotland or beyond before long. A Montagu's Harrier on 9th was a bit more expected, whilst the highlight at sea was at least three Pomarine Skuas on 2nd. A pair of Avocets were noted on a few dates and the Whimbrel roost peaked at 353 at the start of May,

few have turned up this year, perhaps due to a lack of onshore winds bringing them on to our shores. The new electric fencing on the Beach Reserve has been very successful at preventing foxes and badgers from hunting across Flat Beach. The numbers of Lapwings nesting within the fence has doubled, and many clutches have successfully hatched out. Many will have noticed the large chicks near the wader pool

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.

I have been working as the Community Officer at the Nature Reserve for just under a month, and am finding it a fascinating place to work. I have contacted many local schools, distributing information and educational activities. St. Thomas's CE School, Winchelsea, is having a field trip to investigate the shingle environment and



appreciate its ecological and economic importance. In June, Peasmarsh CE School is having their first visit to the Reserve, and

Freda Gardham School is making its annual outing here. Other local schools and groups are showing much interest, so I am arranging more visits. I have arranged with Marcus to do more events for the Summer Club, like last years pond dipping and beachcombing.

**Miriam Inskip
Community Officer**

New displays for the Information Centre are underway, and I have just produced a Shingle Activity Book and Word Search Competition. A new shingle display idea was tested out at the Bentley Bird and Wildlife Festival recently and proved successful with both adults and children, so I am now adapting this for the information centre.



Yes it is Camber Castle!

Have you been to Camber Castle recently ?

We hope you will join us on 28th June for a trip out to Camber Castle for a picnic (please bring your own). Meet at bus turning circle at 12pm. There will then be an optional guided walk, via Castle Water, back to the Village Hall for tea and a chance to find out more about the Nature Reserve. If you can't make the walk back, or the weather is unkind, then the bus will get you back! Please book in advance in the Village Shop so that we

have enough places on the bus and enough refreshments to go round.

There are many aspects of volunteering at the Nature Reserve, so if you can spare a few hours now and then, and want to help out, then please contact me at Lime Kiln Cottage or on 227784.

**Miriam Inskip
Community Officer**

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Rye Harbour Village 2003 – Update

The results from the returned questionnaires that were issued at the Rye Harbour Village 2003 event. So far 52 forms have been returned, if you have one laying around don't forget to drop it off at the shop or post it through either my door (7 Paines Cottages) or Jill Stott's (The Loft, Tram Road).

So what's happened so far?

Question 11: average score 9.5

The land behind Simpson's Rye Harbour Industrial Estate is currently being looked at by the appropriate Local Government Departments and Central Government Agencies. Also these agencies are looking at another site within the Village regarding the possible disposal of untreated sewage.

Grateful thanks go to the Environment Agency for disposing of the vehicle, cookers, fridges and other rubbish that had been 'fly tipped' on the Watch House Track, near Harbour Farm.

Question 8: average score 9.0

As previously reported, the car park is now locked up over night and has dramatically reduced the joy riders in the village.

Question 1: average score 9.0

The picture on the front cover of an artist's impression of a possible village sign for Rye Harbour. If anyone has got any other suggestions, then please let us have them.

Lines of enquiry are being made for the possible use of certain areas of land for the lorry turn around.

Question 7: average score 8.3

After making enquiries it would seem that some funding may be available to create a mini archive in the form of small folding screens that could be displayed at all sorts of events. We are looking at producing one about the village and one relating to the lifeboat disaster. If there is anyone out there who has got any old pictures, documents etc. that we could borrow then please contact either Steve Tollett on 01797 223631 or Jill Stott at the Loft, Tram Road.

Question 4: 'Special Village day on the Nature Reserve' average score 6.3

Several people have suggested that this even be held on the Coronation field. The whole idea of this event is for Villagers to have a Special tour of a certain area of the Nature Reserve – see the article by Dr Barry Yates.

The Rye Harbour Village 2003 group consists of:- Jill Stott, Dr Barry Yates, Mike Slavin, Steve Tollett and Margaret Haffenden. If you would like to volunteer then let us know.

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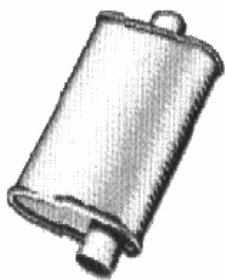
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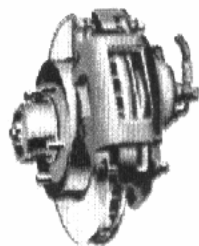


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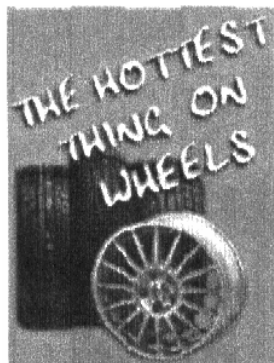


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THE ENVIRONMENT – shorter journeys transporting food means fewer harmful fuel emissions.

How to support this project and make everyone a winner!

- ❖ Come and see the **Cookery Demonstrations** taking place at the Summer Fete on 21st June. They will be using fresh fruits and vegetables available at Harbour Stores.
- ❖ Buy any fruit or vegetables from Harbour Stores before 21st June and be entered into a **prize draw**. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Rye Harbour Summer Fete on Saturday 21st June.

This project is being undertaken by Action in Rural Sussex in conjunction with the East Sussex Food and Health Partnership. For more information about this or any other aspects of our work, please contact Julie Withers or Anne-Marie Bur on 01273 473422 or email julie.withers@ruralsussex.org.uk.

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Is anyone interested in becoming a resident of the Rye Harbour Virtual Village?

The only requirements of becoming a resident of the Virtual Village are that you currently reside in Rye Harbour and have got access to a computer.

The purpose of the Virtual Village is another medium for the sharing of information quickly and efficiently without the need to fly post the telegraph poles throughout the village.

I am hoping that the younger members of the community who have access to the internet and e-mail will join the virtual village and share their ideas and visions for the future of Rye Harbour.

The Virtual Village will be complimentary to actual Village Life.

The messages sent to the Virtual Village will automatically be distributed to the mail boxes of the residents.

I must emphasise that the Virtual Village is complimentary to actual Village Life.

If agreeable, it would be possible that messages, posters and information be automatically picked up by Marcus for inclusion in the Village Newsletter.

Other facilities that will be available at the Virtual Village are:-

- A) Polls - relating to things happening within Rye Harbour.
 - B) Calendar - where Village events can be recorded.
 - C) Links to Websites that might be of interest.
 - D) Local directory of useful numbers.
- All of these facilities will be available to the real Village in the forms of public meetings, exhibitions, questionnaires, articles in the village Newsletter, etc., etc. It will be the responsibility of the person, group or organisations sending the information to display their information for the non residents of the Virtual Village.

If you would like to become a resident of the Virtual Village, then please send an e-mail to the following address:-

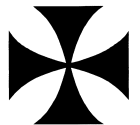
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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Mike was born in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey in 1940, the first of 4 children the youngest being only 4 and a half years younger so they were a very close compact family. Father was a Veterinary Microbiologist working for the Ministry of Agriculture. He pioneered anti-biotic treatment for diseases of cattle and pigs. Mike lived within 25 miles of the centre of London and remembers a V1 landing within one mile of his home, Dakotas pulling gliders, field full of tanks and APC's, buses pulling gas bags behind them as the only fuel available. Their house backed on to fields worked by German prisoners of War with hose drawn vehicles. Father being a flunt German speaker would chat to these guys over the fence. Mother was busy trying to feed 4 children on wartime rations. At night Mike listened to sounds of various aircraft going overhead.

Mike started school just as war was finishing and spent 2 years at a convent school before going on to a local Catholic boys school run by the Josephite Fathers. Mike enjoyed the variety of sport, discipline and structure with very good science and language teaching. At 18 he won a State Scholarship to Imperial College to study Chemical Engineering specialising in instrumentation and process control. After getting his



marketing and process control equipment - control valves and actuators for oil refineries and oil production and he really started travelling, visiting European and Middle Eastern countries. During this time Mike married a local girl from Surrey called Kia, an art student and a natural extrovert. Mike then joined the oil industry in the early days of the North sea production and travelled extensively all over the world specifying and building oil production

equipment. Kia sometimes travelled with him and they were based in Maidstone. In 1972 he changed direction completely when he was recruited by a small Californian company which provided a service of ship routing to avoid heavy weather supporting Ship owners and charterers which coincided with the shipping boom and the 1st. oil shock in 1973 when the price of oil went from less than \$5 - \$30 due to the Israeli war. Mike developed all sorts of services for the North Sea - on site forecasting for offshore operations - putting platforms and rigs in place, building rigs and tanker operations which culminated in Mike leaving in 1976 and setting up his own consultancy company for the North Sea which included Norway. He continued this for the next 10 years until he sold up in the 1980's. Mike's wife Kia contracted Multiple

degree he went to a company called Air Products in the centre of London which was extremely good a training in a craft as a graduate apprentice. He was sent to Italy after 6 months because of his aptitude for languages and worked at a steel works near Genoa. This was an incredible eye opener for a 21 year old from northern Europe. Attitudes were so different, the social structure being rigidly based on qualifications and class. Mike then decided to discover much more about commerce and business and enrolled in a business school supported by a Social Sciences Research Council Grant. Mike really enjoyed this year. He then went to Kent and joined Elliott Automaton which became GEC and the Marconi. Mike worked on international sales and

Sclerosis and was among the 4% of people who had no remissions. The children were aged 14 and 16 and a network of about 40 people helped care for her and the family and one of those was Val Fricker. The major boom in the North Sea was over and Mike went to GPS - an American Silicon Valley company and set up sales and marketing in Europe for Trimble. He went to the States with Val and worked there for 3 years and returned in 1992. After

coming back he left Trimble and went into the weather business and retired in 2001. After the children finished school in Sevenoaks Val and Mike looked around for somewhere that would satisfy Val's artistic requirements for light and sea and Mike could work from home with the aid of computers and they found Rye Harbour which has been a great experience on all fronts. Living in a small responsive community who have been good friends and

very supportive has been a very special experience. The Harbour Point 2000 Exhibition, the Rye Harbour Artists Group, the Nature Reserve, the Sailing Club and now the Rye Harbour Future Planning involving all the bodies (organisations!) of Rye Harbour he is an active participant and driving force. It has been and is taking some time to learn how Rye Harbour really works! We are glad you are here Mike Slavin!



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



Yachts in increasing numbers are sailing up and down the river into the bay and beyond. Four boats are shortly setting off for Holland and beyond to the Friesian Islands where Erskine Childers book the Riddle of the Sands was based. Other yachts are still undergoing final refitting for the season.

Last week I had a call from the square rigger - the Tenacious - to say they were short of a watch leader would I go? It did not take much persuasion and I joined ship in London at the Isle of Dogs. We went to Belgium through Zeebrugge to Bruges and thence to Terneuzen in Holland before sailing across the North Sea to the Essex coast and the Blackwater River. It was as always very satisfying to see disabled crew, some in wheelchairs play a full part in the running of the ship. The ship requires many hands to tack or wear the ship. Indeed these manouvres were the downfall of many ships in past centuries due to the fact that they did not have the required number of people to work the

sails. The Royal Navy was the exception to this.

Ken Halpin

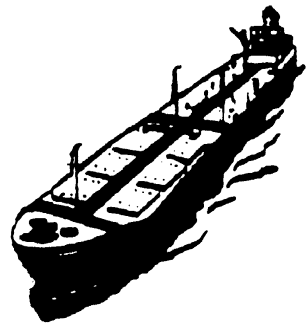
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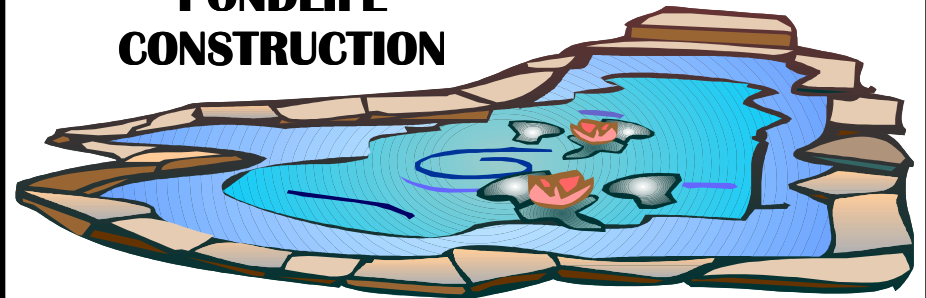
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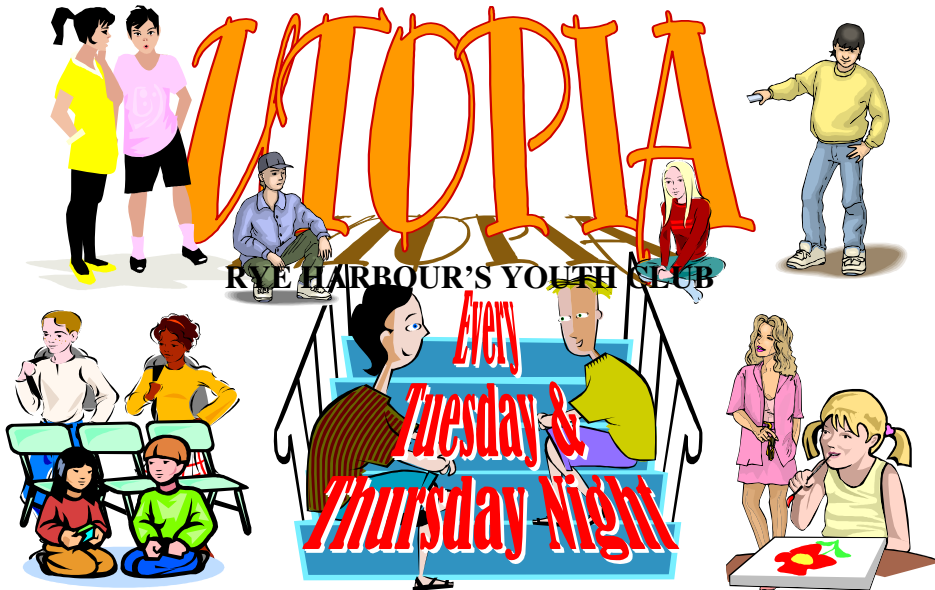
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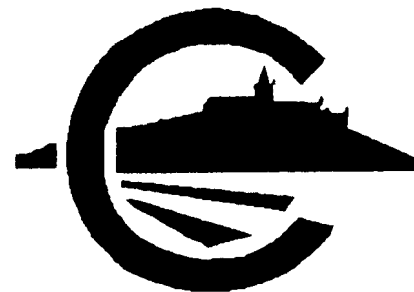
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Rye Harbour Church News

Sunday 8th June Whit Sunday is the Patronal Feast Day of the Church in Rye Harbour and of all other churches throughout the world dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

The Eucharist of the day will be celebrated at 9:15am. There will not be an afternoon celebration as was announced in last months newsletter, instead along with 'Churches Together' you are invited to come along to the church on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm to take part of the 'Celebration of Christian Faith' along with other churches you hear of

As part of the churches Together in Rye we are having a week of 'Celebration in Faith' from the 7th to 14th June. Part of this is Life in the spirit Seminars held in for Methodist church in Rye starting on the 22nd of June 03. The Holy Spirit Church will be included in this


Veni, Sancte Spiritus

the Reverent John Johansson Bery and some members of his team from 'The Community of Reconciliation' Broms-grove, Worcester.

Other events are on the pamphlets being distributed. Do try to make the Rye Harbour event at least.

The floor in the nave recently refurbished is really first-class and a fitting tribute to the late Ron Burrell. The rest of the floors in the church and

sanctuary will hopefully be completed shortly.

We must compliment Rye Harbour Artists group for their excellent show over Easter, a fitting event especially around this the main first day of the churches year, without this event there would have been no Christianity and all that it has, and is contributing to the world.

Finally the new chairs have arrived and blend in with the remaining pews and the triptych. They are also comfortable to sit on.

celebration. What better than on the night we ask to receive the Holy Spirit, we hold this meeting in Rye Harbour Church. A blessing for the village people of Rye Harbour. A list of venues has been enclosed.

Yours faithfully A G Reid.



A Celebration of Christian Faith Saturday 7th To Monday 16th June

SATURDAY 7th JUNE - St. Mary's Church at 7pm

OPENING CELEBRATION by Rev'd John Johansen-Berg and his team from the Community for Reconciliation will be introduced.

SUNDAY 8th JUNE - St. Mary's Church at 7pm

WHY BELIEVE? A presentation and discussion, led by John Johansen-Berg

MONDAY 9th JUNE - Rye Baptist Hall at 9.30-11.30am

NOAH'S ARK: A programme of Fun for the young of all ages

MONDAY 9th JUNE - Freda Gardham School at 7.30pm

SCIENCE & BELIEF: Our origins, destiny and Biblical teachings with Michael Poole, scientist and broadcaster

TUESDAY 10th JUNE - Rye Baptist Church at 7.30pm

WHY SUFFERING? Does God care about people so tested?

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE - Rye Baptist Church Hall at 3.30pm

TEA, TUNES & TALK: Favourite hymns, songs and reminiscences - tea and cakes

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE - St. Anthony's Church, Watchbell Street at 7.30pm

CAN WE BE HEALED? John Johansen-Berg, and an opportunity for the laying-on of Hands

THURSDAY 12th JUNE - Church of the Holy Spirit, Rye Harbour at 7.30pm

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT: How we receive the Holy Spirit and how it empowers us

FRIDAY 13th JUNE - Community Centre, Conduit Hill at 7.30pm

GOSPEL TRUTH: a New Musical by Jennie Rake

SATURDAY 14th JUNE - Around the Town and on Tilling Green - ALL DAY

Mime Artist Steve Murray performs around the town and later in the Marquee on Tilling Green; also Puppet Theatre, Face Painting, Bouncy Castles, Cream Teas, a Barbecue, Clubbing and MUCH MORE

SUNDAY 15th JUNE - St. Mary's Church at 7pm

WHERE FROM HERE? THE FINAL CELEBRATION

John Johansen-Berg will sum up, take questions and help us to focus on the way ahead

MONDAY 16th JUNE - Freda Gardham School, New Road at 7.30pm

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

A good time was had by all, when we had the sandpit out. Next week we are getting the paints out, and bring any cassettes of nursery rhymes for a children's singalong!

Now the summer is here, Anyone interested in going on a Summer Outing? We are arranging to go to see friendly farm animals at Woodchurch, Ashford. A visit to the rare breeds

centre for the children to experience the real sights and smells! So come along next week to put your name down.

We are open half term, and hopefully during the summer holidays so you can bring your older children to play with their siblings.

Just a reminder we are open every Wednesday 10-12 at the village hall, so come and join us for some fun!!! Thanks

Ann Satchell

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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Our darts team had their annual dinner at the rainbow trout. There were about 50 of us ladies and Pat Hughes came as an honorary guest as she drives us all the season. Our Captain Jean was presented with the cup as we have won the league again and what fun we have meeting all the other teams, it certainly helps to pass the winter evenings.

Some of us from Age Concern went to 'Magdela House' to a tea party to say goodbye to everyone, helpers, ladies and gentlemen as they are being transferred to the Friary Care Centre at the top of Rye Hill. Everyone is very sad, but we had a good olds singsong, and that cheered us all up.

Congratulations to Julie at the last Jumble Sale, in aid of funds for this years children's Christmas Party. It went extremely well and raised £ 83.00 .



GET WELL SOON

Kath Carder has been in hospital for some time now. We look forward to her coming home.

Sheila Caister is back driving again after breaking her wrist, I here she fell off a seesaw. No, it wasn't at Clambers, it was in her own garden, still has long has she is happy.

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Family Announcements

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 50th birthday to Teresa Sutton, a lovely party was held in the 'Conk', I wonder if there was a stripper-gram policeman.

Happy birthday to Turpin and also of happy retirement he was driving through the village on the works fire engine, it must have been quite a sight. On the same day, Turpin's, father in law George Smyth celebrated his birthday too. Many people will remember George and his wife Phyllis keeping the 'Conqueror' those never to be forgotten New Years Eves. As midnight approached customers were handed soda siphons and when they ran out buckets of water, as you can imagine the pub was awash.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy to Jean Brown on the death of her father Fred. Jeans Father and Mary her mother lived in Tram Road when Jean and her sister Angela and brother John were small, they were all born in Tram Road. Fred worked for Esso for years and used to cycle up to their depot, which was situated on the site of the Hilton keep fit gymnasium. Our thoughts are with all the family at this time.



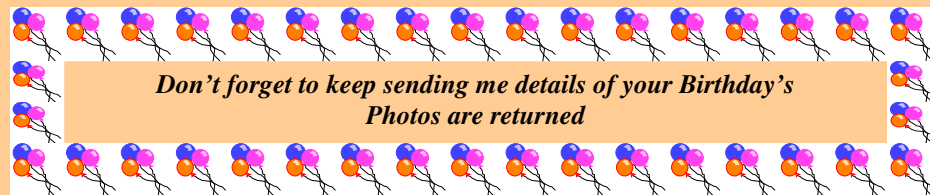
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Childminder Needed

Childminder needed for a four year old, starting at Freda Gardham School this September. Before and after school care needed, to be picked up at 6 am. If interested please contact the Vicky or Peter on 01797 222885 in the evening Rye Harbour.

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