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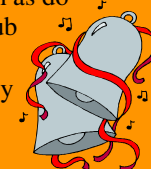
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Editor's Comments

Not many shopping days left before the big day and yes as usual, I'm leaving everything till the last moment, it's much more fun.

This month has proved quite testing on the whole, with my computer finding a life of its own, but I think I've managed to get it under control finally. Next month, I can not give you a deadline right now as I'm not exactly sure how and when it will get published as my printer would like the newsletter completed by the 12th December as he is having an extended Christmas, which would give you a deadline of the 5th. So for next month only I shall possibly be looking at alternative facilities and I will just spread the word as soon as I know, however it certainly won't be any later than Monday 15th

December. Anyway, one way or another we will get there, but it may slightly affect the quality. This month you will find a cut out page on page 32 re-Telephone Preference Services but I think you'll find if you wish to photo copy this page rather than cut it out, that will be fine. Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday the 14th December, ad on page 7, as it is always great fun and Julie puts in so much hard work throughout the year, to make sure it happens. Parent & Toddler also have a Christmas party on Wednesday 17th as do junior Youth club on 16th Dec. I wish everybody a very happy Christmas.





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To the Editor

How nice it is to see the churchyard looking so nice. It looks nicer than it has for a long time. It looks as if it has respect for the people who have been laid to rest, including the crew of the Mary Stanford Life Boat. Thank you to the vicar for this, and also for having, the fresh water restored so that we don't have to struggle up the road with heavy cans.

Jean Caister



To the editor

I would just like to say how nice the churchyard looks with the grass and weeds all cut down. It looks big and bright when you're walking through the gate, it has been a long time since it has looked so nice as this lets hope it can stay like it. Well done whoever did it?

Eve Robus



To the editor

To whom it may concern

Our family would like to thank both the Ambulance and Fire services, and the staff at Hastings hospital, who all played a big part in the rescuing and recuperation of our son, who had gone into the water at Rye nature reserve attempting to save his grandmother's dog. Luckily, both he and the dog were both OK, although quite cold and very shaken up. Thanks also to those people who tried to assist and comfort us through this traumatic experience. We are sorry that we did not thank you at the time, but hope that you shall read this.

Yours sincerely, a concerned mother, Mrs L C Gilbert from Maidstone.



FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

That majestic bird, the Kingfisher, is still very active around the harbour office. At least three have been seen patiently sitting on navigation marks looking for small fish. At frequent intervals they dive into the river (low water) recovering fish. A most beautiful sight. Again our resident seal is spending a lot of time within the village area, obviously being fed by local fishermen. Sadly, a dead pup seal has been found opposite the petty sewer just above the wharf. This information has been passed to the Institute of Zoology who take an interest in the reason why the animal died. Investigations into the steel piling opposite the white light, east pier have now been completed. New piling is scheduled to begin soon to strengthen this area of the west training wall supporting the new flood defence works. All those who use the river at this time will have to take care as the piling frame will extend into the river by some three metres. We now have our new keys for the nature reserve. It appears that a full set had



been stolen so all the locks around the reserve had to be changed. Derek Phillips celebrated a hundred years in business last month. The company is much older but the earliest records have been used to determine the age of the business. Derek produced a slide show with a number of well known boats built or repaired by him and his family. We have been approached with a view to hold a candle pageant next year at the harbour. This will involve the construction of small boats to contain the lights that will be floated off the slipway at night. We fully support this kind of venture and more details will be available as they become known. The sailing club firework night proved a great success with the usual good display of pyrotechnics. It seems that firework night is increasingly being extended with displays going on well after November. I believe legislation will soon be

introduced to curtail these displays after a certain date. As is traditional, I attended the St Mary's church for the Remembrance Service.

Being ex merchant navy I laid a wreath on behalf of those of all nationalities that lost their lives serving in the merchant marine. It must not be forgotten that 96% of all goods entering or leaving the U.K. do so by ship. Commercial shipping into Rye Wharf remains at a low level with a reduced demand for aggregate. Bretts have yet to introduce cargoes from Calais as part of their contract for the next twenty years to import through Rye. I believe this trade will commence early in the spring when we will again see regular ships trading into Rye. With the arrival of winter a number of visiting fishermen are arriving from the Thames estuary and Whitstable. They remain here for about three months whilst fishing is at a low ebb in the estuary. Most Rye boats are now changing over the "Scallop" gear. Many hundreds of tons of these shell fish were landed last year being a welcome boost to the industry. Most leisure craft are now out of

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

the water and in winter "layup". A time to "Make and Mend". Our thoughts

now leave the summer behind and emphasis on the seasonal period that is

fast approaching.

The Harbour Master



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PUBLIC INFORMATION SEA DEFENCES



The discussion on the local flood defences has proceeded further – we had a visit on 4th November from the Halcrow project design engineer and a landscape architect who were both very sympathetic to village needs. The definitive drawings will be completed during December and therefore the notes below are not necessarily the definitive specification. We should have an opportunity for review and comment. The points covered are:-

1) Ramp

Halcrows have revised the ramp access to the quay with the crest about 6m landwards of the present crest. The revised design does not interfere unduly with access to premises on either side. On the landward side we have asked for a grass cladding to the ramp, on the river side - blue boulders – an echo of village history. There is still a question over whether it is possible to arrange an exit from the small car park on to the ramp. Better drainage will also be incorporated

2) William the Conqueror

Halcrows have already designed an extended berm in front of William the Conqueror for two tables to have a view over the flood bank, the berm having steps incorporated. This will mean that the present garden beds will have to be moved.

3) Lookout area

The lookout area by the river will be extended to incorporate two seats. If at all possible there will be no rails so as to remain as near the present state as possible, with the initial slope being shallow. The path along the crest of the flood bank be a simple Type 1 finish. The river wall will, however, have to be of gabion construction – rock held in place with steel netting - for improved water scour protection. We have suggested they be filled with blue boulder flints as a tribute to their former use as a loading stage for the boulderers and this information be incorporated in an information board of better design than the present red effort. No steps would be incorporated in the design, access being up the slope as at present. Drainage will also be improved.



PUBLIC INFORMATION SEA DEFENCES Cont..

3) River Bank (West Chain Moorings)

The river bank will need the top section removed (i.e. stripping off the grass and removing all of the trees more than 3m away from garden fences). Tree roots (particularly sycamore!) destabilise flood defence banks. The engineers will, however, try to keep as much as possible of the present flora. They may be able to modify the new crest alignment nearer the river since the present width of the bank is probably more than necessary. The present turf will be replaced by re-seeding with suitable native species and native trees planted. The landscape architect strongly supported the concept of preserving as much as possible of the present flora and ambience, i.e. leave it near to the present mildly scruffy look and not to pretty it up unnecessarily. The salt

marsh environment will also be preserved as far as possible.

However, where vegetation has to be removed it will have to be at the latest by February of the year in which the project is being done so that the project is not halted by intrepid birds nests!

3) Schedule

The main work will have to be carried out

during the summer months to guarantee the best construction conditions with vegetation stripping earlier that year. The overall project schedule is still quite uncertain at this point, as is the execution plan, the Environment Agency still does not know if the Rye flood defence project will be over 3 or 5 years, nor indeed how the priority of the various sections will be sorted out.

3) Construction and Transport Issues

Given the very early stage of the project these requirements have not as yet been addressed. We are preparing a submission for the EA Project Engineer on these points. The vibration caused by the heavy trucks passing through the village on the current coastal defence project has already got residents' attention.





FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



Early signs of the this years scallop season, are not quite what was hoped for, with a few trips on the closest beds showing fair catches but nothing like the sort the start, of the last season. This in turn might keep prices up and also some boats from away will stick to trawling, as the fishing seems to be holding up all along the coast. The weather has played its part again with enough wind to keep local boats in port for several days at a time but trips have been good when the

chance to get back to sea arrives, both for trawlers and netters. Mild weather seems to have kept the Dover soles in the bay with some boats still fishing with multi rig gear in November and in the past this would have been most unusual with the night fishing having been finished weeks ago. The netters also are catching large soles although not great in number these are the higher-priced of the species and using the bigger mesh nets that they are now, most of the fish are a good run.

Very small quotas for cod fishing are causing problems now and an enforced monthly catch quota for all boats is making it hard to stay within it and very lucky the bay is producing a very mixed fishery. This mixed fishing shows up well with the trawlers fishing in daylight with the bigger single trawl and longer last sweeps between otter board and net with catches of squid, gurnard, bass and herring helping to make up the trip along with the normal place and whiting.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



RYE POLICE STATION

Rye Harbour Garage has been the target of several attacks in recent times. A number of windows have been smashed on each occasion. It appears to happen over the weekend. If you have any information about who is doing this contact PC CATT at Rye.

Serial 501 16/11/03 refers to the theft of a blue & white boat from a field at Rye Harbour. The make was Sunseeker & the name of the boat "ONLYAGAME", it was on a red trailer with the index of H**LKM on the rear.

BOGUS POLICEMAN WARNING FIRST BATTLE NOW HASTINGS WHERE NEXT ??

Police have issued a warning to householders, particularly the elderly, following thefts involving bogus officers. In the latest incident at about 4pm on Wednesday 12 November a man claiming to be a policeman called at the address of an elderly lady in Tenterden Rise, Hastings. Whilst in the property he stole about £2,000 in cash and jewellery worth several thousand pounds. The man is described as white, aged about 30, with short straight black hair and of medium build. He was wearing a dark coloured suit and had a white card pinned to the front of it which had a police emblem on.

An elderly couple in Battle Road, St Leonards, have also been conned. On Thursday November 6 a man called at their home posing as a policeman and, on the pretence of checking for counterfeit money, he stole £700 from them. The next day a man went to their home again, this time claiming to be a court bailiff but they did not let him in.

An elderly lady in Battle also received a visit from someone saying he was a police officer on Wednesday November 12. He arrived at her Marley Lane home at 2pm, showed some form of ID card and said he needed to check her security. However on this occasion the victim, who had kept her door security chain on, said she would close the door and call a neighbour to come round before letting him in. The man then left. He was described as having short dark hair, wearing a long black jacket and black trousers.

A police spokesperson said: We would like all householders, particularly the elderly, to be on their guard. If anyone calls at your home always ask for ID - Sussex Police officers carry a warrant badge and photo identification. If in any doubt ring police and do not let them in. Anyone with any information about the incidents or who has had a similar visitor should contact DC John Stalley at Hastings police station on 0845 60 70 999 quoting crime number SH2/39129/03.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Winter has definitely arrived on the reserve now, with the wind blowing strongly, and the sun fighting a losing battle with the clouds. However there are still people fighting their way onto the reserve, especially during a very busy half term, either venturing to the beach or sheltering in the bird hides and observing our many winter visitors. It has quietened down in regard to school visits, but Peasmarsh School will be braving the weather to study the changing coastlines of Rye Bay over the centuries.

With autumn storms hitting the coastline, many items have been washed ashore. Why not come along and help us with our **pre-Christmas beach clean on Saturday 6th December**, with hot soup served from Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am, bring work gloves if you have them. On **Saturday 13th December**



in winter, when the weather turns cold in Europe and Scandinavia, it is the time to visit and look for new bird arrivals enjoying our milder climate.

At the time of writing (mid November) numbers of some wetland species such **Snipe, Golden Plover** and **Water Rail** have increased

join us on a circular walk of Castle Water to view our wintering wildfowl and explore Henry VIII's Camber Castle. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 10am

Naturally, much of the



wildlife here on the reserve is keeping a pretty low profile, or has moved on at this time of year. In the river a Common Seal has been ... quite common, and a few late dragonflies and butterflies were on the wing into November. But

noticeably: 47 Snipe were counted near Ternery Pool a few days ago and are certainly more evident around the reserve generally, whilst those of you who have visited within the last few weeks may well have spotted or heard

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.

the squealing (like a pig) calls of the usually elusive Water Rail. A few large flocks of **Golden Plover** (up to 1100) could be seen roosting on Flat Beach (behind the wader pool), alongside **Lapwing, Ringed Plover** and **Sanderling** of varying numbers. Recently, on the deeper pits, the first **Smew** have arrived, and there was a long staying **Long-tailed Duck**.

At Castle Water more **Bitterns** have now arrived and are a regular sight, especially just after sunset!. We will be arranging a 'bittern survey' in December to gain a

clearer idea of how many are wintering here this season.

If you are lucky and determined it is still possible to see or hear **Bearded Tits** in the reedbeds, usually out at Castle Water. **Kingfisher** is another bird you stand a good chance of seeing, providing a very welcome splash of colour to brighten a gloomy winter's day.

Merlins are also a good bet in any part of the reserve and worth a special trip out in their own right. Two were seen a few days ago on 10th November, one offering some excellent

views of this beautiful little raptor as it perched in a tree.

By the time you read this we should have replaced our oldest birdwatching hide (dating from 1972). The new hide will be accessible to wheelchairs and larger, so that it will seat school classes in greater comfort. It overlooks Ternery Pool and was named after Guy Crittall, the first chairman of the "Friends" of the reserve.

By Barry, Miriam, Andy (Wardens etc...)



Parent & Toddler



Christmas Party



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Fourteen months and numerous committee meetings later, the plan finally came to fruition. This 75th Anniversary of the loss of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat had a different format. On Saturday 15th November, the actual day of the disaster 75 years previous, the surviving children and siblings returned to the old lifeboat house for a private service of remembrance, transport was laid on for those without cars.



Rye Harbour lifeboat along with the flank station lifeboats of Dungeness and Hastings left the harbour to arrive off the old boathouse, where three baskets of rose petals were scattered on the sea and a reading and prayers were read by the Reverend Lucy Murdoch BTh. This was witnessed by 8 of the 12 surviving relatives along with their guests ashore; The Very Reverend Canon Basil O'Ferrall CB MA RN read the last 2 prayers for the shore party.



Following the service all returned to the Village Hall for a warming drink with cake and biscuits where they had time to reminisce about the past. A few of them were interviewed for a film being made for the Institution to be shown at the RNLI Annual Awards Ceremony at the Barbican next year.

A group photo of all the surviving children and siblings present was taken.

Rye Harbour Lifeboat Station was open to the general public, who felt that they would like to visit the station to pay their respects.



The church had been decorated with white lilies, laurel and yew for the Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 16th November; the original grave was lined with laurel and yew and lilies were the main flower in the Church. The service started with the Rector, Reverend Hugh Moseley BA welcoming everyone to the 75th Anniversary service. 17 direct family members participated in the service; each went



to the altar in turn and lit a candle in memory of their relative who was lost in the Mary Stanford and read out their name.

The first reading (from scripture Psalm 107: 23-32) was read by Sir John James KCVO CBE, Deputy Chairman of the Council of the RNLI, the second reading (Mary Stanford II) was read by His Worshipful the Mayor of Rye, Councillor Paul Carey.

Also in attendance was Mr Ugis Bambe, Deputy Head of Mission and Mrs Irena Hamilton, Cultural Attaché from the Latvian Embassy, The Deputy Chairperson of Icklesham Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Merricks along with the two Poppen brothers who had travelled from Germany – their Father Captain Bernhard Poppen was a boy sailor on the MS 'Smyrna', he was one of the last people to see the crew of the Mary Stanford alive.

A wreath laying ceremony followed the church service. Wreaths were laid by the following:

Sir John James KCVO CBE, Deputy Chairman of the Council of the RNLI.
Mr Ugis Bambe, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Latvia.
Councillor Mrs Merricks, Deputy Chairperson, Icklesham Parish Council.
His Worshipful the Mayor of Rye, Councillor Paul Carey.
Royal British Legion

17 lifeboat crew; 9 from Rye Harbour, 4 from Dungeness and 4 from Hastings, laid individual posies consisting of 1 rose, laurel and yew, on each name tablet.

As always, everyone was invited back to the Village Hall for refreshments.

On behalf of the Committee and Crew at Rye Harbour Station Branch, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Memorial weekend such a great success. Special thanks go to Vera, for being the interpreter, Pat Hughes and John Gurney - Community Transport, Janet Pollard and Mrs Parsons for the wonderful flower arrangements in the church, as always to the ladies who served the refreshments over the weekend (Margaret, Joan, Sylv, Di, Betty) and Ron and Anna who helped with the washing up.

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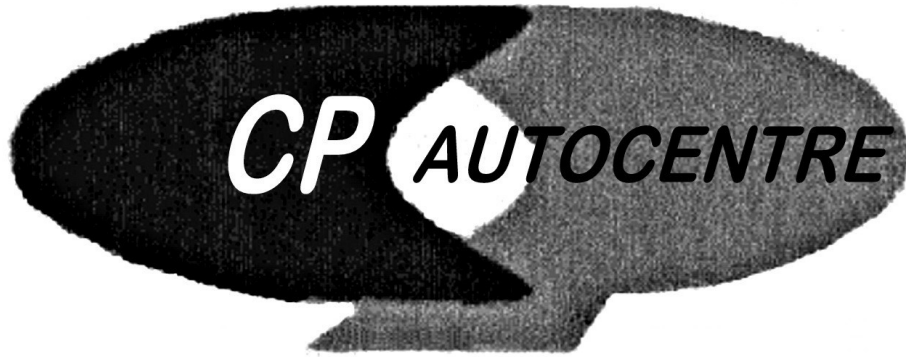
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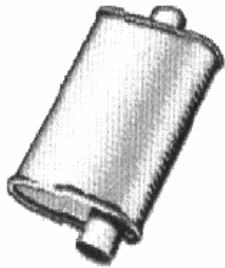
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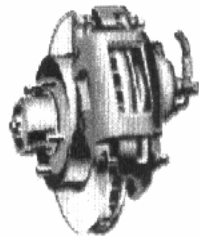


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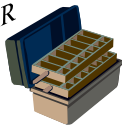
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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Molly Saunders was born in Gosport, Hampshire and her father was a naval man. When she was 3 years old they went to Emsworth and she grew up there living opposite to what is now the Seagull. The family consisted of parents, one sister and two brothers. They had lots of good fun, swimming in the mill pond until there was a polio scare, playing and walking and once one brother took them for a ten mile hike. A water carnival would be held on the mill pond and was really beautiful all lit up at night. They would have a small bonfire on bonfire night and would visit all the local shops collecting cardboard boxes and find inside all sorts of nick-knacks which was exciting. Molly was the baby and remained her mothers baby until mother died aged 87 years old. When Molly was 12 years old they went to London where father was with the Inland Revenue and went to Lavender Hill School where she became one of the Lavender Hill mob. They lived near Clapham Junction. On Saturdays Molly worked in the drapery store, Arding and Hobbs and this was where Rudyard Kipling based the first part of his novel Kim.

When Molly was 18 years old she trained as a nurse at St, Mary's, Portsmouth. They trained on the wards which was very hard work, long hours with night shifts. Originally Molly wanted to be



came home and worked at the London Clinic and then did a 3 month specialist training in Psychiatry at the Brookwood Hospital in Surrey spending 2 weeks on a locked ward and would stand against a pillar in order to see on 3 sides. Molly then went to Dallas, Texas in North America and had a really good time with lots of friends and a luxurious lifestyle. Molly found and fell in love with a dog who was roaming outside the hospital which may have belonged to one of the long incarcerated. They went to San Francisco, California but Molly was unable to find anywhere to live that would accept her lovely dog as well as herself. Back they came to Surrey where they had wonderful walks through the Punchbowl.

a houseparent in an orphanage but her best friend went into nursing which caused Molly to switch but she has no regrets. They lived in the nurses home which was prefabricated huts with a long corridor down the middle which the occasional drunk would use as a passage way. It was good fun and a good training and foundation. After 3 years training Molly emigrated to Canada and worked in Ontario near Toronto in a general hospital and did not think the standard of nursing was very good. She

After a year Molly came to Hastings where she found the people so friendly and loved the herring gulls. She took a job as ward sister at St. Helen's on the surgical unit and bought her first and only house, a small terrace. She started off with a studio couch which was also a bed, a table from home, a tea chest and one armchair. She had to sell her car to do up the house and spent 5 years on a moped. Priorities were 4 walls and a roof, to pay the bills, feed the dog and then feed Molly. She had super neighbours. On one

side was an elderly lady who was a retired children's nurse and when Molly was doing the garden would bring her a sherry and would bake her fruit pies when she was doing one for herself. The other neighbour gave her cups of tea over the fence. After two years Molly had a 'Road to Damascus' conversion experience through watching a film on TV called Jesus of Nazareth. God spoke through this in a very particular way with a realisation that Jesus died on

the Cross because we go on sinning and Molly was determined not to go on sinning which she sees as living apart or without God. But of course she could not live up to that because with our human nature we continue to sin but with that came such a desire to read the Bible, which is such a good book that Molly devoured it. Molly went to the nearby Baptist Church and went through baptismal classes and was baptised through immersion. Although Molly finds it a

struggle she tries to live as Jesus would have us live. After ten years at St. Helen's Molly met Cyril and they married and Molly stopped nursing after 20 years to the day to be a house wife then a mother. Molly has always felt welcome in Rye Harbour and feels people here in the village have a knack of drawing people in from the outside. Thank you Molly for being so open and honest.

Jill Halpin

Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



The three members of the Sailing Club attending the 75th anniversary service to commemorate the loss of the Mary Stanford Life Boat and entire crew were deeply impressed by the dignified arrangements. Close relatives read out the names and lit individual candles. Later flowers were put on each name around the outside memorial by present life boat crew members. The setting sun and a fly past of a flock of birds brought to an end the village tribute.

Two Rye sea cadets were funded by the sailing club to sail on the Royalist, a brig organised by the Sea Cadets for voyages. They had an exciting time and sent us their personal logs. We hope that such a rich experience will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The end of the sailing season was marked by a dinner dance at the River Haven Hotel. Awards were presented to the winning yachts. This year several boats shared the honours. A lovely meal was followed by some sedate dancing! The effigy fireworks and bonfire were set



off in grand style on 1st November. The evening was clear and calm. The effigy was Three Men in a Tub. The butcher, the baker and the candle stick maker-striking resemblance to the archbishop of Canterbury--were

artistically constructed by Linda Hopper. This took her many hours--Well done! Our winter program has now started with meals and lectures plus many salty sea tales.

Ken Halpin



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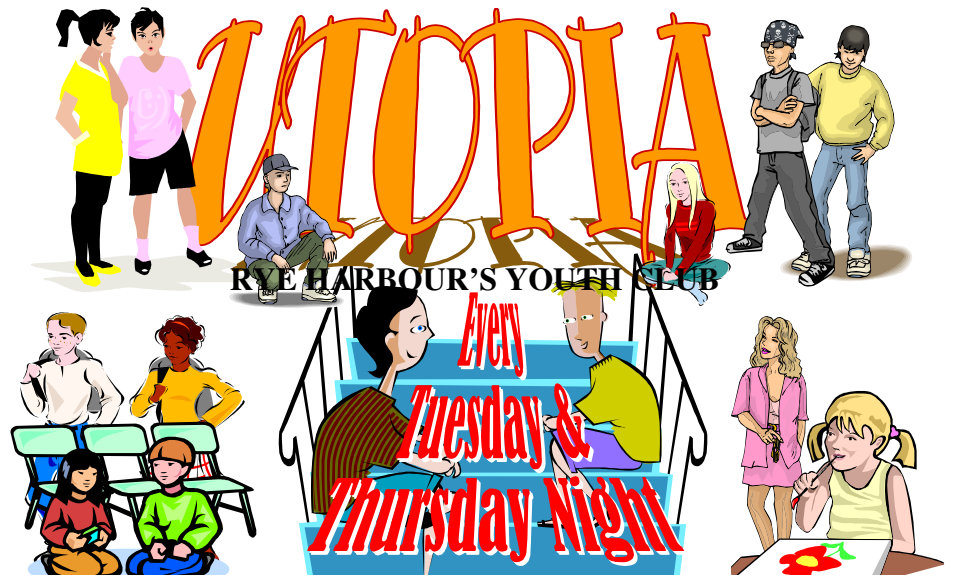
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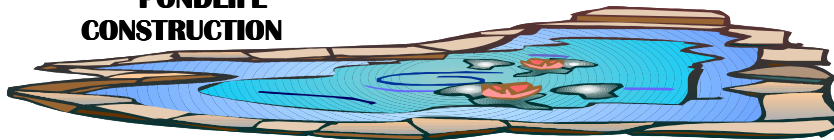
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Rye Harbour Church News

Sitting by the sea near Jury's Sluice on a beautiful late Autumn afternoon, I was reminded that even on such a tranquil day, nothing is still. Cloud scudded past, sea birds were wheeling overhead and the ocean rhythmically lapped the shoreline. Even when we are at rest, our bodies continue to function through our vital organs. Microscopic life teems with activity. The universe is expanding at such a speed that we cannot grasp its vastness and complexity.

Behind and within all things is God, the Source of all that exists. He cannot be totally identified with nature or the universe because He is greater still, but everything throbs with the life He has invested in it. How wrong it would be, then, to imagine God as somehow static or inactive. God cannot be less than His Creation.

The Bible introduces us to a God who is creative and concerned. He brings our world into being and is



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

intimately involved in its development, although He devolved responsibility on humankind for the earth's husbandry and productivity. The name for God given to Moses was "Yahweh" – a mysterious term which may simply mean "He causes to be". In other words, God's name indicates what he is like, i.e. dynamic, a God of action, his hand on the affairs of history.

How do we see this working out in practice? An angel said to Mary "You will conceive and bear a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High". (Luke 1:30-32). So much for ideas of an Almighty God who would either be indifferent to us or overwhelm us with His power and purity. Our God comes to us humbly,

in the form of a child, born to ordinary parents in an insignificant corner of the mighty Roman Empire. God was still 'pro-active', still

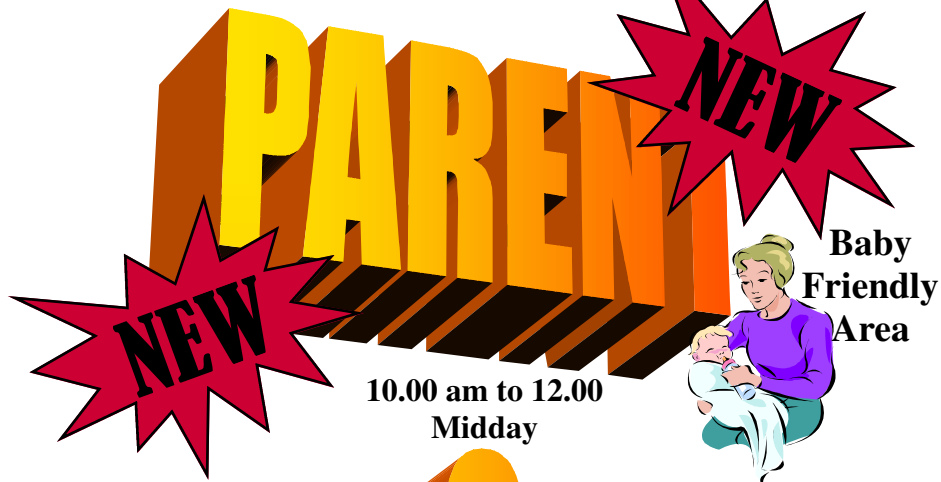
concerned for our well being but took the unlikely step of appearing in our image, even as a helpless infant. Nor did it stop there! Not only the crib, but the Cross as well. God, love-in-action, comes to us in His Son, a humble servant. Christmas asks the question, "What is our response to God's eternal love for us?" Thankfulness or indifference?

A very joyful Christmas to you all

Please note There will be no service in the morning on 14th December, but there will be "Carols by Candlelight" on that day at 4 p.m.

On Christmas Day the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.15 a.m.

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Well, the pirate ball pool is a great success, thanks Marcus! The children really love it, especially the blow up treasure chest, which they all like hiding in. Surprisingly most of the balls manage to stay in the 'boat'. Even tidy up time is fun with everyone scrambling to get the balls back in the bags. Of course it does make for an even bigger squash in the toy cupboard, but we manage it. It's lovely to see new faces at the group and of course more children to enjoy the nice range of toys and activities provided. If you haven't joined in the fun yet, we meet every Wednesday from 10 am to 12



pm, why not come along. If you'd like to see the health visitor she comes on the first Wednesday of every month. Our Christmas Party is on December 17th, 10.30 to 1 o'clock when we will be having lots of festive fun, a Christmas puppet and magic show from Aubrey the Magic man and a visit from Father Christmas, come and join us all are welcome, just a small edible contribution will be gratefully received.

Rosemary.

More Rye Harbour Church News

Services for December Sunday 14th December will be the Eucharist at 9:15am, whilst on Christmas Day will be the Eucharist of Christmas also at 9:15 am, you are invited to both of these services to put Christ back into Christmas, it does make a difference, and to the festive season, why not give it a try? Funeral service for Colin Millgate formerly of Camber was held at Rye harbour on 30th October, Colin was born and brought up in Rye Harbour before moving on. A regular member of the congregation Kathleen Goodburn died recently in the Conquest Hospital, a service of committal was held at Lew-

isham Crematorium on 21st November. Catherine will also be remembered as a regular supporter along with Jeanette her daughter at the Village Hall Lunch Club, as well as in the Church along with Sandra and Susan. An interesting piece we heard recently from Kathleen was set she was a far watcher in the London Blitz. With her work in this dangerous occupation, we wonder unbeknown to her how many lives did she saved! Kathleen certainly knows the answer now. The family hope for a service of thanks giving here in Rye Harbour a little later on. We conclude with the words of hope by St Sir

Thomas More, also a Londoner that we all meet merrily in heaven. A word to everyone from Sylvia Alford I would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind thoughts, and good wishes following my sudden departure into the Conquest Hospital where I spent the next nine days. I have been overwhelmed by the goodwill by everyone towards me and look forward to seeing you all, at the next ploughman's lunch on the 8th of December. I would like to conclude, by expressing my thanks to the doctors and staff on the James and Baired wards.

Michael Alford



Family Announcements

Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday Christopher Tuohy on your 5th birthday. Lots of Love from Mum, Dad, Michelle and all the family.

Happy Birthday Nanny Pat on your 80th birthday, I'm sure the whole village will join us in wishing her many happy returns of the day on the 16th December.



Happy birthday, to Doris and Arthur, who celebrate their birthdays on November 16th and 19th respectively. We hope they have the day to remember.



GET WELL SOON

Sylvia has been in hospital and has been very poorly, she is home again but has to have lots of rest.

Audrey Caister fell over in her kitchen and broke her arm. Of course it was her right one. But she still managed to laugh.

Betty Piggott has been quite poorly and certainly moves at a slower pace. We miss seeing her out with her dogs but look out for her every day.

Chip Winton has had a very nasty accident on a motorbike going round Brands Hatch. He was very poorly for a time in Dartford hospital and his family had some very worrying journeys visiting him. We are pleased to see him home again now.

Sympathy

Our thoughts are with Jean Millgate at this time, on the death of her husband Colin, he was such a big, gentle man, and was born in Rye Harbour. He married my cousin Jean Caister and they had a son and a daughter. After living in Northampton for a number of years they came back to settle in Camber.

We send our sympathy to Jean and her family.

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