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Editor's Comments

I sincerely hope you have all had a better month than me, as it must have been one of the worst months I've ever had, and I've had a few.

Still it's over now, a new year dawning and my god, there are going to be some changes. How this may or may not affect Rye Harbour I do not know yet but one thing for sure, I shall not be looking back.

Below is a picture of this years Village Hall Christmas tree purchased as, the past two years by the Rye Harbour Newsletter, installed by myself with the kind loan of a dustbin from Mr & Mrs Alford and decorated by the children of the Village under the guidance of Mel (Youth Club Co-ordinator),

boxes and wrapping paper courtesy of Budgens. Just thought I'd mention it as our Village voice seemed to imply otherwise. And it's a shame it doesn't last till June, for the Senior Citizens Christmas party.

Luckily for me this month a smaller edition, as usual at this time of year, and a little late as expected but at least it hasn't lost the quality.

Next months deadline will be **Friday 16th**

January 2004. So it's just left for me to say, that I hope you

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A great day for the port of Rye when the first export cargo of grain was loaded aboard the vessel "Hoo Robin" destined for Rotterdam. It was in 1993 that the last cargo of 1200 tons was loaded, again for Rotterdam. Soon after the Alsford Wharf entered into administrative receivership. We are hopeful that more cargoes will present themselves as there is a reported 240,000 tons of grain in store within a 20 mile radius of the port. Cargoes are expected to be "fixed" for the Christmas period, the wharf only closing for a few hours on Christmas day. No ships have ever been delayed because of closure of the port and pilotage service, these being available throughout.

High winds towards the end of November caused a breach in the sea defences to the landward toe of the west pier causing considerable quantities of shingle to enter the river and spread across Camber sands. Emergency repairs required the importation of large Limestone rocks, some three thousand tons, from Calais that arrived by



flat top barge under the tow of the tug "Afon Wen". This stone was unloaded just west of the harbour and is presently being placed in the breach. We hope this will prevent further erosion of this important defence structure.

The Environment Agency owns another Harbour on the Severn Estuary. Lydney Docks was an important harbour for the exportation of coal mined in the Dean Forest. This harbour has long silted up with lock gates damaged beyond repair. The Agency is in the process of renovating the gates and dredging the harbour in partnership with others as the harbour is a designated heritage site. I went to visit in order to how they obtained funding as we at Rye are looking for monies to complete the Fish Market renovation together with other improvements including repainting the Pierhead marks and introducing a CCTV

system at three locations in the harbour.

Those of you who are very observant will have noticed a different light on the east pier. The old light had been in existence for over twenty years. I changed the bulb a few months ago for the first time and calculated that it had been in service for 7,305 days and was "on" for 4,163,850 minutes flashing 9 flashes every 15 seconds making a total in its life time of, wait for it, 124,915,500 times. The bulb is German, of course. The new light has a distinct blue hue and should be visible at sea for a distance of 6 miles.

We now have a new camera, one of those electronic things that has the ability to store 460 images. Readers are welcome to view some of the scenes of the river and ships etc. that can easily be "downloaded" and printed off from the office computer (small charge).

The office administration is slowing down as we approach the festive season and other businesses are not communicating. We

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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shall be in attendance over the Christmas period providing port control and assistance with boat

owners who venture on the river to escape in-laws and "unliked" guests and families. We, at the harbour office, wish you

all a Merry Christmas and safe boating for 2004.

Carl Bagnel
Harbour Master



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

I can appreciate what you are saying about the churchyard looking so nice and I understand we have Janet Pollard and Peter Greenhalf our local photographers to thank for their hard work in strimming and tidying and at this time of year it does look cared for when it can look very messy with foliage dying off.

I was here in the village when there was a battle between the conservationists Marie Blattman, Breda Burt (East Sussex botanical recorder) and Michael who kept the Churchyard shaved all the year round. The Churchyard is just full of wildflowers both common and rare which bring in all sorts of butterflies, moths and insects and birds so in the spring and summer it is full of life surrounding the graves of loved ones of this village. Some of us had a picnic there in the summer and were down on our hands and knees looking and wondering at the beauty of some of the tiniest of flowers. One of my favorites is geranium mol one of the earliest 3 mm. across. There is a strong movement now to allow the growth of the plants in the spring and summer especially when so many habitats are being lost. I appreciate that I might be shot down in flames as being an incomer for speaking out but I feel strongly that it is better to have an open debate as opened by Jean and Eve rather than grumbling along in the background. Would a tour around the churchyard for the village when the flowers are in bloom led by an expert in these matters be useful or welcome?

Jill Halpin

P.S. For the Lifeboat Memorial Service there was a grand clear up of the churchyard by Richard and Steve Tollett and Co. Thank you, very much to them.

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



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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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ANOTHER NEW SERVICE FROM RELATE

Relateen Service in Rye

Thanks to funding from Connexions, Relate South East Sussex are excited that they are going to be able to offer the Relateen Service in Rye.

The service will be available at Thomas Peacocke Community College and at Animate. Young people will be able to contact the counsellor and arrange an appointment themselves, alternatively they can ask a trusted adult, ie teacher, youth worker, parent, grandparent, doctor etc to contact the service on their behalf.

The service will be free to the young people thanks to funding from Connexions, who have awarded over £16,000 to set up this service in Rye. The service will be provided by Relate South East Sussex and overseen by a Partnership including the Police, Educational Services, Animate, Health, Social Services, Thomas Peacocke Community College and Connexions. Relate are delighted that these agencies have come together to support this service and recognise the value of Relateen to the wider community as well as the young people.

Relateen is a dedicated counselling service for young people aged between 11-18 who are experiencing parental break up. It offers a specially trained counsellor with whom young people can talk openly about their fears, concerns and feelings regarding their parent's relationship breakdown, separation or divorce.

This helps young people to realise that they are not to blame for what is happening and that both their parents still love them. Perhaps most importantly it helps them to understand that their anxieties, anger and emotional reaction to the situation are quite normal.

The sessions with the counsellor are confidential and no information is shared elsewhere, although we naturally work to child protection guidelines. This means the young people can talk openly without fear of criticism and to let their pent up feelings out in a constructive way. They can express anger, frustration, fear, and pain, in a way they may be unable to do at home. Often in the turmoil of a relationship breakdown the children may feel no one is listening to them or what they want. Because they do not want to hurt their parents even more they may not say anything.

Benefits to the community can include reduction in or avoidance of anti-social behaviour, truancy and criminal activities. A decrease in underage drinking or experimenting with drugs, a lower rate of teenage and underage pregnancies and in levels of mental health problems in this age group. This can promote an improvement in behaviour patterns, resumption of academic achievement and increased personal confidence. This all reduces the likelihood of exclusion, less aggressive behaviour and less classroom disruption.

The long-term benefits to society are young people who grow up with a greater understanding of why relationships break down, what the options are and how to build stronger relationships. They also grow up with a greater insight into their own reactions to change, how emotions affect their behaviour and the lifeskills to deal more effectively with problems in the future.

For more information please contact Maureen Anstey, Manager at Relate South East Sussex, 22 Church Street, Eastbourne, BN21 1HS. Telephone 01323 410001.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



NORTHAM ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION - UPDATE

Police are appealing for witnesses after the attempted abduction of a schoolgirl in Northiam.

At about 4.15pm on Friday 28 November the young schoolgirl was walking along Main Street, Northiam, near its junction with Beales Lane.

The girl was grabbed by the arms by a man who had got out of an old, tatty, red estate type car which had pulled up in Beales Lane. The girl pushed the man away and ran home. The man, who left in the car, said nothing to the victim during the attack. The girl was not injured.

The incident is being investigated by detectives at Rother CID, as one of attempted abduction. The officer leading the hunt for the man, Detective Inspector Trevor Bowles, said: "This incident was clearly one which has frightened the victim. I am pleased to say that she is not injured and we have now interviewed her in detail, by using the skills of specially trained officers. As a result, we are now in possession of a number of key details about the offence and the suspect himself."

He continued: "I appeal to anyone who saw a red estate car in the area of Northiam on Friday afternoon which appeared suspicious or was unknown in the village to contact police. Offences of this nature will always be treated with utmost seriousness by us and we rely on the public to help us with the enquiry. The public want this man caught as much as we do."

The suspect is described as white, in his 30s, of chubby build, with short hair on the sides and back of his head and balding on top. He may have an eyebrow piercing. He was wearing a large fleece jacket with front pockets and blue jeans.

Anyone with information which might help police should contact Rother CID on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1115 of 28/11/03.

CARD CLONING IN CASH MACHINES AT RYE

There has a spate of thefts by someone cloning cards at Cash Machines in High Street, Rye. It appears that they are able to disable NATWEST & BARCLAYS machines. LLOYDS is then used by the victim. The transaction is completed, the card is returned. The card details have somehow been cloned and cash is withdrawn from the account. A smartly dressed male with a foreign accent is believed to be responsible. He told victims of the defective machines and suggests using the Lloyds machine. He let the victim use the machine and waited for them to leave. He must have some device attached to the machine that reads the card details. Money is removed from the account shortly afterwards. This always occurs at the weekend when Banks are closed. Be on the alert for a smartly dressed male & possibly a smartly dressed female. If the machines are out of order, check the ones that are working very carefully. If you see anything suspicious call the police immediately.

SCAM: - PERSONAL & BANK DETAILS.

There are genuine "Virtual Money" companies, which enable people to make payments across the Internet.

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You should be aware of the following key points, which are potential Scam identifiers.

1. It asks for personal details online.

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2. The name they sign off with is coded differently every time.

This is to evade some anti spam programs, which recognise exact messages

If you have any information about this or any other incident e-mail senlac-nhw@sussex.police.uk

NEW TELEPHONE SCAM - "BEWARE"

The Wiltshire Police have received information relating to a new telephone scam, relating to both home and work telephones, and occasionally, mobiles.

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"Congratulations, we are calling to advise you that you have won an all expenses paid trip to {Location} please press 9 now to hear further details."

If you press 9 and connect, even if you disconnect immediately, the other end will stay connected for a minimum of 5 minutes - at a cost to you of £100; the message actually lasts for a total of 11 minutes.

The final part of the call asks you to key in your postcode and house number (this raises a number of other security issues) and then after a wait of a further 2 minutes, you will be greeted with: -

"Sorry, you are not one of the lucky winners." followed by automatic disconnection, leaving you with a huge telephone bill of £260.

British Telecom advise that these calls originate from outside the UK and as a result, they are powerless to act.

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RYE HARBOUR.

Yet again the owner of Rye harbour garage has suffered broken windows. It seems that the premises is being targeted by someone. Quote serial 277 of 4th December.

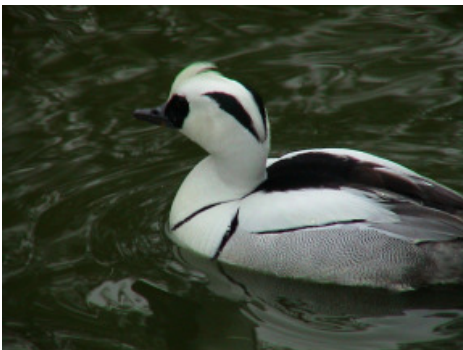
RYE HARBOUR.

Rye Harbour Garage - Yet again the owner has suffered damage to his windows over the last weekend. This is the 10th time this has occurred. Community Support Officers have been on patrol in the vicinity to try and catch the offenders. Somebody must know who is responsible for this. An e-mail or a call to crimestoppers will suffice. Quote serial 418 of 15th December.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Highlights from the beach reserve have

included 2 short eared owls, a regular merlin, spotted redshank, up to 81 snipe, and 2 jack snipe. A maximum of 74 corn buntings have been seen feeding on the fields near Lime Kiln, with 7 snow buntings sighted on flat beach. The curlew roost at dusk, along the shore, supported 446 one night, with up to 3 Bitterns being seen at Castle Water. One of our good wintering ducks is smew, with a maximum of 9 being seen (pictured below).



Also at Castle Water male and female hen harriers seen on a few dates, and also a marsh harrier. On the 6th Dec 14 woodcock were sighted around the reserve.

At this time of year the reserve is much quieter in terms of visitor numbers, however, a few schools have wrapped up warm to venture down to the reserve. Peasmarsh School sheltered from the elements in the Old Lifeboat House, whilst learning about the history of the ever changing coastline. Sea



Monsters were once again created in the sand, with poems written so their memories live on.....

Charlotte's Monster

On a day wet and cold,
On a beach not so old,
Sea monsters are taking shape,
Not on paper or using tape,
But on a beach!

Long wide space of sand,
Everyone giving a helping hand,
How will they breathe?
How will they eat?
These sea monsters at our feet,
On the beach!

Making real our ideas,
If alive one of our worst fears,
Sea monsters so powerful and great,
What will be their fate?
On this beach!

Winchelsea School closely looked at the habitats and coastlines of Rye Harbour. They were lucky to have a talk from Ian Young, the Construction Works Manager, who told them all about the Sea Defence project. Opposite page is the group after receiving a goodie bag from Van Oord ACZ.

Why not join us on a New Year walk around the Beach Reserve on **Sun 18th Jan**, where we will be taking a close look at our waders, wildfowl and many other wintering birds. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park, 2pm-5pm.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.



Left is the group after receiving a goodie bag from Van Oord ACZ.

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

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Pat Gawn
I first met Pat when I came to the village to live 20

years ago. She was riding around on her bicycle and taking a real interest in everyone and everything in the village and writing a report each month for Marie Blattman to publish in the Newsletter and hear she is now with her 80th birthday and still doing all of it. She has been a most conscientious caretaker of the Sailing Club until a few months ago and only just replaced by

Margaret. For a few months the work was done by the Wednesday Men's Working Group and they know how much hard work it is. She has for many years cared for Harbour Lights. We all know how deeply she cares for her family and what a great loss came with the death of Aaron her grandson. There



in newcomers such as Anna and Ron.

Pat was born in Paynes' Cottages in the same room that Betty Brooks was born on December 16th. 1923. Father was a Caister and Grandfather was a Downey. She had a wonderful childhood as everything you needed was in Rye Harbour; swimming in the river, making fires and frying eggs and bacon on the beach with the Guide Leader. The Sunday School outing was a 2p. ride on the ferry over the

is her enthusiastic singing and acting for the Rye Singers and Players and being the life and soul of any party and how much she enjoys having Fred and Arthur on Christmas day. Now we see her walking her dog and throwing herself into working for Help the Aged and drawing

river to Camber, taking jam sandwiches which became jam and sand sandwiches and playing in the dunes. Pat went to the Rye Harbour School which consisted of 40-50 children in 2 classes. At 11 she went to the Senior School in Rye in the New Road

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and Pat loved everything about school and stayed until 16 although she could have left at 15. The school teacher kept a cricket stump in class and you had to bend over if you were naughty, but pat did not have to! She enjoyed the cookery classes and made things like cheese straws and buns.

Pat started piano lessons in the Officers House when she was 5 years old. Her mum and dad ran a concert party down here called the Gay Birds, they sang and danced and did sketches and Pat's piano teacher - Phyllis Wallace was the pianist. She married a Harbour boy.

Pats' first job was at Winters Dairies bottling milk. When the war came Pat left home to go to Slough to train to be an Aircraft Fitter. Slough was a horrible place but Pat loved the work and camaraderie. After she Passed Out she had to learn to read graphs and went to Reading Aerodrome to work on Spitfires. Amy Johnson and her husband were the test pilots. Pat was so skinny and small she could squeeze into small spaces and used to fit compasses into the planes.

She had the opportunity to fly but did not fancy it. She also did splicing on parachutes Jim Downey her grandfather had taught her to splice. She found it all very interesting. One day a Lancaster aero plane came into the airport doing an emergency landing after being shot down over the Channel and one of the crew walking through the hangar was to Pats' amazement Norman Caister whose parents kept the Conqueror. Pat met Roy through a friend on Winchelsea Beach who asked pat to be Roy's pen friend while he was in the Navy on warships on the Russian and Malta Convoys. He was a Gun Layer but never wanted to talk about it was 'hell on earth'. A year later he came to Rye Harbour to meet Pat's parents and they got married. Roy's father was a Customs Officer at Shoreham. Pat's father was a longshoreman laying nets, shrimping and lugworm digging. Roy's boat was torpedoed and came into Rosyth for repairs and Pat went to join him in Edinburgh. Roy then changed boats and they went to Hull for further repairs to the new boat for 1 and half years. Pat then came back

to Rye Harbour and waited for Roy to be de-mobbed and they lived in a beautiful little cottage behind the Conqueror and then moved to Tram Road. Roy worked in Philips' Yard in Rock Channel and then had his own shed round the Point and built clinker fishing boats all in wood GRP was only just beginning to come in then. They had baby Julie and Pat worked in the fields for Cyril and Grahams' father with potatoes, mangold wurzles.

Julie sometimes gets Pat holiday brochures to try and get Pat away for a holiday but Pat just loves it here in Rye Harbour and does not want to go anywhere else.

She gets a great deal of pleasure from working in the kitchen and handing round teas for Age Concern and enjoys being useful.

Well Pat I can hardly do you justice but have always appreciated your enthusiasm and love of life and cheery words and welcome you have given newcomers such as myself. Thank you.



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



This has been a busy month with the rebuilding of the cesspit, it was a real labor of love, Ken coming home covered in concrete. O ye builders of Rye Harbour if you need an extra hand or so you know where to come! The Wednesday Worker Group are having a well deserved Christmas meal in the Conqueror with Bernie as Mine Host and what a good one he is although some of the group are not always sure they have

understood his jokes fully. Jokes are quite a feature of this group and I always look forward to a re-telling when Ken gets back on a Wednesday and if there is not a really good one from Colin we know he is not 100%. Thursday evenings are quite a strong feature of the club with members taking it in turn to cook a grand meal although this can be a little nerve wracking as we have no idea how many are going to turn up so we tend on the generous side and if it is too much second and third helpings are appreciated. The Halpins are doing the Burns Night supper on January 22nd. vegetarians are

catered for. We are hoping that this time, at long last, Jill will not make the confusion between turnips and swedes as she has insisted that the traditional neaps mean turnips and we end up with a very pale anemic looking vegetable. Ken says I am stubborn and this seems to prove it!

Serious work continues on boats, things like oil and filter changes and Ken decides to do this wearing his best trousers. We were nearly overcome by the

fumes of cleaning fluid, I'm afraid it was totally damaging to the environment + a high temperature wash.

There was a lively AGM followed by another good meal. It would seem from this report that we do a lot of eating together and so we do and enjoy each others company. The Christmas Party is coming up and this will a well attended occasion with food and games and dancing, not so sedate this time.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Jill Halpin



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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



December has seen the last boat fishing with the multi-rig trawls swap over to the single net and join other boats fishing in the bay for the mixed fishing that is going on at present. The first two weeks carried on with flat fish such as Plaice, Dabs, Lemon Sole and the odd Turbot mixing in nicely amongst a few Cod and bigger amount of Whiting.

Now these fish are tailing off and larger hauls of Whiting are being found, giving bigger catches but not the value of the mixed fishing. Netters have been catching a few large Dover Soles,

still giving a boost to the value of the catch and showing that the water temperature must still be quite high for these fish to stay inshore. One, gill-netter has started to fish the grounds out in the channel along the bullock bank where a winter Sole fishery takes place. This is a little earlier than usual but there is already a strong fleet of French netters taking part, making it a congested area of sea. This part of the channel is a couple of hours away from Rye, making it a very hard fishery in the winter months, with the need to fish the nets and to keep one eye on the weather and only the most suitable

boats able to take part. The scallopers have been fairly scattered about, with boats fishing down as far as Folkestone, Dungeness and straight out from Rye on the beds that lay in the shipping lanes. Returns have not been as good as last year, but a higher price has made up a little for the smaller catches and boats are getting fair trips in. The Christmas break is here now and closed markets will mean some time off and lets hope it's not all doom and gloom amongst more restrictions on fishermen with cuts on quota's and even time at sea to be forced onto them.

Boy Ashore



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME



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Rye Harbour Church News

Belated thanks to Richard Tollett

who, with the help of his family, co-ordinated a fitting 75th Anniversary

Lifeboat Memorial Service and Wreath-laying on 16th November, preceded by the tribute paid by the

Lifeboats' presence in the Bay on the day before. The weekend was a classic example of what can be achieved when a

community works together and everyone involved takes full responsibility for their part. Each person

plays a different role, some more important than others, it would seem. In reality no role is

unimportant and no one expendable because a chain is only as strong as

its weakest link, a body is partially disabled if one limb does not function properly. Of course we get

by if someone lets us down or a mistake is made, but the glory of that Memorial weekend was the willing

co-operation of all concerned (and the blessing of wonderful weather just before the winter storms).



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

What a parable (a story with a parallel meaning) for a community, a nation, our world! Of course there are tensions and discussions in any and every enterprise which need putting right and personal grievances which ought to be aired. But an attitude of good will and a desire to work together for the common good are at the heart of what makes society tick. Any one at the centre of such organisation will know about conflicting interests and preferences (or prejudices) and will sometimes feel they are standing at a crossroads or more graphically pinned to a cross.

Into such a reconciling role stepped Jesus Christ, bridging the gap between God and humankind. Bringing differing sides together is an act of

atonement or at-one-ment which we believe was achieved by the Cross. Our fragmented society and world needs reconcilers who make peace without

violating rights or ignoring injustice. Effective reconcilers know that the model they adopt is one that they themselves have benefited from.

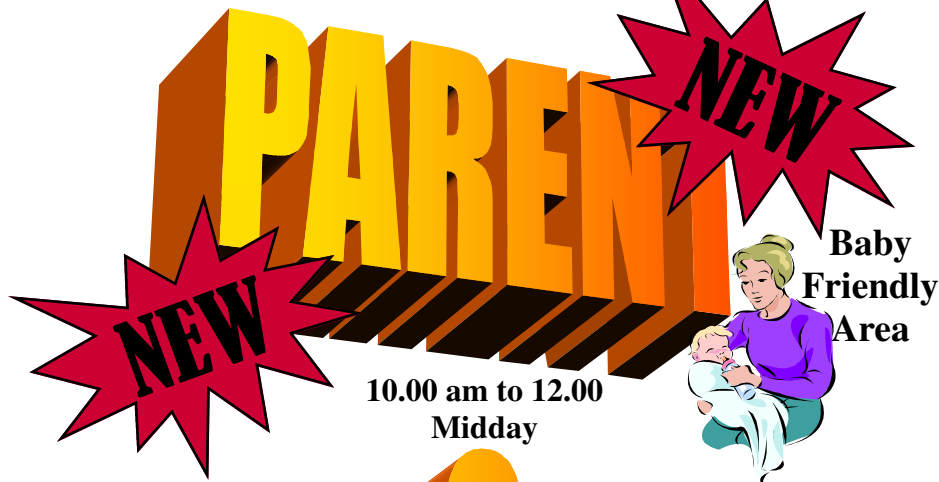
St Paul puts it like this, "..... that Christ might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the Cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it". (Ephesians 2:15-16)

So peace to you all in this New Year and may we work together for the well-being of the Rye Harbour Community.

**Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)**

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, I'm sure it was a case of too much of a lot of things, but you can never have too much of seeing the children enjoying the excitement of it all, can you? I hope all the children, (and adults), enjoyed the Christmas Party with the magic and puppet show, the visit from Father Christmas and all the lovely party food. Thanks to everyone who contributed in whatever way.

We'll start up again on Wednesday 7th

January 2004 normal time of 10 O'clock, all regulars' welcome and an especially warm welcome to any new friends who'd like to come along and join us. The Health Visitor will be available for weighing and advice, on the first Wednesday of the month, feel free to pop along to see her.

So, don't forget Wed 7th January and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to everyone.

Rosemarie



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Family Announcements

Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS



Happy 4th Birthday to Neve, a little 'Angel' as appearing in her school nativity play, bless, she said she was a little nervous. Anyway she is an angel and we wish her many happy returns on the 11th January Lots of Love Dad, Mum and Family XXXX



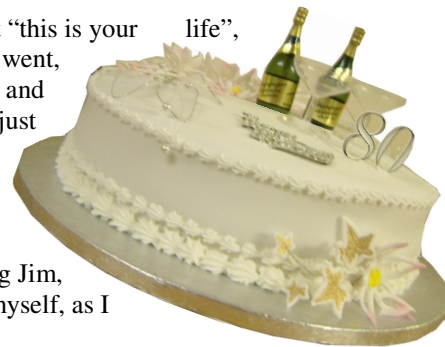
The Monday Club had their Christmas lunch at the Inkerman. We were treated very well and the food was abundant.

The Village Children's Christmas Party was a great success. Father Christmas did his duty and delivered his presents, and we were well entertained by 'Bimbo' the clown. Many thanks to Dawn and Peter for all the chocolate bars and bottles of pop they sent to the Village Hall from the 'Inkerman'



Well, what can I say about my party, talk about "this is your life", that is what it was like, when Father Christmas went, all my friends started to arrive, I was overcome and when my relatives walked in from Worthing, I just cried. A beautiful cake made by Deirdre, but then they always are. Apparently this had been planned for a month and nobody let on. We finished up singing some favourite songs round the piano, including 'Ol man river' by big Jim, it certainly was a night to remember, I said to myself, as I counted my 68 birthday cards.

Julie would like to thank everyone who helped her with both parties, Val, Jean, Jean, Lisa, Pam and Mary. They certainly helped to make the day a success.



Reports written By Nanny Pat



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