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Editor's Comments

Mothers Day Sunday 21st

Clocks go forward Sunday 28th March

Not much room for me to write my piece this month, probably a good thing. Newsletter wise, a fairly quite month, hence the shortage of pages. Congratulations to Anna and Ron for winning last months competition and thank you all for the good response, even from outside the Harbour. Next month is a competition for the children 'Find the Egg' a small preview above. Last month I forgot to mention the fact I received a letter from a Harbour Duck, unfortunately I still need to have more details before I can use this material, you can still remain anonymous. Deadline Wednesday 17th March.

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Christmas has now gone and we begin to prepare for the summer season. Repairs to ladders and walkways are underway with various beacons painted or lights renewed. Work is well advanced to have the pier head beacons painted. The east pier structure will be de-scaled and completely painted green from top to bottom. The tripod beacon, replaced in 1982 following demolition by the German ship "Jane", is to be pressure washed and likewise painted in red.
John, the Deputy H.M. is busy working up a plan for CCTV at the Strand Quay and the harbour office area. Residents will sympathise with boat owners and those who have experienced damage, theft and vandalism over the last few years and will welcome some coverage of the harbour area. The system is highly sophisticated and will provide twenty four hour cover, although with only myself and John manning the office it will not be constantly viewed although we can interrogate the night recordings with the ability to zoom and computer enhance any images. More later as and when the scheme is up and running.
A third improvement will be the replacement of chains on the west bank moorings between the Point and the Wharf. Although this area has not been much used in recent years we feel with security coverage coupled with a very competitive pricing structure these moorings may again become favourable.
Shipping has been a little slow over the last three months with the change of contracts taking effect. Existing stocks have to be run down to make space for new materials that will originate in Calais. I had the opportunity to visit the quarry and was surprised to learn that there are 62 different products that can be obtained from this limestone quarry ranging from very large rock armour for sea defence to tombstones. We look forward to the eventual commencement of shipping, probably using the well known "Lapthorn" ships (all names prefixed with the word "HOO") I have observed flood defence teams inspecting the collapsing eastern wall works just seaward of the harbour office. We might see some progress in repairing, if not replacing, this system of matting that never did stand up to the fast flowing river and the passing of ships and leisure craft. This will greatly improve the aesthetics of the outer channel approach to the village and harbour area.
All these anticipated repairs and maintenance will have nothing at all to do with the fact that we are expecting a visit from the chairman of the Environment Agency, John Harman, in April.

Carl Bagnal
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MARCH — Rye Harbour Approaches

Add 1 hour for B.S.T. from 28th March

Date		Time	O.D. metres	Time	O.D. metres
1	M	0613	1.6	1907	1.6
2	Tu	0736	1.8	2020	1.9
3	W	0845	2.1	2116	2.4
4	Th	0935	2.5	2158	2.8
5	F	1016	2.8	2236	3.2
6	Sa	1054	3.2	2311	3.4
7	Su	1130	3.4	2346	3.7
8	M	—	—	1204	3.6
9	Tu	0021	3.8	1237	3.7
10	W	0055	3.9	1310	3.7
11	Th	0131	3.9	1347	3.6
12	F	0209	3.7	1428	3.3
13	Sa	0253	3.3	1517	2.7
14	Su	0350	2.7	1627	2.1
15	M	0514	2.1	1808	1.9
16	Tu	0703	2.0	1948	2.0
17	W	0839	2.2	2104	2.5
18	Th	0947	2.7	2200	3.0
19	F	1037	3.2	2244	3.4
20	Sa	1116	3.4	2323	3.7
21	Su	1150	3.6	2359	3.8
22	M	—	—	1220	3.6
23	Tu	0032	3.8	1250	3.4
24	W	0104	3.7	1320	3.3
25	Th	0131	3.4	1347	3.2
26	F	0154	3.2	1410	2.8
27	Sa	0217	2.8	1435	2.5
28	Su	0248	2.5	1512	2.1
29	M	0340	1.9	1652	1.6
30	Tu	0535	1.5	1823	1.5
31	W	0658	1.6	1938	1.9

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Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 325

Route No.	325	344	325	345	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	345	325	325	344
Operator	J&H	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	J&H	CO	CO	CO	CO	SH
Day Code	⊕	N⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕								⊕	⊕	⊕			
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1520	1520	1520	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ≠	...	...	...	...	...	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	...	...	...	1648	...
Tilling Green	...	...	...	...	...	0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1530	1530	...	...	1653	...
Rye (Rail Station) ≠	...	...	...	...	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	...	1546	1659	1759
Rye Harbour	...	...	...	0827	...	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	...	...	1532	1554	1707	1807
Rye (Rail Station) ≠	...	...	...	...	...	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1515	...	...	1540	1601	...	...
Cadborough Cliff	...	...	0830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1533	...	...	...	...
Tilling Green	...	...	0835	0837	...	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	...	...	...	...	1608	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ≠	...	...	0840	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	1538	...	1629	1719	...
Rye Harbour	0800	0820	...	...	0835	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	...	...	...	...	1637	1727	...
Rye (Rail Station) ≠	0807	0827	...	...	0843	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	...	...	...	...	1645	1735	...
Freda Gardham School	...	...	0845	0847	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thomas Peacocke School	...	...	...	...	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Mondays to Fridays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 326

Service Number:	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠	...	0935	1000	1030	1100	1135	1200	1230	1300	1335	1400
High Street (The George)	...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340	1405
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠ arr	...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1145	1210	1240	1310	1345	1410
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠ dep	...	0945	1015	1045	...	1145	1215	1245	...	1345	...
Cadborough Cliff	...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠ arr	...	0957	1027	1057	...	1157	1227	1257	...	1357	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠ dep	0915	...	...	...	1115	...	...	...	1315	...	1415
Rye (Memorial Care Centre)	0918	...	...	...	1118	...	...	...	1318	...	1418
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	...	1320	...	1420
Houghton Green	0922	...	...	...	1122	...	...	...	1322	...	...
Military Road	0925	...	...	...	1125	...	...	...	1325	...	...
Kings Avenue	0930	...	...	...	1130	...	...	...	1330	...	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ≠	0935	...	...	...	1135	...	...	...	1335	...	...

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⊕: School Days Only
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Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 344

Route No.	344	344	344	300	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Operator	SC	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SC
Day Code	NS	⊕	N⊕													
Northlam (Coppards Lane)	...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730
Northlam (Goddens Gill)	...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731
Beckley (Rose and Crown)	...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735
Beckley (Four Oaks)	...	0728	0728	0738	0808	...	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1449	1538	1638	1738
Peasmarsh (Old Post Office)	...	0733	0733	0743	0813	...	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1454	1543	1643	1743
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	...	0738	0738	0748	0818	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1459	1548	1648	1748
Rye (Rail Station) ≠ arr	...	0745	0745	0755	0825	...	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1506	1555	1655	1755
Rye (Rail Station) ≠ dep	...	0751	0751	0756	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	1559	1659	1759R
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0757	0757	B	...	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	...	1605	1705	1816
Winchelsea (Beach)	...	0800	0800	...	...	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	...	1608	1708	1819
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	...	0802	0802	...	...	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	1610	1710	1821
Pett Level	...	0806	0806	...	...	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	...	1614	1714	1825
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0812	0812	...	...	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	...	1620	1720	1832
Fairlight Glen	0736	0818	0818	...	...	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1838
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0821F	0821	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	...	1629	1729	1841
Hastings (Boating Lake)	0745	0840	0827	...	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	...	1635	1735	1847
Hastings (Harold Place)	0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849
Hastings (Rail Station) ≠	0749	0843	0831	0845	...	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	...	1639	1739	1851

Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 346 / 347

Operator:	RC	RC*	EMP*	EMP*	EMP*	RC*
Service Number.	347	347	346	346	346	346
Days of Operation:	⊕	N⊕				
Pett (Chick Hill)	0815	0822	0949	1149	1414	1545
Pett (Church)	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548
Guestling (School)	0825	...	...	...	...	...
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0957	1157	1422	1553
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559
Hastings (Baldslow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...
Hastings (Safeway)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604
Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ≠	0847	0847	1016	1214	1441	1610
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ≠	...	...	1019	1219	...	1610
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)	...	...	1022	1222	...	1613
Amherst Road	...	...	1024	1224	...	1615
Silverhill (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1619
Upper Church Road	...	...	1032	1232	...	1623
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1036	1236	...	1627
Ashdown House	...	...	1041	1241	...	1632
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1043	1243	...	1634
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1046	1246	...	1637

Operator	RC*	EMP*	EMP*	EMP*	RC	RC*	RC*
Service Number:	347	346	346	346	347	347	347
Days of Operation:					⊕	N⊕	
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1050	1316	...	...	1710
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	1713
Ashdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	1715
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1100	1326	...	...	1718
Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	1722
Silverhill (London Road)	...	...	1108	1334	...	...	1726
Amherst Road	...	...	1112	1338	...	...	1730
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ≠	...	...	1116	1342	...	...	1734
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ≠	0745	0919	1119	1345	1510	1510	1735
Hastings (Queen's Road)	0747	0921	1121	1347	1512	1512	1737
Hastings (Safeway)	...	0923	1123	1349	...	...	...
Hastings (Baldslow Road)	...	0925	1125	1351	...	...	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0752	...	...	...	1517	1517	1742
Ore (Christ Church)	0758	0932	1132	1358	1523	1523	1748
Ore (Kings Head)	0800	0934	1134	1400	1525	1525	1750
Guestling (White Hart)	0804	0938	1138	1404	1529	1529	1754
Guestling (School)	...	...	...	...	1532	...	...
Pett (Church)	0809	0943	1143	1409	1540	1534	1759
Pett (Chick Hill)	0812	0946	1146	1412	1543	1537	1802

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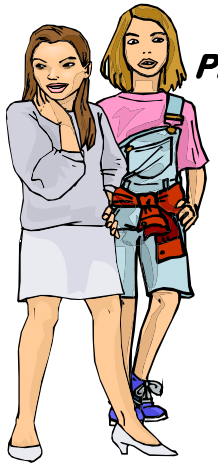
Tuesday	**3.30-5.30pm**	**After Schools Club**
Wednesday	**3.30-5.30pm**	**After Schools Club**
Wednesday	**7.0-11.00pm**	**Over 16's youth club (free)**
Thursday	**3.30-5.30pm**	**After Schools Club**
Thursday	**7.00-9.30pm**	**Youth Club 14+ - 50p**
Friday	**3.30-5.30pm**	**After Schools Club**
Friday	**7.00-9.00pm**	**Amateur Dramatics Group**
Saturday	**7 - 10.00pm**	**Young People with Learning Difficulties Disco £1.50 From 11 Upwards, No Age Limit**



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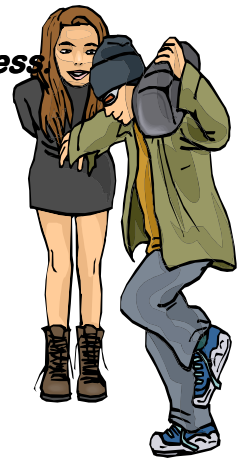

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RYE HARBOUR

Serial No:- 260 02/02/04 Damage has again been caused to windows of a Commercial Premises at Rye Harbour, this is an ongoing problem in the area.

Title: Senlac Appeals

Police are appealing for witnesses to an incident which occurred at approximately 1pm on Tuesday 17 February in Udimore, Rye. An elderly lady was tricked into letting a man into her home. While in the property he stole £120 in cash. The man was white, with short brown hair, of medium
build and about 5ft 8in tall.
Anyone with information about the incident or the man should contact Hastings Police on 0845 60 70 999 and quote crime number SR3/973/04.

Title: Crimewatch Appeal re:- Hastings Rape

BBC Crimewatch will be featuring the rape of a 16-year-old girl on the West Hill at Hastings in the programme due to be transmitted on Thursday 26 February.
A reward of £10,000 has already been offered for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the offender. The local girl was attacked after walking up Priory Road from Hastings Town Centre on 21 December last year. She was approached from behind by a man, taken to the grassed area on the West Hill and raped. Detective Inspector Trevor Bowles, who is leading the hunt for the attacker, said: We have worked closely with the BBC in order to produce an accurate reconstruction of the events of the early morning of 21 December 2003. I am very grateful to the BBC for their assistance with this investigation.
This appeal to the National audience reflects our determination to catch this man.? He continued I am sure the Crimewatch audience will assist us in every possible way to ensure that this man is caught. I need anyone with information on this incident to contact Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999. If people wish to remain anonymous, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555 111

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Winter may be on its last legs, but it still has had a few surprises in store for us. A cold snap at the end of January brought a lot of ducks on to the reserve, including Shoveler, Teal, and Gadwall. Drake Gadwall, with it's subdued but rather dapper grey plumage, always reminds me of a city gent in a suit! At Castle Water, a maximum of six Bittern have been recorded, up to 24 Little Egrets and three singing Cetti's Warbler. Two Long-tailed Ducks, an uncommon Arctic visitor, have turned up at Ternery Pool on a couple of occasions, as has a rather unexpected Avocet.

There have been up to seven Long-eared Owls on the reserve during January and February, roosting in trees around Castle Water and the Narrow Pits. These splendid birds have been very accommodating to visitors, showing absolutely no concern when faced with a wall of binoculars, telescopes and cameras.

Birds are already starting to prepare for the breeding season. Thrushes and Skylarks are singing their hearts out as I speak, the Ringed Plovers on the beach are beginning to display, and there has already been the first Sand Martin of the year! And it's not only the birds that are stirring. The first butterflies of the year are already putting in an appearance, including Small Tortoiseshells, and more surprisingly, a Painted Lady! Spring really is just around the corner.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.

Now that work on the new Crittall hide has been completed, we are ready to begin making the path to the hide accessible to wheelchairs (which will hopefully be finished by the time you read this). Contractors have now finished work on the new electric fence, and once the wardens have finished tweaking it, it will be ready to turn on, and will hopefully be running before the breeding season gets in to full swing! There's also a bit of work to do on the boundary fencing, which was removed during the construction of the electric fence, the dismantling of some remaining sections of the old electric fence, and some minor jobs to do in and around Crittall and Parkes hide. All this has been made much easier by the fact that the shingle shifting has ceased for the spring and summer, so the wardens (and visitors) don't have to dodge lorries all day!

*There are a number of events at the reserve during March. To learn about **Camber Castle Wildlife and History**, meet at Brede Lock Car Park at **10am, Sun 7th March**. This will be a chance to explore the castle and observe the wildlife on Castle Water.*
If you're interested in **How Birds Work**, John Buckingham is giving a talk at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at **7.30pm** on **Sat 20th March**.
Why not bring family and friends down to the beach on either **Sat 27th** or **Sun 28th March** to help on our Beach Clean? Meeting at Rye Harbour Car Park at **10am** on Sat and Sun, and Dogs Hill Road at **10am** on Sun, this is an opportunity to help us spring clean the beach, as well as learning about the reserve and its wildlife! Soup will be served at 1pm!

Barry, Miriam, Sam and Chris Wardens

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Jesus Christ – God the Son, Healer, Provider and Lover

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Back in 1997 I was walking along Rock Channel when I spied Bloggs! Everybody at the waters edge in Rye or Rye Harbour knows Bloggs! He was the owner skipper of *Akela* before he sold it to Micky Caister. Now Bloggs was a chum who we knew from the river in the days when we had the little cutter *Norse Maid*, and he used to love stirring up a bit of a wake for the fun of seeing us yachties roll about a bit, provided their was no danger. Always a big-hearted fellow with a cheery word and a brace of plaice for a local, for which he invariably refuse payment.

On this occasion however he was not so jolly, it was December, cold and wet. Bloggs looked as though he was about to die and I came to the door of his beaten up old Renault asking what the matter was. As it turned out he told me that he had three cancers all of which were terminal and the doctors said it was so bad that he could not have chemotherapy. At this point I remembered that as a Christian I should lay hands on the sick and they would recover (cf. Mark 16:15-20) as a confirmation about Jesus. Bloggs said that all he knew of Christians was that they lived selfish lives and he referred to two churchwardens who lived near him in Hastings. He then said he did his best to be nice to folks and I said that I was sure that if someone was in trouble in Rye Bay and he was at his berth with an inch of water under his keel that he would chuck off again and go to help. This however was not the issue. The real matter was that God *loved* him so much so that he sent Jesus to die for his sins as He did for mine and yours too reader! I said to Bloggs that Christianity is a living relationship with Jesus Christ and that God Himself would confirm this by healing him. Bloggs then asked me to pray for him and I laid hands on him through the door window while he was sitting in his car and I told him that God was going to heal him and that there are three things that He would confirm **1**. That Jesus Christ is God the Son. **2**. The Bible is God's Word (the highest authority for Christians) and **3**. That He loves you (Bloggs) **personally**. I told him "If I have spoken the truth to you then God will confirm it Himself by stretching forth His hand to heal you of your sicknesses" As I prayed for him he began to shake around in the car and he shouted "Guy! It's doing me good!" When the shaking stopped he wanted to burst out of the car but I restrained him because I felt God wanted me to pass a message on "In one month you will be back at work" I did not know it but I heard that someone in the 'harbour had laid a bet that Bloggs would be 'gone' by Christmas, which although a wicked bet is something which we humans do which reflects that we are sinners but God *will* forgive us if we will only let him by turning around from our old life and towards Him. The rest of the story of Bloggs is well known in the harbour because I had not a few of them come to me while I was working at Sandrock. Some of them told me I was a 'faith healer' to whom I replied "I could not heal a bar of soap" Jesus Christ paid the price for Bloggs healing 2000 years ago at the Cross of Calvary (cf.1 Peter 2:24). The rest of the story everyone knows.

So let's go over the points that God confirmed:

Jesus Christ is God the Son.

As we sing every Christmas "Jesus our Emmanuel" (Matt 1:23) Emmanuel means God with us and there is no other

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Jesus Christ – God the Son, Healer, Provider and Lover Cont…...

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way one can interpret this. All of the cults to a man deny that Jesus Christ was God incarnate (in the flesh) and this is the foundation of Christianity without recognising this you cannot get any further in becoming a Christian no matter how nice or good you are. He is the Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6) Jesus received worship from Thomas (John 20:28), because he is God the Son.

The Bible is God's Word

One of the incredible things that stand in Gods word is terminal nature of the last book in Revelation 22:19. Especially as the Bible is written by inspiration of the Holy Ghost through 66 people and yet its character holds a currency throughout as though they had all met in a room to agree on the things they would write. However the difference in time from the first to the last is approximately 1500 years. Scholars are agreed that the Bible is not just unique but *absolutely* unique in not suffering from any alteration of form from the archaeological scriptures (OT) taken from caves of Qumran in 1947 to the updated King James Bible of 1769. Most of the cults either have 'doctored' the Bible or they have a 'special book' to interpret it in line with their philosophies. So if you want to check the Bible you are reading is a good one use the King James which is the commonest still in use in Britain. The New King James is a faithful translation so is the NIV. All of them acknowledge the deity of Jesus Christ.

God Loves You Personally

To enter a relationship with Jesus Christ and thus with God the Father you need to enter into this personally as an individual. You cannot mutualise it into a 'we', each of us are sinners bound for an unspeakably awful eternity, but it is God's love which is so awesome that has redeemed us as long as we lay hold of Jesus personally, turn from our sins (every one of us are sinners). God's forgiveness immediately enfolds us and our "inner man" gets re-born. The best parallel I can use is the sinking of the *Titanic*. Imagine their was only one lifeboat (big enough for everyone) and the ship had now struck the 'berg and was beginning to sink. The people had their own views about the ship and said it was unsinkable. However their was some nutter running around the ship causing alarm and panic simply because he told the truth that there is a lifeboat big enough for everyone – please go to the boat deck! And warning them that awful consequences awaited them if they did not heed the warning. They may chuck stuff at him call him names but would they consider what motivated him to run around trying to save them. It is love. It is God's love for you personally that will touch you when you are aware of how deep that love is that no matter how rotten you may have been in life or even if you think your nose has been kept clean for six decades; you have supported a million charities; Attended church every Sunday! You're still a sinner and need saving by God's wonderful grace. (cf. Romans 10:13).
You see Christianity is firstly a vertical relationship with the living God. After that it expands to a horizontal relationship with each other – simply put Love God (first) Love People. He is the vitality without Whose Personal involvement there is no Christianity at all.

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Bernard Chapman known to us all as Bernie was born on the 24th. June 1955 in Belvedere, Kent.
He is the eldest son of 9 children and there were 5 girls before him so he is the 6th. Mum left them when he was 8 years old and Carol who was 6 years older than Bernie was Mum and Dad brought them all up working as an HGV driver doing short trips so he could be there for the family. Bernie was very deeply affected by Mum leaving and hated his Mum for going. Dad was a lovely bloke and deeply respected by everyone. Dad died of cancer in 1988 at the age of 68.
Bernie went to Lessness Heath Primary School which was a brilliant experience and had a lot of respect for really good teachers and you could be hugged and cuddled in those days and you could talk to them and they had time for you. Bernie particularly loved maths but was never a reader. He also loved sport - football, cricket and volleyball.

His secondary school was Picardy Boys School which was another brilliant school and Bernie particularly liked maths, woodwork, technical drawing and tried to learn French but was no good at it. On Saturdays he worked as a messenger boy at the Evening Standard, Shoe Lane, London EC4 going up by train. It was a massive building over 9 floors and Bernie had to cover the whole building running messages and errands and making tea and coffee. He earned £5 a day. He did want to stay on at school and train as an electronic engineer but Dad said no. At 16 he got his union card and worked as a Junior Clerk in Syndication Pictures bringing in negatives and sending out copies of

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photographs all over the world. Bernie did this for 5 years.
At 21 years old he got his full union card and became a fully qualified telephone operator with the PBMX board qualification. This job meant getting in touch with famous people for the reporters and make appointments. Bernie was one of the last people to speak to Bing Crosby before he died. He spoke to him on Monday at 9.30pm in Spain and he died 7.30 on the Tuesday morning. Bernie then went to work for the Daily Express and became the Engineers assistant maintaining presses and the building and this meant shift work. In 1978 he met Stephanie, an Erith girl and they got married in July 1982 and after taking out a mortgage Bernie stopped drinking. He was playing football 3x a week and training 2x a week. Bernie has great memories of the Daily Express but was made redundant in 1989 a year after Dad died 172 suffered redundancies in the Engineering Department alone.
Bernie became a mini cab driver and then moved into the licensing trade working with the football clubs - Erith and Belvedere, Greenwich and Thames-mead Town.
In 1992 little Jess was born prematurely at 5lbs. 2ozs. On March 13th. 1996 the family moved to William the Conquerer coming through a licensing broker. Bernie thinks Rye Harbour is a lovely little village with very pleasant people. A lot of locals work in the pub. Bernie has done a lot of money raising for local good causes and the Life boat fund. He has band music, games nights, quiz nights, darts teams (the ladies doing particularly well), 4 crib teams, morris dancing etc. He lays on very good dinner parties for the sailing club, ramblers, birdwatchers, WI and residential homes from as far afield as Staines and Surrey.
Well Bernie, you are a much respected member of the Rye Harbour community unfailingly cheerful and good natured, we are glad you are here and your Dad would have been proud of you. Thank

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

The Royal Navy gave an excellent promotional display at Thomas Peacock School this month. We found out that the age for admission was 16 - 32 years - too limited for most of us in the Sailing Club.

There are so many opportunities for all sorts of training and careers and for travel and to see many different parts of the world. The enthusiasm shown was lovely to see. We were particularly interested as the oldest grandson has been doing his medical training under the auspices of the Navy and has just come back from Washington D.C. doing part of his elective there in the Trauma Unit which was not as exciting as shown in E.R. on the telly! He will be on submarines when he qualifies which means being away from home 8 months at a time which is quite hard since he is newly married. The local Sea

Cadets were at the promotion looking very smart in their number ones we felt proud of them.

The rescue boat - the Don Cook is now in fine fettle with it's reconditioned gear box all poised for the new season. Yes we did get it to-gether again with just a few difficulties with a very tiny spring springing away and not found and one small nut left over - this might just be hearsay and folklore!

At our Thursday evening social meal Alison Cade brought the first Minute Book of the Club which minuted the first meeting in the Watch House in August 1934 under the chairmanship of R.H. Blattman who was the father of Gerry and father-in-law of Marie who most of us know.

It was fascinating to see how the Club and it's rules were set up at the first meeting including a warning of expulsion for ungentlemanly conduct or unsportsmanlike behavior!

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The netter's found fish close inshore with Plaice and Dover Soles making up the catch, and the few who tried their luck out in the deeper water were rewarded with one or two nice sized cod. The trawler's catches were made up of Whiting and Plaice in the main, the Whiting being in very good condition but the Plaice having just spawned are quite thin but are improving each day.
Prices are down at the moment for some reason and after all the bad weather we have had, a bit disappointing.
Scallop prices are lower now, also only the first trips being a lot better with the price dropping as more are landed and the bigger French boats coming in after longer trips with Bologne being the main market.
The Shellfish themselves are now in peek condition, fully rowed and giving a good meat yield again, proving what a valuable catch this is for Rye with a third of the fleet taking part in the fishing.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME

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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.
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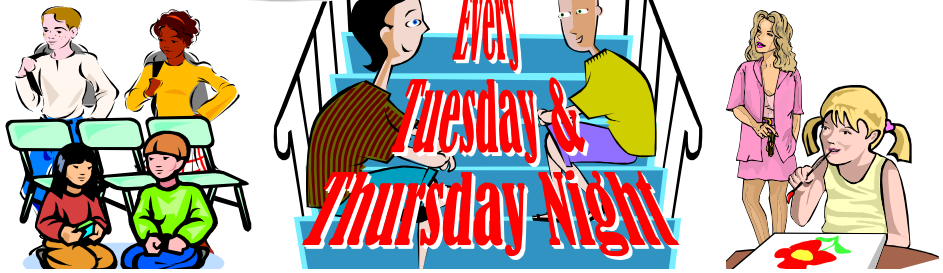

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Rye Harbour Church News

The season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday, the meaning of Lent being 'Springtime' so that we might think of these six weeks until Easter as an opportunity for spiritual spring-cleaning. I remember my mother dutifully moving wardrobes and removing curtains in her quest for dust and dirt that had accumulated during winter's dark days. I expect she felt better once she had completed this annual ritual of giving the house a thorough clean. "Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me" cried the psalmist in the depths of his unworthiness, aware that only God could truly bring about such a miracle of grace in his dark soul. "Purge me …….. and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow". Such an

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

experience of our human imperfection in the presence of a holy God need not be a cause for despair but an opportunity for a new start, for spiritual growth, for God's light to flood our darkness. As I mentioned last month, our life in the Spirit is never singular but corporate, for God calls us into his community of faith, to be enriched by the encouragement of others who travel the same path.

A Lent house group will be meeting at "The Loft", Tram Road on Wednesdays, at 7.30 p.m., starting on 3rd March. All are welcome to attend a 5 week course led by Jill Stott entitled "Face to face – growing into the image and likeness of God".

If you are in Rye, please come to the Lent Lunches, every Thursday in March (12-2 p.m.) held in the Clare Chapel at St. Mary's. Donations will go towards a different charity each week.

On Sunday evenings at St. Mary's (6 p.m.), invited speakers will talk about 'The Marks of the Faith', with Words and Music for Passiontide on the last Sunday, 28th March.

The next Rye Harbour Service will be Holy Communion at 9.15 .m. on 14th March. We plan to introduce a Family Service at the Church beginning 23rd May at 10.30 a.m. and then monthly on each 4th Sunday thereafter.

Hugh Moseley

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

At long last, I think we can safely say the Rye Harbour Parent & Toddler Group is well attended! We're getting more children every week and that's wonderful. There is so much on offer for them to do, including play dough and puzzles, the slide and bikes, dolls house, cooker and drawing and the ever popular ball pool. We also have a really nice range of baby equipment and toys. We are a pretty mixed bunch these days with mums, dads, grandmas, childminders, single mums and dads, so there is a good variety of chat over the tea and coffee. We all have that in common, we enjoy the chance of a natter. The health visitor came as usual, on the first Wednesday of the month and weighed several of the little ones, so much easier than a trip to the clinic, I would think. Well once again a reminder of our times: Wednesday mornings 10 am to 12 noon (only £1 per family, which includes tea, coffee, juice and biscuits) a really relaxed friendly atmosphere, all welcome, see you next week!

Rosemarie

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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anna and Ron on winning the newsletter competition for a meal for two at Simply Italian, well deserved and hope you both had a great meal.

What a lovely party we had to celebrate the Golden Wedding of Betty and Dave Piggott in the sailing club. Their children and grandchildren were all there and although Betty was hampered by her zimmer, after breaking her ankle she and Dave were the perfect host and hostess.

Welcome to the village to Rachel and Sharon. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

How pleased we all are, to know that Ben is home from hospital. I'm sure many people don't realise how desperately ill he has been. His family was sent for often, what a worrying time for them all.

Joe Brown has been in hospital for a couple of days after stepping on a cocktail stick. He went to hospital and had an operation to remove it.

Eve Robus was in hospital recently and we are glad to see her back home again walking chippy.

Reports written By Nanny Pat

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